



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COUNCIL
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS
Monday, April 17, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Armacost at 6:00pm

Members Present:

Mayor Chris Armacost
Councilmember Mary Combs Demby
Councilmember Morris Tuck
Councilmember Andre Perkins
Marie Gelles, City Manager

Debbie Nesbitt, City Secretary
Kyle Dickson, City Attorney
Arnold Cross Jr., Comm. Dev. Director
Leroy Thomas, Public Works Director
Wilmon Smith, Police Chief

Members Absent:

Councilmember Shawn Kadlecek

2. Invocation by Pastor John Elliott.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Citizen Comments:

Thomasine Allen spoke about the Bond Election for College of the Mainland for 2023 in the amount of \$250,000.00 which is on the May 6, 2023, ballot, and its importance to the surrounding communities.

Tillie Henson explained if the COM bond passed it would allow for necessary updates to the College and build a new library which would benefit the entire community.

Mike Kidwell from Gulf Coast Foursquare Church thanked the City for taking care of the Church's water issues and invited everyone to attend the National Night of Prayer, on May 4, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Public Hearing:

- 5. Public Hearing on a specific use request to place a manufactured home on a Single Family Residential (SFR) zoned lot that is .47 acres addressed as 8110 Patricia Lane ABST 13 W H JACK SUR N ½ OF LOTS 11 & 12 (11-1) L & P SUB NO, City of Hitchcock, Galveston County, Texas Property ID 156398.**

The public hearing opened at 6:10 pm. No comments were made. Public Hearing closed at 6:11 pm.

Proclamations And Recognition:

6. Swearing in of Debbie C. Nesbitt as City Secretary

Judge M. Douglas Rotenberry swore in Debbie Nesbitt as City Secretary.

7. Presentation of a plaque recognizing Ruth Ann Sandino's 15-year anniversary with the City of Hitchcock.

Mayor Armacost presented Ruth Ann Sandino with a plaque and thanked her for her 15 years of service.

8. Presentation of a Proclamation to the Hitchcock High School Boys Basketball team in recognition of winning the 2023 Boys State Basketball Championship. (Head Coach Chris Jordan)

Mayor Armacost presented a Proclamation to Head Coach Chris Jordan on behalf of the 2023 State Basketball Boys Championship.

9. Presentation of a Proclamation proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Month in the City of Hitchcock. (Cecily Henderson, District Manager, Resources & Crisis Center of Galveston County)

Mayor Armacost presented a Proclamation to Cecily Henderson with the Galveston Crisis Center proclaiming April as Sexual Assault month in Hitchcock, Texas.

10. Consent Agenda Items (A-D):

All consent items listed are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a Council Member 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 City Council Meeting dated March 20, 2023.

(B) Approval of Investment Report for the month ending March 31, 2023.

(C) Approval of Accounts Payable Report for the month ending March 31, 2023.

(D) Approval of the First Quarter Financial Report ending March 31, 2023.

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-D.

Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 - 0.

Items for Individual Consideration:

- 11. Discussion and appropriate action on a specific use request to place a manufactured home on a Single Family Residential (SFR) zoned lot that is .47 acres addressed as 8110 Patricia Lane ABST 13 W H JACK SUR N ½ OF LOTS 11 & 12 (11-1) L & P SUB NO, City of Hitchcock, Galveston County, Texas Property ID 156398. (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community**

Development Director)

Mary Combs Demby made the motion to approve a specific use permit to place a manufactured home on a Single Family Residential (SFR) zoned lot that is .47 acres addressed as 8110 Patricia Lane ABST 13 WH JACK SUR N ½ OF LOTS 11 & 12 (11-1) L & P SUB NO, City of Hitchcock, Galveston County, Texas Property ID 156398. Seconded by Morris Tuck. Motion passed 4 - 0.

- 12. Discussion and appropriate action regarding an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances Title IX entitled "General Regulations," Chapter 94 entitled "Water Safety and Boating Regulations", Article 1 entitled "General Provisions" and Commissions" and providing for publication and an effective date. (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director)**

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve amending the Code of Ordinances entitled "Water Safety and Boating Regulations." Seconded by Mary Combs Demby. Motion passed 4 - 0.

- 13. Discussion and appropriate action on an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances Title XI entitled "Business Regulations," Chapter 118 entitled "Sexually Oriented Business", and providing for publication and an effective date. (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director)**

Morris Tuck made the motion to approve amending the Code of Ordinances entitled Sexually Oriented Business. Seconded by Mary Combs Demby. Motion passed. 4 - 0.

- 14. Discussion and appropriate action regarding an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances Title XV entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 150 entitled "Building Regulations", Article IX entitled "Fences, Walls, Barriers, Screening and Buffering" and providing for publication and an effective date. (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director)**

Mary Combs Demby made the motion to approve amending the Code of Ordinances entitled "Land Usage" entitled "Fences, Walls, Barriers, Screening and Buffering." Seconded by Andre Perking. Motion passed 4 - 0.

- 15. Discussion and appropriate action regarding an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances Title XV entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 150 entitled "Building Regulations", and providing for publication and an effective date. (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director)**

Morris Tuck made the motion to approve amending the Code of Ordinances entitled "Land Usage" entitled "Building Regulations." Seconded by Mary Combs Demby. Motion passed 4 - 0.

- 16. Discussion and appropriate action regarding an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances Titled V entitled "Public Works," Chapter 51 entitled "Water and Sewers" and providing for publication and an effective date. (Leroy Thomas, Public Works Director)**

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve amending the Code of Ordinances entitled "Public Works" entitled "Water and Sewers." Seconded by Morris Tuck. Motion passed 4 - 0.

17. Discussion and appropriate action regarding a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas Opposing Senate Bill 1787 & House Bill 3921 relating to size and density requirements for residential lots. (Mayor Christopher Armacost)

Mary Combs Demby made the motion to approve Resolution opposing SB 1787 and HB 3921 relating to the size and density requirements for residential lots. Seconded by Morris Tuck. Motion passed 4 - 0.

18. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the sponsorship of the October 2023 Good Old Days Event in the amount of \$25,000 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund. (Mayor Christopher Armacost)

Morris Tuck made the motion to help sponsor the October Good Old Days event in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Hotel Occupancy Funds. Seconded by Mary Combs Demby. Motion passed. 4 - 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

19. Executive Session:

None

20. Adjourn:

Mayor Chris Armacost adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.



Chris Armacost, Mayor

Attest:



Debbie C. Nesbitt, City Secretary