



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
&  
BUDGET WORK SESSION  
HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION  
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL  
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS  
AUGUST 24, 2020, 6:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Randy Stricklind called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Members Present:**

Mayor Randy Stricklind

Commissioner Mary Combs Demby

Commissioner Chris Armacost

Commissioner Wayne Newton

Commissioner Mark Cook

Marie Gelles, City Administrator

Nicholle Andrus, City Secretary

**Others Present:** Kathy Brooks, Hitchcock Public Library; Jack Robinson and John Deringer, Hitchcock Volunteer Fire Department; Tim Underwood, Police Department

**2. Citizen Comments:**

There were no comments.

**PLEASE NOTE: Public comments and matters from the floor are limited to 3 minutes in length. If you would like to request to speak, please do so in advance of the meeting by filling out a Request to Address Commission form. All in attendance are required to remove hats and/or sunglasses (dark glasses) during meetings and to also silence all cell phones and electronic devices.**

**Speakers must address their comments to the presiding officer rather than to individual commissioners or staff. Speakers will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes to speak. Speakers making personal, impertinent, profane, or slanderous remarks will be given a warning before losing the privilege to speak or may be removed from the room. Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistles, yells, and similar demonstrations/distractions will not be permitted. No placards, banners or signs will be permitted in the Chambers or in any room in which the Commission is meeting. In accordance with the Texas State Open Meetings Act, the City Commission is restricted from discussing or taking action on items not listed on the agenda.**

**As authorized by Section 551.042 of the Texas Government Code, the Presiding Officer may direct a City Official to make a statement of specific factual information in response to**

**an inquiry made by a member of the public or the City Commission or a recitation of existing policy in response.**

**Public Hearing**

**3. Public Hearing on the proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.550131 for Fiscal Year 2021.**

The Public Hearing was open at 6:01 pm and Marie Gelles gave a brief summary of the proposed tax rate. There were no public comments.

Mayor Randy Strickland closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 pm.

**Items for Individual Consideration:**

**4. Discussion and direction regarding the development of a security plan for City Commissioner meetings.**

Officer Tim Underwood requested to have time to research what other cities have in place and what would be the best plan for Hitchcock. The Commission agreed to allow time to research.

**5. Discussion on Proposed FY 2021 Budget Work Session:**

**a. Hitchcock Public Library**

Kathy Brooks gave a summary of the proposed 2021 budget and answered questions from the Commission.

**b. Hitchcock Volunteer Fire Department**

Jack Robinson and John Deringer gave a summary of the proposed 2021 budget and answered questions from the Commission.

**c. Hitchcock Industrial Development Corporation**

Fred Welch gave a summary of the proposed 2021 budget and answered questions from the Commission.

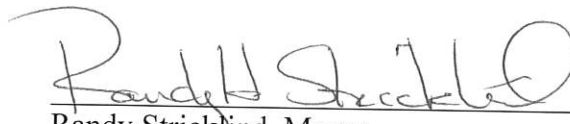
**d. General Fund**

Marie Gelles gave a summary of the proposed 2021 budget and answered questions from the Commission.

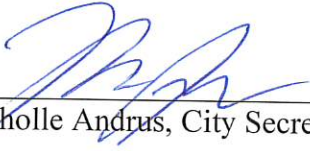
**6. Adjourn.**

Commissioner Wayne Newton made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chris Armacost seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

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Randy Strickland, Mayor

Handwritten signature of Nicholle Andrus in blue ink.

Nicholle Andrus, City Secretary