

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL
DECEMBER 17, 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 Kyle Dixon, Police Chief Michael Allen, and Sgt. Dustin Pruitt

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: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

PUBLIC HEARING – NOVEMBER 19, 2018

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

REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 19, 2018

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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. Marsha Knapp – City accounts, major drains, game room deposits, abolish IDC
2. Don Johnson – 810 Myrtlewood, Friendswood – Subsidence District appointment
3. Kathy Marullo – 8128 Hwy – Depository bid
4. Patty Elliott – 6210 Woodacres – Last month's agenda items

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

BUSINESS:

(A) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AWARDED BANK DEPOSITORY BID FOR CITY OF HITCHCOCK

Commissioner Strickland moved to discuss. The motion to discuss was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah. We received bids from Texas First Bank and Prosperity Bank. After discussion, Commissioner Strickland moved to award the bid to Prosperity Bank. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 3 to 2 vote, with Commissioner Cantrell and Commissioner Cook voting against. Mayor Childress and all the Commissioners said good things about Texas First Bank.

(B) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ADDING STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF JAY ROAD @ MECOM ROAD, TO ENABLE A FOUR WAY STOP

Commissioner Strickland and Police Chief Allen explained why the stop signs were needed. Commissioner Cook moved to approve adding the stop signs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cantrell and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

(C) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF THE CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PLAN AS SET FORTH BY THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) PROGRAM

Kelle Odom with GrantWorks gave a brief explanation of items C, D, and E. Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strickland and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

(D) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CDBG-DR PROGRAM

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

(E) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH 24 DFR 91.325(b)(6)

Commissioner Cantrell asked Chief Allen if he had reviewed the policy. Chief Allen had not seen the plan so he reviewed the plan and stated it was ok. Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

(F) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN CITY OF HITCHCOCK, WHISPERING PINES LANDFILL, GALVESTON COUNTY LANDFILL, BFI WASTE SYSTEMS OF NORTH AMERICA, AND REPUBLIC SERVICES OF TEXAS FOR THE RESERVATION AND PROVISION OF DISPOSAL CAPACITY FOR LEACHATE AND/OR APPROVED WASTEWATER FROM THE OPERATION OF THE RESPECTIVE LANDFILLS

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

(G) STATUS REPORT/UPDATE ON HIRING OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE

Committee members Sam Collins, Don Gartman, Mary Combs-Demby, and Freddie Poor were present and gave a brief update. 23 applications were received for City Administrator and 32 applications were received for Police Chief. They have narrowed the candidates down to the top 4 for City Administrator and top 3 for Police Chief. The information for these 7 candidates was given to the Mayor and Commissioners last week. The Commission thanked the Committee members for all their hard work and time.

(H) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF VACATION TIME EARNED AND NOT ABLE TO BE TAKEN BY MICHAEL ALLEN

Commissioner Cook moved to pay Chief Allen 80 hour's vacation at the rate he is receiving as Interim Police Chief and 80 hours vacation at the rate he was making as Police Sergeant, due to the special circumstances in the police department this year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stricklind and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

(I) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF THE 380 AGREEMENT WITH CHEMIC ENGINEERS REGARDING A SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT

Mayor Childress stated this item will be removed at this time.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER REQUESTS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Childress: Responded to Marsha Knapp's audience participation concerns: She plans to be back by the 1st of the year and will sit down with her and show her everything, the books and accounts; The City Administrator will work on drainage; will discuss IDC with her also. Responded to Pattie Elliott: District 2 representative for hiring committee was not intentionally overlooked.

Commissioner Abdullah: Hated to vote against Texas First Bank and Mr. Doyle.

Commissioner Cantrell: City should support Don Johnson, Mayor Childress already did letter for Jason Long.

Commissioner Stricklind: Did not pick hiring committee by district, but rather by business quality. When someone has an issue he request they call city instead of putting on Facebook.

Commissioner Cook: Asked FEMA status on City Hall? Mayor Childress explained progress and difficulties we have faced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CITY OFFICES CLOSED DECEMBER 24TH AND 25TH IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

CITY OFFICES CLOSED JANUARY 1ST IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY

CITY OFFICES CLOSED JANUARY 21ST IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

JANUARY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 4TH MONDAY (1/28/2019) INSTEAD OF 3RD MONDAY (1/21/2019) DUE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY

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 8:53 P.M.

Dorothy Childress, Mayor

Attest:

Lucy Dieringer, City Secretary