

MINUTES
CITY OF HONDO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Called the meeting to order.
Mayor McAnelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Police Chief Justin Soza, Lieutenant AJ Garza, Director of Public Information and Recreation Jamie Kindred.

3. Invocation by Pastor Steve Peyton, New Fountain 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)

Interim City Manager Robert T. Herrera gave an update on the electrical outage over the weekend. The chip seal bid will be opened on July 15, 2023. Mr. Herrera stated the County Commission voted unanimously to allow the City of Hondo to join the County Emergency Plan and the City is now up to date. Mr. Herrera stated the proposed budget workshop dates were August 9 and 10. The compensation study was launched on July 12 and the final reports should be ready by the end of August. Mr. Herrera stated Douglas Dowler, the new Economic Development Director start date was August 1, 2023.

CONSENT

Council Member Vela moved to approve consent agenda items 7 through 9; seconded by Council Member Williams. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Williams, Vela, Ramirez, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

7. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from July 10, 2023. (SueAnn Reyes)
8. Discuss and consider approving Resolution 408-23 authorizing the Hondo Police Department to apply for the Operation Lone Star Grant. (Chief Soza)
9. Discuss and consider approving Resolution 409-23 supporting S576 The Railway Safety Act. (Robert T. Herrera)
10. Discuss and consider making appointments to various boards and commissions. (Mayor McAnelly)

Mayor McAnelly stated the name of Justin Meyers needed to be removed from the motion on the council communication form.

Council Member Vela moved to approve the appointment of Brendon Lowe to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Tara Mumme to the Library Advisory Board; seconded by Council Member Ytuarte. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Williams, Vela, Ramirez, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Discuss and consider an Interlocal agreement between the City of Hondo and Hondo Independent School District regarding Hondo Police Department School Resource Officers. (Chief Soza)

Item number 11 was moved to executive session per the City Attorney.

The City Council of the City of Hondo convened into executive session at 06:11 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 07:34 p.m.

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

Council Member Williams stated that while the interlocal agreement was being amended the City would still be providing the same service they were now.

Council Member Vela made a motion to give direction to the City Attorney to draft an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Hondo ISD regarding Hondo Police Department School Resource Officers in compliance with House Bill 3; seconded by Council Member Ytuarte. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Vela, Williams, Ramirez, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

14. Adjourn.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF AUGUST 2023.

JOHN McANELLY, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

SueAnn Reyes, TRMC
City Secretary