

MINUTES
CITY OF HONDO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Called the meeting to order.
Mayor McAnelly called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. Quorum check.
Mayor John McAnelly, Mayor Pro Tem Jose "Porky" Ytuarte, Council Member Brett Williams, Council Member Bobby Vela, Council Member Rachel Ramirez, Council Member John E. Villa.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Robert T. Herrera, City Attorney Molly Solis, City Secretary Sue Ann Reyes, IT Network Administrator Josh Rodriguez, Public Works Director Rene Saenz, Police Chief Justin Soza, Lieutenant AJ Garza, Director of Public Information and Recreation Jamie Kindred.

3. Invocation by Pastor Paul Bruhn, First Methodist Church.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Citizens'/Public Comments: *Persons who desire to address the City of Hondo City Council will be received at this time. Those persons wishing to speak should complete a Public Comment Form and submit it to the City Secretary prior to the meeting. If the speaker wishes to comment on a particular agenda item, then the speaker should indicate such item(s) to on the form. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Speakers must conduct themselves in a civil manner. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City of Hondo City Council cannot deliberate or take action on items not listed on the meeting agenda)*

Mr. Chavel Lopez, 1002 Avenue S, Hondo, expressed concern regarding the railroad safety and referred to the Railroad Safety Act. Mr. Lopez suggested passing a resolution supporting the Railroad Safety Act and sending it to the legislature.

Mr. Lopez also stated he felt City should be paying its employees a living wage and asked that the Council consider paying their employees more during the budget sessions.

PRESENTATIONS

6. City Manager's Report. (Robert T. Herrera)
 1. July 4th Celebration.
 2. 2023/2024 Budget Schedule and Process.
 3. Request a joint meeting with the City Council and Hondo Economic Development Corporation regarding growth opportunities within the City limits.

Interim City Manager reported the 4th of July event was a success and recognized the team effort of the staff.

Mr. Herrera stated the budget workshops were scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on August 9 and 10 at the Southwest Texas Regional Training Center.

Mr. Herrera stated he wanted to request a joint meeting between the HEDC and City Council to talk about the City's infrastructure and growth corridors. Mr. Herrera suggested August 17, 2023 for the meeting.

7. Public Works Report. (Rene Saenz)
 1. Stage 3 Water Restriction Level update.

Public Works director Rene Saenz gave an update on the water report and stated the City was at a Stage 3 restriction. Mr. Saenz stated water conservation literature would be distributed throughout the City.

Mr. Saenz reported that according to city ordinance, if the City entered into a Stage 4 restriction, an emergency council meeting would have to take place within 48 hours. Mr. Saenz explained Council had adopted the Stage 4 restrictions last year for the year to prevent having to call an emergency meeting. Mr. Saenz asked Council to implement the adoption of the Stage 4 restriction at the next council meeting to prevent having to call emergency meetings.

CONSENT

Council Member Ytuarte moved to approve consent agenda item 8; seconded by Council Member Vela. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Williams, Vela, Ramirez, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

8. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from June 26, 2023. (SueAnn Reyes)

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Presentation from Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Marshall for Medina County Mark Chadwick regarding partnering with Medina County for the implementation and approval of the Medina County emergency operations plans. (Robert T. Herrera)

Mr. Chadwick gave an overview of the emergency management plan implemented by the City. Mr. Chadwick stated the cities of Lacoste, Natalia and Castroville have joined their plans. Mr. Chadwick stated if the Council and the Commissioners approved the plan, he would inform the State Regional Planner and the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the City would immediately be approved with all plans. Mr. Chadwick stated they would step in only when needed.

10. Discuss and consider authorizing the Mayor to execute the approval and implementation of Medina County's Emergency Management Basis Plan and the TDEM-147 form. (Robert T. Herrera)

Interim City Manager Robert T. Herrera asked Council to consider adopting the Medina County Emergency Management Basis Plan and the TDEM-147 form.

Council Member Vela stated he would like to make an amendment to assign the Hondo Police Department Lieutenant as the assistant coordinator for the City. Council Member Vela stated the request was about efficiency and since the HPD was already, the first responders it made more sense.

Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications of the assistant coordinator. Mr. Herrera stated the City would work with the County to meet the criteria for that person if the Council chose to

move in that direction. He stated if the vote was to make the change and if the lieutenant were a willing applicant, he would discuss it with the current emergency management coordinator.

Council Member Vela made a motion to authorizing the Mayor to execute the approval and implementation of Medina County's Emergency Management Basis Plan and the TDEM-147 form with the amendment to appoint Lieutenant Aaron Garza as the Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator; seconded by Council Member Williams. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Williams, Vela, Ramirez, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

11. Discuss and consider making appointments to various boards and commissions. (Mayor McAnelly)

Mayor McAnelly asked the council to reappoint David Beard and to appoint Kara Mumme to the Hondo Public Library Advisory Board.

Council Member Villa made a motion to reappoint David Beard and to appoint Kara Mumme to the Hondo Public Library Advisory Board; seconded by Council Member Vela. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Vela, Williams, Ramirez, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

The City Council of the City of Hondo convened into executive session at 06:38 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Executive Session: The City Council of the City of Hondo may convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code:

Section 551.071(1) (A) and (2) (Consultations with Attorney) and Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), or Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations); Section 551.086 (Meeting concerning municipally owned utility-competitive matters);

- a. Discussion regarding Project Falcon. (Ryan Elder)
- b. Discussion regarding Withum Auditors. (Mayor McAnelly)
- c. Discussion regarding City Manager employment search. (Mayor McAnelly)

The City Council of the City of Hondo reconvened into regular session at 07:16 p.m.

13. Discuss and consider appropriate action on items resulting from Executive Session.

No Action.

14. Adjourn.

Council Member Villa made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Council Member Vela. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Vela, Williams, Ramirez, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF JULY 2023.

JOHN McANELLY, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

SueAnn Reyes, TRMC
City Secretary

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