

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 6:00PM

City Council Chambers, 1600 Avenue M Hondo, Texas

1. Call 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, Councilman Brett Williams, Councilman Bobby Vela, Council Member Rachel Ramirez.

Absent: Councilman John E. Villa

Staff Present: City Manager John Naron, City Attorney Richard Lindner, City Secretary Rebekah Dolphus, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager Stephanie Velasquez, Chief Financial Officer Chris Hill, IT Administrator Josh Rodriguez, Public Works Director Rene Saenz, Development Services Director Uche Echeozo, Director of Marketing Sean Patty, Director of Aviation Ryan Elder, EDC Executive Director Douglas Dowler, HR Manager Michele Thacker

3. Invocation by Mayor John McAnelly

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.*

No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS

6. City Manager’s Report. (John Naron)

The City of Hondo Library received the TMLDA Achievement of Excellence In Library Award, commended by John for Elsie and her team’s exemplary work, with plans to present a proclamation at the upcoming meeting.

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Rise Broadband has shown better compliance with regulations, with Mr. Saenz providing weekly updates. Total damages stand at \$17,111.91 for water lines and \$28,305.38 for sewer lines, though recent incidents are not yet reflected in these totals, mainly due to difficulties in identifying previously unmapped lines.

7. Public Works Report. (Rene Saenz)

The Wastewater Treatment Plant CDBG Clarifier project has been approved, with the contractor set to mobilize February 13, 2024 to address sewage intake challenges. Gerardo Trevino of RGV Industrial Machine Shop and Pumps LLC has been awarded the contract, aiming for completion between August and September.

Progress on the Water Tower lighting project includes purchasing steel conduit and exploring cost-saving opportunities, with the City of Hondo investing \$26,100 and Hondo ISD contributing approximately \$5,000. Access will be facilitated through a Knox Box, with discussions on lighting colors and access control.

CONSENT

8. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from January 22, 2024. (Stephanie Velasquez)
9. Discuss and consider Resolution Number 421-24 of the City of Hondo, Texas providing Notice of General Election for the City Council Members Place 1 and Place 2; to be held jointly with Hondo Independent School District on May 4, 2024. Establishing early voting location and polling place for the election; authorizing the City Manager to enter a contract with Medina County Elections Administrator and making provisions for the conduct of the election. (Stephanie Velasquez)
10. Discuss and consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease amendment with Corrigan Air Center. (Ryan Elder)
11. Discuss and consider approval of the Second Amended Chapter 11 Plan for Endo International PLC at the recommendation of the Official Committee of Opioid Claimants. (Chris Hill & John Naron)
12. Discuss and consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a License Agreement with H5 AG Services, LLC. (John Naron)

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13. Discuss and consider making various Appointments to Boards and Commissions.
(Mayor McAnelly)

Councilman Vela made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 8 and 12; seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Vela stated no action on items 8 and 12. Mayor McAnelly confirmed.

OTHER BUSINESS

14. Discuss and consider proposed Splash Pad Development Project. (John Naron)

Mr. Naron requested to table the discussion due to incomplete information and pending bond requirements and engineering work. He aims for resolution by the next meeting.

Councilman Vela made a motion to table the item; seconded by Council member Ramirez. Motion passed unanimously.

The City Council of the City of Hondo convened into Executive Session at 6:14 p.m.

15. 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 and possible action regarding potential litigation with BG Interpool, Inc.
- b. Discussion with City Manager regarding performance review.
- c. Discussion with City Attorney regarding the affiliation between EDC and City of Hondo.
- d. Discussion with City Attorney regarding legal service matters.

The City Council of the City of Hondo reconvened into regular session at 8:10 p.m.

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

Councilman Vela made a motion to direct our City Attorney to move forward as directed with potential litigation on BG Interpool, Inc.; seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion passes unanimously.

17. Adjourn.

Councilman Ytuarte made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Vela. Motion passes unanimously.

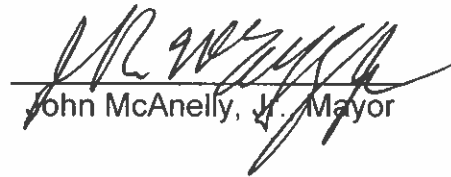
Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

ATTEST:



Rebekah Dolphus
City Secretary


John McAnelly, Jr. Mayor