

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL
OCTOBER 22, 2018
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Randy Strickland, Commissioners Fard Abdullah, Monica Cantrell, and Mark Cook

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Dorothy Childress (In Hospital)

OTHERS PRESENT: City Secretary Lucy Dieringer, Police Chief Michael Allen, and Captain Tim Underwood

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Strickland 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: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Commissioner Cook moved to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 01, 2018

Commissioner Cook moved to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cantrell and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

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

Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed with a 4 to 0 vote. Commissioner Cantrell asked why the bank statement copies were not included. Mayor Pro Tem Strickland stated he would check on the issue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (2 MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER, NO EXCEPTIONS)

Comments were made by:

1. David Saucedo - 7905 Burgess - City Information
2. Marsha Knapp - Everything
3. Lisa LaRue Nebout - 8321 Robinson - Mode of Operating
4. Glenda Owens - 8406 Neville - Code Enforcement
5. Paul Hyatt - 112 N Bayou Drive - Committee and Money
6. Ena Hughes - 9311 Woodacres - Agenda Item
7. Samuel Collins - 7902 Hwy 6 - Texas Target Community Meeting Nov 13 2018
8. Patty Elliott - 6210 Woodacres - Operating Procedures
9. Gales Annette Peltzer - 9206 Morningside Drive - Road Conditions, ditches, businesses
10. Tammi Barreras - 8301 2nd St – Privacy/HIDC and Road work needed
11. Nathaniel Brown - 6710 Meadow Place - Requirements of committee
12. Matt VanDertede - 6326 Main St - Charter knowledge and adherence

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

BUSINESS:

(A) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ENGINEER’S RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR TDA-OFFICE OF RURAL AFFAIRS CONTRACT NO. 7217199 WATER DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS TO OAKRIDGE DRIVE, JACKSON ROAD, FAIRWOOD ROAD, AND MILLS AVENUE

Chris Argo with Kelly Kaluza & Associates briefly explained the project, the bid opening held on 09/12/2018, and how the bids were scored. Commissioner Cantrell asked when the project would start. Commissioner Abdullah asked if the work would be done simultaneously or one road at a time. Mr. Argo gave some detail on when and how the work would be performed. Commissioner Cantrell moved to approve the engineer’s recommendation and award the contract to Scohil Construction Services. The motions was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

(B) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF JOB POSTINGS FOR CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND POLICE CHIEF

The job posting for city administrator was tabled from a previous meeting so Mayor Pro Tem Randy Stricklind made a motion to remove his previous motion to table the item. The motion to remove the table was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 4 to 0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Stricklind announced the Committee members he selected are: Don Gartman, Freddie Poor, Ted Robinson Jr. (resident) and Sam Collins. Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the job postings. The motion was seconded by Commission Cook and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER REQUESTS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Stricklind:

In reference to all the Open Records Requests, our staff is small and it takes time to respond to request, but they will be done.

In response to the \$20,000.00 game room money and the game room application process he asked Chief Michael Allen to explain. Chief Allen started to explain the process but was interrupted from the audience.

Stricklind explained that the ditches all over the City need to be done, we are working on it and will be done but it will take time.

Stricklind explained that the EDC tax dollars are not our money.

Commissioner Abdullah

None

Commissioner Cantrell:

Questioned if there would be problem if a City Commission quorum is present at the Texas Target Committee Meeting?

Commissioner Cook:

Public comment needs more time, maybe 3 minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 PROCLAIMED “POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY”

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 Cook and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:37 P.M.

Randy Strickland, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Lucy Dieringer, City Secretary