

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION**  
**HITCHCOCK CITY HALL**  
**JANUARY 28, 2019**  
**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, Police Chief Wilmon Smith

**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:**

**JOHN "JOEY" DIERINGER - 35 YEARS** – Not Present

**LUCY DIERINGER - 25 YEARS** – Present but requested to Mayor Childress prior to meeting to not receive plaque at meeting for personal reasons

**JOE WOOD – 20 YEARS** – Was present and received plaque

**MICHAEL ALLEN – 15 YEARS** – Not present

**JESUS CAVAZOS – 10 YEARS** – Not present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 17, 2018**

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

**SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 08, 2019**

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

**SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2019**

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

**SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 18, 2019**

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

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER, NO EXCEPTIONS)**

Comments were made by:

1. Patty Elliott – 6210 Woodacres – trash and drainage
2. David Saucedo – 7905 Burgess – Police Chief Contract
3. Michael Thibodeaux – 7013 Hwy 6 – Bering Road pot holes
4. Matt VanDerheide – 6328 Main St. – election discrepancy in Charter?

**PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**

**BUSINESS:**

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

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

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

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

**(C) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK ON THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY, 2019 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, ONE COMMISSIONER IN DISTRICT #1 AND ONE COMMISSIONER IN DISTRICT #2; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE, FIXING THE PLACE, AND PROVIDING THE METHOD IN HOLDING THE ELECTION PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS**

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

**(D) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING TAX ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION SERVICES**

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

**MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER REQUESTS/COMMENTS:**

**Mayor Childress:** Has AmeriWaste file and will pick back up on it and IT contract. Has street supt. ordering bull rock for Bering Road.

**Commissioner Abdullah:** Garbage contractor seems to change their rules as they go along.

**Commissioner Cantrell:** Piggy backing on Commissioner Abdullah's comment in reference to garbage pickup. Need attention on stray dogs running loose.

**Commissioner Strickland:** AmeriWaste can tell you when limbs and large garbage will be picked up; agree that we need to look at the contract. On police chief contract, we cannot have contract per City Charter. Did look at Bering Road and it is bad, City needs to do something. We need to have some dog registering done, when administrator comes on board. Announced new Police Chief, Wilmon Smith is in audience and welcomed him.

**Commissioner Cook:** Christmas wreath needs to be taken down on City Hall. Asked status on surplus item auction. Utility vehicles need to be marked. A monitored dump site might help keep the city cleaner; people may not dump on side of road.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**(A) CITY OFFICES CLOSED FEB. 18TH IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**(B) FEBRUARY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY (2/25/19) INSTEAD OF 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY (2/18/19) IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY**

Mayor Childress stated the city attorney is not available on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month and the meeting may be changed to Tuesday, February 19, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071, 551.072, AND 551.074, THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT\***

Did not adjourn to closed session – No matters

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION NECESSARY RELATED TO THE CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Did not adjourn to closed session – No matters

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:09 P.M.

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**Dorothy Childress, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Lucy Dieringer, City Secretary**