

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL
APRIL 16, 2018
6:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Secretary Lucy Dieringer, City Attorney Russell Plackemeier, Officer Jarrett Ashton

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

OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Sam Collins gave the opening prayer.

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

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD:

RUTH ANN SORRELL – DEPUTY COURT CLERK – 10 YEARS (04/07/18)

Ruth Ann was not present due to illness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 19, 2018

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

SPECIAL MEETING – APRIL 03, 2018

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT REPORT

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

A PUBLIC HEARING IS CALLED TO HEAR FROM INTERESTED PERSONS TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE REQUESTED BY NANCY LEWIS FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (NC) FOR PROPERTY AT 6500 HADEN. GALVESTON COUNTY CAD ACCOUNT NUMBER 174366 (CASE ZC-2018-04)

Nancy Lewis was present and explained what she was planning to do.

BUSINESS:

A) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ZONE CHANGE REQUESTED BY NANCY LEWIS FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (NC) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6500 HADEN. GALVESTON COUNTY CAD ACCOUNT NUMBER 174366 (CASE ZC-2018-04)

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND OR APPROVAL OF PROCLAIMING 4/16/18 AS “VIRGIL SMITH DAY” IN THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK

Mayor Childress read and presented the proclamation to Virgil Smith. Commissioner Cantrell explained what Virgil did during Hurricane Harvey. He received a big round of applause from the audience. Commissioner Cantrell moved to approve the proclamation as read. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

C) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AWARDING GROUP HEALTH, DENTAL, AND LIFE INSURANCE BIDS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Commissioner Strickland moved for discussion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah. Roy Starr, Record of agent with Rust Ewing explained the renewal process and the renewal amounts/benefits. Mr. Starr recommended to keep Principal as the carrier for dental and life insurance and to change the health carrier from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Humana. Commissioner Strickland moved to approve the recommendations made by Mr. Starr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Cantrell announced that Thursday is Education Foundation night at the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo. Commissioner Cantrell also announced that the Shattered Dreams program that was going to be held at the school is a powerful presentation. Mayor Childress said she will have information ready for a budget meeting next Monday and would like for each Commissioner to let her know their thoughts on holding the meeting. She also wanted the Commission to know that IDC will give a report at the meeting.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

(2 MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER, NO EXCEPTION)

Dana Winston from 7202 Phelps addressed the Commission in reference to drainage and flooding at her residence and the city not returning her calls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(A) NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER GATHERING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018 AT 7:00 PM OUTSIDE HITCHCOCK CITY HALL

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

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:20 P.M.

Dorothy Childress, Mayor

Attest:

Lucy Dieringer, City Secretary