

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION**  
**HITCHCOCK CITY HALL**  
**AUGUST 20, 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 Kyle Dickson, Capt. Tim Underwood

**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:**

**REGULAR MEETING – JULY 16, 2018**

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

**SPECIAL MEETING – AUGUST 02, 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.

**SPECIAL MEETING – AUGUST 13, 2018**

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

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

Comments were made by:

1. John Elliott-6210 Woodacres-Re: Joe Wilburn
2. David Saucedo-7905 Burgess-Re: Concerned Citizens of Hitchcock
3. Robert and Kerry Scott-8107 Schiro-Re: Water Department and billing
4. Robert Nebout-8321 Robinson-Re: Lack of transparency
5. Judy Sanders-7024 Oleander-Re: Police cuts, transparency of financials, signs display
6. Abigail Wynegar-7902 S. Redfish-Re: S. Redfish road condition, raw sewage being dumped
7. Ms. Combs-Demby-6005 Terrebonne-Re: Our city as a whole
8. Tammi Barreras-8301 2<sup>nd</sup> Street-Re: 0.50% tax hike
9. Ena Hughes-7311 Woodacres-Re: City

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A PUBLIC HEARING IS CALLED TO HEAR FROM INTERESTED PERSONS TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS CONCERNING A ZONE CHANGE REQUESTED BY RAYMOND AND THERESA SAENZ FROM AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (AR) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) FOR PROPERTY AT 9780 JAY ROAD. GALVESTON COUNTY CAD ACCOUNT NUMBER 171684 (CASE ZC-2018-07)**

Raymond Saenz stated he just wants to divide the current property so there would be fewer restrictions for building. There was no comment from the public.

**BUSINESS:**

**CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE REQUESTED BY RAYMOND AND THERESA SAENZ FROM AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (AR) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) FOR PROPERTY AT 9780 JAY ROAD. GALVESTON COUNTY CAD ACCOUNT NUMBER 171684 (CASE ZC-2018-07)**

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

**CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2018-2019 TAX RATE OF \$0.5000 PER \$100.00 VALUATION**

Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the tax rate of \$0.5000 per \$100.00 valuation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strickland and passed with a 5 to 0 vote. Mayor Childress was pleased that we were able to keep the tax rate the same as last year.

**CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2018-2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND 2018-2019 UTILITY FUND BUDGET**

Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the budgets as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strickland and passed with a 5 to 0 vote. Mayor Childress stated the Commission held 2 budget workshops and that this proposed budget will sit on the counter for 30 days for public review. The budgets will be adopted at the September meeting.

**CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AUCTIONING ITEMS THROUGH GOVDEALS.COM. THE ITEMS CONSIST OF OLD VEHICLES AND MISCELLANEOUS OTHER OLD/OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT**

Commissioner Cook moved to approve auctioning the items through govdeals.com. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

**CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ENDORSING APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE GALVESTON COUNTY UNITED BOARD OF HEALTH**

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

**CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2019 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND ABATEMENT CONTRACT WITH THE GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT**

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

**CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 AS “LAUNDERED WITH KINDNESS DAY”**

Tonya Griffin, representing the Khambrel Foundation explained the event. Commissioner Strickland moved to approve the Proclamation as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

**CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF APPOINTING ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL JUDGES PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN GALVESTON COUNTY AND CITY OF HITCHCOCK**

Commissioner Cook moved to approve the appointments as presented in “attachment A”. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strickland and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

**CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 51: WATER AND SEWERS, BY AMENDING SECTION 51:70, WATER RATES AND SECTION 2: EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mayor Childress noted the need to increase the rates were due to the increase in our costs, mainly surface water, and to help meet qualifications for grants. Commissioner Cantrell questioned why the sewer rates were raised? Mayor Childress explained that the Utility Clerk calculated the rate changes that were needed. Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed with a 4 to 1 vote with Commissioner Cantrell voting against.

**CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 51: WATER AND SEWERS, BY AMENDING SECTION 51:71 SEWER RATES AND SECTION 2: EFFECTIVE DATE**

Commissioner Strickland moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 4 to 1 vote with Commissioner Cantrell voting against.

**MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER REQUESTS/COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Cantrell** asked why the HISD MOU was not on the agenda? Mayor Childress said it was not on the agenda because the attorney had reviewed it but the new chiefs, city and HISD had not looked at it yet. Captain Underwood said it needed to be more detailed, that it was too broad.

**Commissioner Strickland** wanted to clear up some issues:

- The City is in a deficit because we spent more than we took in
- Signs can't be on right of way
- S. Redfish on list to be fixed but funds are the problem
- Would like to know whose dumping raw sewer
- Accused of not doing what his district wants but he feels like he is doing what is right for city

**Commissioner Cook** asked what the status on hiring a City Administrator is. Mayor Childress answered she is getting with the consultant tomorrow.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> FOR LABOR 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 5 to 0 vote.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:52 P.M.

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**Dorothy Childress, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Lucy Dieringer, City Secretary**