

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS
AUGUST 19, 2019, 6:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Randy Stricklind, Commissioners Fard Abdullah, Chris Armacost, and Mark Cook

Members Absent: Commissioner Wayne Newton

Others Present: City Administrator Marie Gelles, City Secretary Lucy Dieringer, City Attorney Kyle Dickson, Police Chief Wilmon Smith, Court Clerk, Ruth Ann Sorrell

Call to Order

Mayor Stricklind called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Invocation

Jim with Strong Tower Ministries gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

We all recited the pledge of allegiance.

Recognition: None

Citizen 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.

Citizen Comments were made by:

1. **Tommy Hansen** – 6114 Jackson – Flooding complaint by neighbor
2. **Gary Glover** – 6130 Jackson – Landscaping

Public Hearing: None

Consent Agenda Items (A-E):

All consent items listed are considered to be 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 the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated July 15, 2019.
- (B) Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting dated August 12, 2019.
- (C) Approval of the Fiscal Year 2019 Revenue and Expense Report Unaudited for the month ending July 31, 2019.
- (D) Approval of 2019 Investment Report for the month ending July 31, 2019.
- (E) Approval of the Accounts Payable Report for the month ending July 31, 2019.

Commissioner Cook moved to approve the consent items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Armacost and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Items for Individual Consideration:

- (A) Discussion and appropriate action regarding a Resolution adopting the City of Hitchcock Investment Policy. (Marie Gelles, City Administrator)

Marie Gelles, City Administrator explained how the policy follows state law and recommended approving the Resolution. Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

- (B) Discussion and appropriate action accepting the Municipal Court Security Plan. (Court Clerk, Ruth Ann Sorrell)

Ruth Ann Sorrell, Court Clerk stated this was the plan she presented to the Commission last week. Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Armacost and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

- (C) Discussion and appropriate action appointing or re-appointment Municipal Court Judge and Alternate Municipal Court Judge. (Mayor Stricklind)

Mayor Stricklind recommended the re-appointment of Mike Nelson as Municipal Court Judge, and Douglas Rotenberry as Alternate Municipal Court Judge for a 2 year term. Commissioner Cook moved to re-appoint Mike Nelson Municipal Court Judge and Douglas Rotenberry Alternate Municipal Court Judge for a 2 year term. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

- (D) Discussion and appropriate action regarding Board and Commission Appointments.
(Mayor Stricklind)

Mayor Stricklind stated he had a list of people who want to serve on different committees. He will confirm they still want to serve on the following boards:

Board of Adjustments

- Place 1 – Arnold Cross – to 05/30/2021
- Place 2 – Gary Riley – to 05/30/2021
- Place 3 – Richard Gewecke – to 05/30/2021
- Place 4 – Mary Demby – to 05/30/2022
- Place 5 – Mike Lockwood – to 05/30/2022

Park & Recreation Board

- Place 1 – Wendy Baldwin – to 05/30/2020
- Place 2 – Kathy Brooks – to 05/30/2020
- Place 3 – Shawn Kadlecek – to 05/30/2020
- Place 4 – Diana Roach – to 05/30/2021
- Place 5 – Pam Watkins – to 05/30/2021
- Place 6 – Sharon Barber – to 05/30/2021

Planning & Zoning Board

- Place 1 – Chairperson Travis Kauffman – to 12/16/2019
- Place 2 – Vice-Chairperson Karen Williams – to 12/16/2019
- Place 3 – Wayne Reitmeyer – to 12/16/2019
- Place 4 – Phil Summers – to 12/16/2019
- Place 5 – Robert “Dusty” Norwood – to 12/16/2019
- Place 6 – Paul Roach – to 12/16/2019
- Place 7 – Dorothy Childress – to 12/16/2019

Commissioner Armacost moved to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Mayor and Commissioner Requests/Comments.

Mayor Stricklind: Service for former City Commissioner/Mayor Leon Evans was Saturday and it was a nice service and an honor.

Commissioner Abdullah: Wanted to let Mike Nelson know that he thought he was a great Judge.

Commissioner Armacost: No comment

Commissioner Newton: Not present

Commissioner Cook: Questioned why stop signs are not up on Stewart Road yet, as approved by Commission a couple months ago. Ms. Gelles said she will get with Andy Jenkins, Street Supt., tomorrow.

Announcements:

City Offices Closed September 02, 2019 in observance of Labor Day.

Adjournment to Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) (A) to consult with the City Attorney to seek his advice on contemplated litigation.

Mayor Stricklind announced the Commission will be adjourning into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) (A) Consultation with City Attorney.

Mayor Stricklind, Commissioners Abdullah, Armacost, and Cook along with City Administrator, Marie Gelles, and City Attorney, Kyle Dickson retired into Executive Session at 6:13 P.M.

Reconvene into Open Session and possible action necessary related to the Closed or Executive Session.

The Commission reconvened into Open Session at 6:24 P.M.

No action was taken.

Adjourn

Commissioner Abdullah moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed with a 4 to 0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

Randy Stricklind, Mayor

Attest:

Lucy Dieringer, City Secretary