



**MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS
AUGUST 17, 2020, 6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mayor Randy Stricklind at 6:00 pm.

Members Present:

Mayor Randy Stricklind

Commissioner Mary Combs Demby

Commissioner Chris Armacost

Commissioner Mark Cook

Marie Gelles, City Administrator

Nikki Andrus, City Secretary

Members Absent: Commissioner Wayne Newton

Others Present: Fred Welch, HEDC; Candie Serna, Code Enforcement; Bill Garvin, WWTP Operator; Leroy Thomas, Public Works Superintendent

2. Invocation

Invocation by John Elliot.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Citizen Comments:

Clay Burton spoke in recognition of Police Chief Wilmon Smith and the wonderful job with the mural. Mr. Burton also commented on the new Dollar Tree and said that many citizens thought it was more like a grocery store and were disappointed after shopping there. Mr. Burton recognized the Galveston County COVID Task Force with the Chamber of Commerce and thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Samuel Collins asked the Council to review the 2020 Comprehensive Plan for grants the City may be eligible for.

5. Public Hearings:

Public Hearing opened at 6:05 pm on the proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.550131 for Fiscal Year FY 2020-2021. Marie Gelles gave a summary of the proposed tax rate and upcoming dates for the next Public Hearings on the proposed tax rate and proposed budget.

There were no comments or questions and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:07 pm.

6. Recognitions:

Recognition of Anthony Jenkins, Street & Drainage Supervisor for 30 years of service.

Recognition of outgoing Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) Board members Harry Robinson and R.C. Williams.

Mr. Robinson was unable to attend the meeting to receive his plaque. Mr. R.C. Williams' wife received the plaque on his behalf.

7. Consent Agenda Items (A-E):

All consent items listed are considered routine by the City Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a Commission Member so requests, and if such a request is made, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

(A) Approval of Minutes for Regular Commission Meeting dated July 20, 2020.

(B) Approval of Investment Report for the month ending July 31, 2020.

(C) Approval of Accounts Payable Report for the month ending July 31, 2020.

(D) Approval of 3rd Quarter Financial Report ending June 30, 2020.

(E) Accepting the award of funds from the NRA Foundation.

Commissioner Chris Armacost made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda Items. Commissioner Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Items for Individual Consideration:

8. Swearing in of new Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation Board Members Kimberly Jenkins and Ted Robinson Jr.

This item was deferred to the HEDC meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2020.

9. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the adoption of amendments to the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation By-Laws.

This item was deferred to the HEDC meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2020.

10. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Resolution re-adopting the Investment Policy.

Marie Gelles gave a brief summary and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Mark Cook made the motion to approve the Resolution for the Investment Policy. Commissioner Chris Armacost seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

11. Discussion and appropriate action regarding approval of an Ordinance amending Chapter 70 "Traffic Regulations" regarding the parking of large vehicles in residential areas.

Candie Serna discussed the changes to the Ordinance regarding large vehicles over 24 feet and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Mark Cook made the motion to approve the amended Ordinance Chapter 70 "Traffic Regulations" regarding large vehicles in residential areas. Commissioner Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

12. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the setting of a disposal rate for septic tank waste disposal.

Bill Garvin discussed the current rates, the new rate of \$0.04 per gallon and answered questions from the Commission. Leroy Thomas was also present and discussed wanting to begin taking leachate from landfills into the Treatment Plant.

Commissioner Chris Armacost made a motion to approve setting a disposal rate of \$0.04 for the septic tank waste disposal. Commissioner Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

13. Executive Session:

There was no Executive Session.

14. Mayor and Commissioner Requests/Comments.

Commissioner Mark Cook asked about using the metal detector for Commission meetings.

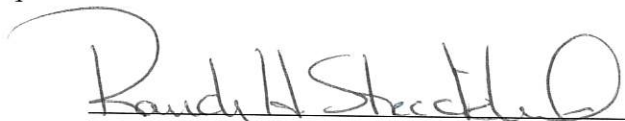
15. Announcements:

Marie Gelles asked to move the proposed Special Meeting for Tuesday, September 8, 2020 to Thursday, September 10, 2020. The Commission agreed to move the meeting date.

16. Adjourn.

Commissioner Mark Cook made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chris Armacost seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.



Randy Strickland, Mayor



Nikki Andrus, City Secretary