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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 8, 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., Councilman Brett Williams, Councilman Bobby Vela, Mayor Pro Tem Jose "Porky" Ytuarte, Council Woman Rachel Ramirez, Councilman John E. Villa

Staff Present: City Manager John Naron, City Attorney Richard Lindner, City Secretary Rebekah Dolphus, IT Administrator Josh Rodriguez, Public Relations & Recreation Director Jamie Kindred, Director of Aviation Ryan Elder, Chief of Police Justin Soza, Human Resources Manager Michele Thacker

3. Invocation by Pastor Mike Vasquez, Hondo Baptist 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.*

Elsie Purcell, 2106 Avenue G, Hondo, TX

- The Solar Eclipse Event was a remarkable collaboration between city employees and the library, showcasing the synergy and teamwork within our community. Numerous attendees who have frequented these types of events over the past year have echoed my sentiment, affirming that our staff is truly exceptional.

PRESENTATIONS

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

- Recognized Elsie and Library Staff on putting together Solar Eclipse Event.**
- Approximately 300 cars came to Solar Eclipse Event, roughly 3k in revenue.**
- Extended appreciation to Public Works for making lunch for all city staff.**
- Reminded everyone that the City closed at 12 so staff could contribute to Solar Eclipse Event**

Councilman Ytuarte expressed interest in receiving updates on the lights for the fields. Mr. Naron responded, mentioning that the project costs are expected to exceed \$50,000, requiring us to initiate a procurement process. Councilman Williams recommended

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distributing a plan for the project, while Mr. Naron suggested waiting for more accurate cost estimates before further discussion.

Councilman Ytuarte inquired about the public works report, to which Mr. Naron responded that Mr. Saenz, who oversees the report, is currently out of town.

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.

Councilman Villa made a motion to pull item #9 for discussion; seconded by Councilman Vela. Motion passes unanimously.

Councilman Ytuarte made a motion to approve items 7 and 8; seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Consideration and approval of the March 20, 2024 Special City Council Meeting/Budget Workshop minutes. (Rebekah Dolphus)

8. Consideration and approval of the March 25, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting minutes. (Rebekah Dolphus)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

9. Discuss and consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an office lease agreement with Diamond Aerospace. (Ryan Elder)

Mr. Elder informed the council that Diamond Aerospace has expressed interest in leasing office space in the MR-9, also known as the Big Hangar, located to the south and currently underutilized except for occasional military use. Diamond Aerospace operates as a Mobile Part 145 MRO and seeks to lease the space to maintain certification with the FAA. The proposed monthly rent is \$428.28/month for a year and option to renew. Total space of 498 square feet, leasing three out of four rooms, amounting to approximately \$0.86 per square foot. The usage of the hangar would be in addition to the lease cost.

Councilman Ytuarte made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an office lease agreement with Diamond Aerospace at the MR-9; seconded by Councilman Vela. Motion passes unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

10. Discussion and consider action possibly amending Ordinance 1284-03-24 Amending Chapter 5 "Business Regulations", Article 5.04 "Peddlers, canvassers, vendors and solicitors" of the city Code

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of Ordinances to establish procedures for the permitting of local charitable food vendor events. (John Naron)

Mr. Naron spoke about the local charitable food vendor events process to register being too stringent, 5.04.042(b). After discussion, it is Council wishes to take out wording allowing only certain number of events, take out B&C under 5.04.042(b)(1) and add ID to A, take out 5.04.042(b) (5)(6)(7), and get rid of the term peddler and vendor. Mr. Lindner, City Attorney, will bring back a separate ordinance addressing these concerns per Council direction.

No action taken.

11. Discuss and consider approving the Vehicle Surplus List for Disposition. (John Naron)

Mr. Naron informed Council the vehicles listed have already been placed on GovDeals with no avail. We have an individual that is willing to take vehicles for an average of \$1000/vehicle.

Councilman Ytuarte made a motion to approve Vehicle Surplus List for Disposition; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

12. Discuss Ordinance 1197-04-19 to clarify and possibly revise provisions related to delinquent payments, disconnection, and collection fees. (John Naron)

Mr. Naron proposed a staff recommendation to amend Section 1 F. to say "prior to 9:00 a.m. on the twenty-sixth (26) day". This change aims to address instances where individuals are being charged a reconnection fee despite not being disconnected, particularly for payments made after hours. Councilman Ytuarte noted that this issue was previously discussed in a July 2021 meeting. Mr. Lindner, City Attorney, agreed to revise the ordinance based on the Council's preferences and bring it back for further discussion and approval.

No action taken.

13. Discuss and consider purchasing a field line marking robot. (John Naron)

Mr. Naron provided rationale for purchasing the robot, highlighting its potential benefits and associated costs. However, following a discussion, the Council collectively determined that the anticipated costs did not justify the investment.

No action taken.

The City Council of the City of Hondo convened into Executive Session at 6:54 p.m.

14. 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

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Security Devices), or Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations); Section 551.086 (Meeting concerning municipally owned utility-competitive matters);

- a. Airport Hangar No. 2 Lease
- b. Airport "BIG" Water Lease
- c. Discuss SRO contract for 2024-2025 school year with Hondo ISD.

The City Council of the City of Hondo reconvened into regular session at 7:47 p.m.

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

Councilman Vela made a motion for City Attorney Mr. Lindner to proceed as instructed on Airport Hangar No. 2 Lease Agreement; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

Councilman Williams made a motion to direct the City Manager to go out for bids on the Airport "BIG" Water Lease with no minimum; seconded by Councilman Ytuarte. Motion Passes unanimously.

16. Adjourn.

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

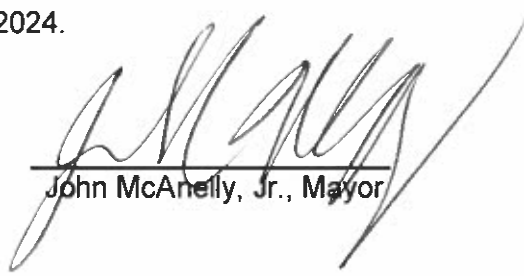
Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF APRIL 2024.

ATTEST:



Rebekah Dolphus
City Secretary



John McAnelly, Jr., Mayor