

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL
JANUARY 15, 2018
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Childress, Commissioners Fard Abdullah, Monica Cantrell, Randy Stricklind and Mark Cook

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Secretary Lucy Dieringer, City Attorney Russell Plackemeier, Joseph Warn

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Childress called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

OPENING PRAYER: Commissioner Abdullah gave the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: We all recited the pledge of allegiance.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD:

RENARD CONNOR – 10 YEARS – 11/26/17
WILLIAM GARVIN – 5 YEARS - 12/17/17
JOSEPH WARN – 5 YEARS – 12/19/17
JOE GARZA – 5 YEARS – 01/14/18

Commissioner Abdullah presented Joseph Warn his 5 year plaque. He got a round of applause from the audience and congratulations from the Mayor and Commissioners. No other employees were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 2017

Commissioner Cook moved to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stricklind and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLES, REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT & INVESTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the accounts payables and reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stricklind and passed with a 5 to 0 vote. Commissioner Cantrell requested to get the Bills for Approval earlier so she will have time to review them. The Commission packets were not ready until Friday afternoon and City Hall was closed Monday for the Holiday, so she could not ask any questions. Mayor Childress stated she understands her concern and will devote time to see how we can correct the issue.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION WILL BE LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY WITH A 2 MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER, NO EXCEPTIONS

William R. Franklin from 10041 Jay Road commented on the condition of the drainage ditch behind his house and flooding issues in his area.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A PUBLIC HEARING IS CALLED TO HEAR FROM INTERESTED PERSONS TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE REQUESTED BY JOE WILBURN AND SKIPPER SMITH FROM AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (AR) AND GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO GENERAL INDUSTRIAL (GI) FOR PROPERTY STARTING APPROXIMATELY 650 FEET EAST OF AVENUE C ON FM 2004, GALVESTON COUNTY CAD ACCOUNT NUMBERS: 228717, 171485, 171607, 719059, 719060, 719061, 193937, 232287, 719058, 228728, 228720, 228721 (CASE ZC-2017-08)

Joe Wilburn and Skipper Smith were present.

The following addressed the Commission:

Robert Nebout - 8321 Robinson Road

Richard Teague - 8707 Martin Street (not in city limits, Ave C area)

Ted Williams - 7575 Pigeon

Henry Cogger - 7023 Spiller

Thomas McKenzie - Oakridge Drive

Sabrina Schwertner - Hitchcock IDC Executive Director

D. Joe Wood - Hitchcock Planning & Zoning Official

Mayor Childress explained that this is the first step; the second part will be planning. This is a very involved process that is not taken lightly. All of the Commissioners agreed that they would not do anything that would cause harm to the current residents or future generations in the City of Hitchcock.

BUSINESS:

(A) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH GALVESTON COUNTY TO HOLD CITY ELECTION

Commissioner Cantrell moved to approve the contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

(B) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE HITCHCOCK I.S.D.

Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cantrell and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

(C) AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK ON THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY, 2018 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, ONE COMMISSIONER IN DISTRICT #3 AND 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

Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cantrell and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

- (D) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE REQUESTED BY JOE WILBURN AND SKIPPER SMITH FROM AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (AR) AND GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO GENERAL INDUSTRIAL (GI) FOR PROPERTY STARTING APPROXIMATELY 650 FEET EAST OF AVENUE C ON FM 2004. GALVESTON COUNTY CAD ACCOUNT NUMBERS: 228717, 171485, 171607, 719059, 719060, 719061, 193937, 232287, 719058, 228728, 228720, 228721 (CASE ZC-2017-08)**

Commissioner Stricklind moved to approve the proposed zone change. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 4 to 1 vote with Commissioner Cantrell voting against.

- (E) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF UPGRADING SYSTEM FOR STREET LIGHTS (TABLED FROM 12/11/17 MEETING)**

Commissioner Stricklind moved to discuss the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cantrell. Mayor Childress asked Rusty Plackemeier, City Attorney to give his comments on the agreement. Mr. Plackemeier stated that as lights go out, they would be replaced with LED. Commissioner Stricklind asked what the initial cost would be for the upgrade. The agreement did not specify the cost so Commissioner Stricklind made a motion to withdraw his first motion and to table the item until the attorney could get the cost. The motion to table was seconded by Commissioner Cantrell and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

- (F) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF APPOINTING MAYOR DOROTHY CHILDRESS AS CITY OF HITCHCOCK'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE HARBORWALK TIRZ BOARD (REPLACING VACANCY LEFT BY MAYOR ANTHONY MATRANGA'S RESIGNATION)**

Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the appointment of Mayor Childress. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stricklind and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

- (G) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR REQUESTING FUNDS PERTAINING TO THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TXCDBG) CONTRACT NUMBER 7217199**

Commissioner Childress moved to approve the Resolution and documents with the words "City Manager" marked off. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

- (H) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REQUIRED TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES**

Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cantrell and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

- (I) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

Commissioner Stricklind moved to approve the proclamation as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

COMMISSIONERS REQUEST/COMMENTS

Commissioner Cantrell stated she was going to comment on getting the packets out sooner but she addressed the issue under the financial section.

Commissioner Cook stated he was informed of a sink hole on Barry Ave. It is a 12" sewer line with about 6 foot holes. Mayor Childress stated that it has been included on the FEMA damaged inventory.

Commissioner Strickland stated he appreciates Mayor Childress and all she is doing. He also appreciates the City Attorney.

Mayor Childress announced she will run for Mayor, to complete the term.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- (A) CITY OFFICES CLOSED FEB. 19TH IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY**
- (B) FEBRUARY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 4TH MONDAY (2/26/18) INSTEAD OF 3RD MONDAY (2/19/18) IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY**
- (C) HITCHCOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL BANQUET WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 1, 2018 AT JACK BROOKS PARK**

ADJOURN: Commissioner Abdullah moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strickland and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:42 P.M.

Dorothy Childress, Mayor

Attest:

Lucy Dieringer, City Secretary