

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 26, 2024 @ 6:00PM

City Council Chambers, 1600 Avenue M Hondo, Texas

1. Call to order.

Mayor McAnelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Quorum check.

Mayor John McAnelly Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Jose “Porky” Ytuarte, Councilman Brett Williams, Councilman Bobby Vela, Council Member Rachel Ramirez, Councilman John E. Villa

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager John Naron, City Attorney Richard Lindner, City Secretary Rebekah Dolphus, Chief Financial Officer Chris Hill, IT Administrator Josh Rodriguez, Public Relations & Recreation Director Jamie Kindred, Chief of Police Justin Soza, Public Works Director Rene Saenz, Development Services Director Uche Echeozo

3. Invocation by Pastor Beverly Kelling, St. Paul Lutheran 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.*

Chavel Lopez, 1002 Avenue S, Hondo, TX

- **Spring cleanup, biannual bulk pickup, and hazardous items disposal services**
- **Police training**
- **Streets**

PRESENTATIONS

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

Mr. Naron recognized the exceptional contributions of our department heads, with special mention to:

- **Chris Hill: Acknowledged for managing finances effectively and securing an S&P A+ Rating.**
- **Elsie Purcell and her Team: Commended for the outstanding job they do.**

Mr. Naron expressed gratitude to all department heads and anticipates great achievements in 2024.

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7. Public Works Report. (Rene Saenz)

Mr. Saenz updated on 3 projects:

1. Avenue V infrastructure overhaul, encompassing the complete replacement of water and sewer lines, services, manholes, and associated components, is estimated to cost approximately \$3.5 million. The bidding process will commence in April and May, with an anticipated completion timeline of 6 to 7 months.

2. Regarding Phase 2 chip seal, Mr. Saenz emphasized the priority of addressing ongoing concerns and the incomplete status of Phase 1 before proceeding further.

- The issue with dusty streets stems from the aggregate's failure to properly adhere to the oil, resulting in crushing and subsequent dust formation. Despite this, testing results have returned within specifications.

- Unfinished work remains on Boerne Avenue

- We've obtained a grant from the Texas Department of Emergency Management specifically for addressing drainage issues, which are major contributors to street problems.

- The Council raised several concerns, and Mr. Saenz has duly acknowledged them, actively pursuing viable solutions. He has pledged to convene with a representative on Wednesday to directly tackle these issues. Furthermore, he plans to deliver a comprehensive proposal to the Council during the upcoming meeting, outlining the precise steps he will implement to address and rectify the situation.

- Phase 2 will commence with Mr. Saenz spearheading the identification of streets in need of attention, as well as addressing any omissions from Phase 1. He will actively seek input from both employees and council members. Once a comprehensive roster of streets requiring attention is assembled, he will present it to the Council for thorough review and consideration.

3. The Spatz Water Well project is poised to be awarded to RL Jones pending approval. However, due to procedural constraints, it cannot be greenlit in this report and must be deferred to the next meeting. It's worth noting that Spatz has experienced a hiatus of roughly six years.

8. Hondo Police Department Annual Report. (Justin Soza)

Chief Soza delivered the PowerPoint presentation as included in the agenda packet.

9. San Antonio Food Bank Report/Update. (Mario Obleda)

The Chief of Government & Public Affairs at San Antonio Food Bank, Mr. Obleda, graciously extends his gratitude to the City of Hondo for its outstanding leadership in facilitating our monthly presence at the Fairplex. Covering 29 counties, from San Angelo to Karnes City, including New Braunfels and all areas in between, your support has been instrumental. In 2019, we were feeding 58,000 individuals per week, a number that surged to 120,000 per week during the challenging times of COVID-19 in 2020. In 2023, our weekly outreach reached 90,000 individuals, and currently, we are serving 107,000 weekly. This

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remarkable progress wouldn't have been possible without the invaluable assistance of Jamie Kindred, Public Relations & Recreation Director for the City of Hondo, whose support at the Fairplex has been exceptional. Mr. Obleda highlighted the urgent need for the passage of the Federal farm bill to further aid food banks. For further information on programs and services provided, please visit safoodbank.org. Additionally, we collaborate closely with the Emergency Operations Center to provide assistance during natural disasters.

The Mayor extended heartfelt appreciation to the San Antonio Food Bank for their collaboration and consistent monthly presence in our city. We look forward to continuing this partnership and making a positive impact on the lives of our citizens each month.

PROCLAMATIONS

10. Proclamation for Hondo Public Library Day 2024 & Texas Municipal Library Director Association Award for 2023. (Mayor McAnelly)

Mayor McAnelly issued a proclamation to Elsie and her dedicated team, acknowledging their outstanding service to the library. Stressing the significance of community engagement, the Mayor urged citizens to join in the celebrations commemorating this significant milestone. Elsie and her four-member staff graciously accepted the proclamation, embodying the commitment to excellence in library services.

CONSENT

The Consent Agenda is considered self-explanatory and will be enacted by the Council with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless they are removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of the Mayor or a Council member.

Mayor McAnelly requested to pull item #11 for discussion, following the recommendation of the attorney.

Councilman Vela made a motion to approve items 12, 13, and 14; seconded by Council Member Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

12. Police Racial Profile report for January – December 2023 (Justin Soza)

13. Consideration and approval of the 1st Quarter Investment Report for FY 2024. (Chris Hill)

14. Consideration and approval of the 1st Quarter Financial Report for FY 2024. (Chris Hill)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

11. Consideration and approval of the January 22, 2024 & February 12, 2024 Regular City Council meeting minutes. (Rebekah Dolphus)

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Mayor McAnelly recommends the following changes to January 22, 2024 minutes:

- Page 55 of agenda packet, in the first paragraph on the page, the record vote on motion to table should reflect that Mr. Williams voted NAY.
- Page 58 of agenda packet on Item # 14, all references to Mayor need to be corrected to use masculine pronouns.
- Page 61 of agenda packet on Item # 14, all references to Mayor need to be corrected to use masculine pronouns.

Councilman Villa made a motion to approve Item # 11 with corrections stated above; seconded by Councilman Vela. Motion Passes unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

15. Discuss and consider possible approval of Ordinance 1283-02-24 authorizing the issuance of the City's Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$11,300,000; providing payment thereof by the levy of an Ad Valorem Tax and further secured by a lien of the pledged revenues of the system; and other matters in connection therewith (John Naron and Chris Hill)

Mr. Naron Introduced Andrew Friedman, Senior Managing Director at SAMCO Capital Markets, to address any inquiries.

Councilman Ytuarte made a motion to approve the Certificate of Obligation Ordinance 1283-02-24; seconded by Council Member Ramirez. Motion Passes unanimously.

The City Council of the City of Hondo convened into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

16. 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. Review and Consideration of payment dispute regarding Withum Consulting.

The City Council of the City of Hondo reconvened into regular session at 7:36 p.m.

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

No action taken.

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18. Adjourn.

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

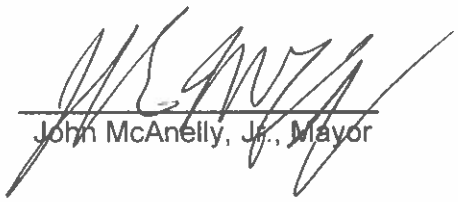
Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.

ATTEST:



Rebekah Dolphus
City Secretary


John McAnelly, Jr., Mayor