

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Childress, Commissioners Fard Abdullah, Randy Stricklind, and Mark Cook

MEMBERS ABSENT: Monica Cantrell (due to sickness)

OTHERS PRESENT: City Secretary Lucy Dieringer, City Attorney Kyle Dickson and Police Chief Michael Allen

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

OPENING PRAYER: Rev. John Elliott gave the opening prayer.

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

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 20, 2018

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

SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

Commissioner Stricklind moved to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah 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.

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

Comments were made by:

1. L.O'Brien – ditch/road on North Railroad
2. Leon Evans – road repair on Biering and South Railroad
3. Paul Hyatt – ditches, PD cut and budget
4. Marsh Knapp – FEMA
5. Tammy Barraras – PD back, suspension gone, 2nd street
6. Matt Vanderhyde – EDC
7. Joe Wilburn – 2004 Corridor

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

BUSINESS:

(A) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

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

(B) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH AN ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF THE EXPENSES OF CONDUCTING EACH DEPARTMENT, DIVISION AND OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK, THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR AND APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH ESTIMATE; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO PAY ALL OUTSTANDING INDEBTNESS PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF SAME ON FIRST AND FINAL READING

Commissioner Stricklind asked the Mayor to explain the ordinance, Mayor explained the process. Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

(C) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF THE HITCHCOCK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

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

(D) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPOINTING DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the Resolution appointing Mayor Dorothy Childress and the representative and Mayor Pro Tem Randy Stricklind as alternate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

(E) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR FUNDING TO BEGIN SEARCH

Mayor Childress is gathering data and explained to the Commissioners that they needed to come up with the funding for the City Administrator position. Mayor Childress stated she would like to have a Workshop on Monday 09/24/18 to discuss the City Administrator and Police Chief positions around 6:00 pm if all the Commissioners would be available. Kyle Dickson, City Attorney reminded the Commission that the Interim Police Chief position can only be held for 180 days.

Commissioner Stricklind moved to table this item and hold the workshop. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

(F) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION, PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 AS “9/11 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE DAY”

Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the proclamation as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed with a 4 to 0 vote. Mayor Childress presented the proclamation at the VFW Post 5400 ceremony for 911 Remembrance Service Day.

(G) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.44 OF CHAPTER 153, MOBILE HOMES AND MOBILE HOME PARKS

Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the ordinance, amending the price from \$15.00 to \$25.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strickland and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

(H) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 154.63 OF CHAPTER 154 RELATIVE TO RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS FEE

Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the ordinance, amending the price from \$15.00 to \$25.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strickland and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER REQUESTS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Childress read “A Message from the Mayor” letter

Commissioner Strickland: Announced prior to Facebook, citizens would come to meetings to get answers and encouraged attendance at the Commission Meetings. He also wanted to clarify that EDC supports city, and is not funded through the City.

Commissioner Cook: Asked what the status of City Hall with FEMA was? And when advertising for a full time Police Chief would start? Mayor Childress briefly answered both questions, and asked Commissioner Cook to get with her and she could go into more detail.

Commissioner Abdullah: He just wanted to thank Mayor Childress for all she does.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PERMIT DEPARTMENT HAS RESUMED CHARGING FOR REMODEL PERMITS

Mayor Childress added that January or February is filing time for Mayor/Some Commissioners

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 7:41 P.M.

Dorothy Childress, Mayor

Attest:

Lucy Dieringer, City Secretary