



**MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS
JUNE 18, 2020, 4:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mayor Randy Strickland at 4:00 pm.

Members Present:

Mayor Randy Strickland

Commissioner Mary Combs Demby

Commissioner Chris Armacost

Commissioner Wayne Newton

Commissioner Mark Cook

Kyle Dickson, Attorney

Marie Gelles, City Administrator

Nikki Andrus, City Secretary

Others Present: Police Chief Wilmon Smith

2. Invocation

Invocation by John Elliott.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Citizen Comments:

Resident Sara Moore discussed the group Citizens in Action and the projects they are working on to help the community. They encourage citizens to get involved and volunteer to help with projects such as Adopt a Mile to pick up trash, the Blessing Box at St. Matthews to donate food, collecting books and clothes to name a few projects.

Resident John Elliot of Foursquare Church informed the Commission that his church sold the campground and kept the church. They also bought the property next to the church.

Dave Deerman discussed his purchase of the Highland Creek Camp and RV Park from Foursquare Church.

Resident Clay Burton spoke to the Commission to express his gratitude for all municipal and civil servant leaders of Hitchcock during COVID-19.

5. Recognitions:

a. Recognizing Officer Cody Denton – Life Saving Award

b. Recognizing Farm Gals Food Pantry

6. Consent Agenda Items (A-C):

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) Minutes for Regular Commission Meeting dated May 18, 2020.**
- (B) Investment Report for the month ending May 31, 2020.**
- (C) Accounts Payable Report for the month ending May 31, 2020.**

Commissioner Wayne Newton made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda Items. Commissioner Mark Cook seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Items for Individual Consideration:

7. Accepting the award of funds from HGAC Solid Waste Management Grant.

Police Chief Wilmon Smith discussed that this grant is to fund hiring an Environmental Compliance Officer and provide a vehicle for that officer.

Commissioner Wayne Newton made the motion to accept the award of funds from HGAC Solid Waste Management Grant. Commissioner Mark Cook seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Hitchcock Industrial Development Corporation (HIDC) Report and discussion.

Jack Click, HIDC President, discussed the HIDC and accomplishments and ongoing and future projects and answered questions from the Commission.

9. Discussion and appropriate action regarding permission to apply for Downtown Revitalization Grant and the procurement of professional services.

Fred Welsh with HIDC discussed the proposed Community Redevelopment Grant and what it would cover such as streets, drainage, sidewalks, etc.

Commissioner Wayne Newton made the motion to approve applying for the Downtown Revitalization Grant and the procurement of professional services. Commissioner Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

10. Discussion and appropriate action approving the purchase of a Landpride 15' Batwing Mower and Kubota 4-wheel drive cab tractor with loader not to exceed \$57,570.00.

Superintendent Leroy Thomas discussed the need to purchase the proposed batwing mower and Kubota tractor and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Mark Cook made the motion to approve the purchase of the Landpride 15' Batwing Mower and Kubota 4-wheel drive cab tractor with loader at the revised price of \$60,363.33. Commissioner Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

11. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the approval of Change Order #1 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Oxidation Ditch Dredging and Solids Removal and Disposal Project.

Llarance Turner with Kaluza discussed the reasons for the change order and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Chris Armacost made a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Oxidation Ditch Dredging and Solids Removal and Disposal Project in the amount of \$296,800.00. Commissioner Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

12. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance calling a General Election to be held by the City of Hitchcock on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for the purpose of electing one Commissioner in District 3, one Commissioner in District 4; providing for notice, fixing the place, and providing the method in holding the election pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas.

City Secretary, Nicholle Andrus, discussed that the May 2020 election was moved to November 3, 2020 due to COVID-19 and recommends approving the Ordinance calling General Election for November 3, 2020.

Commissioner Mark Cook made a motion to approve the Ordinance calling a General Election for November 3, 2020 for electing one Commissioner in District 3 and one Commissioner in District 4. Commissioner Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

13. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance calling a Special Election to be held by the City of Hitchcock Texas on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of amending the City of Hitchcock Charter; providing for notice, fixing the place, providing the method, in the holding the election pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas.

City Secretary, Nicholle Andrus, discussed that the May 2020 election was moved to November 3, 2020 due to COVID-19 and recommends approving the Ordinance calling a Special Election for November 3, 2020 for amending the City Charter.

Commissioner Wayne Newton made a motion to approve the Ordinance calling a Special Election for November 3, 2020 for amending the City of Hitchcock Charter. Commissioner Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

14. Discussion and appropriate action approving a contract with Galveston County to hold City election.

Commissioner Mark Cook made a motion to approve the contract with Galveston County to hold City election. Commissioner Chris Armacost seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

15. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Joint Election Agreement with the Hitchcock Independent School District (HISD).

Commissioner Wayne Newton made a motion to approve a Joint Election Agreement with the Hitchcock Independent School District. Commissioner Chris Armacost

seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

16. Discussion and appropriate action approving Hitchcock City Hall as an official polling location for the November 3, 2020 election.

Commissioner Wayne Newton made a motion to approve Hitchcock City Hall as an official polling location for the November 3, 2020 election. Commissioner Chris Armacost seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

17. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Adopted Budget.

Commissioner Mary Combs Demby made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Adopted Budget. Commissioner Mark Cook seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

18. Discussion and appropriate action approving the payment of \$850,000.00 from the TIRZ One (Harborwalk) account to Harborwalk, LP pursuant to the Indenture of Trust and Amendment to Development and Financing Agreement dated September 1, 2006 by and between the City of Hitchcock, Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Hitchcock, Texas, Wells Fargo Bank, NA and Harborwalk, LP.

Discussion to be held in Executive Session.

Executive Session:

19. Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 5:09 p.m.

20. Reconvene into Open Session.

Open Session reconvened at 5:28 p.m.

21. Consider possible action or give direction on items legally discussed in Executive Session.

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22. Mayor and Commissioner Requests/Comments.

No comments.

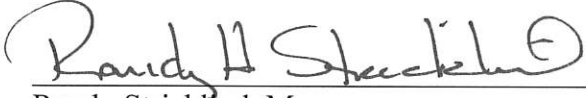
23. Announcements:

No announcements.

24. Adjourn.

Commissioner Wayne Newton made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.


Randy Strickland, Mayor


Nikki Andrus, City Secretary