

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 10, 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 Joe Claire, Mayor Pro Tem Jose “Porky” Ytuarte, Council Woman Rachel Ramirez, Councilman John E. Villa

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager John Naron, City Attorney Richard Lindner, Chief Financial Officer Chris Hill, City Secretary Rebekah Dolphus, IT Manager Josh Rodriguez, Public Relations & Recreation Director Jamie Kindred, Director of Aviation Ryan Elder, Police Chief Justin Soza, Development Services Manager Uche Echeozo, Human Resources Manager Michele Thacker, Programs & Events Coordinator Linda Valenzuela

3. Invocation by Mayor John McAnelly Jr.

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, Texas

- **Item 21, Closing & Conveying 15th Street between Avenue M & Avenue N**
- **T.A. Lopez Park**
- **Streets**
- **Street Sweeper**
- **Lack of Cooling Center**

PRESENTATIONS

6. Presentation of a plaque from the American Red Cross to the City of Hondo for being “Community Partners”. (Debbie Zabica, Hill Country Chapter Executive Director of the American Red Cross)

Ms. Zabica presented a plaque to the City of Hondo, which was accepted by City Manager John Naron, the staff, the Mayor, and the City Council.

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7. Home Program process, success, and what to expect in the future. (Lacie Koska, Langford Home Program Project Manager & Karen Walker, Langford Home Program Team Manager)
Ms. Koska and Ms. Walker thoroughly explained the process, addressing and clarifying any questions or concerns the Council Members had.

8. Bluebonnet Children's Advocacy request for FY 2025 Non-Profit General Funds. (Edward Gentry, Executive Director Bluebonnet Children's Advocacy)
Mr. Gentry explained what the agency does and presented information provided to Council in agenda packet.

9. Medina County Museum request for FY 2025 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds & Non-Profit General Funds. (Frances Guinn, President Medina County Museum)
Ms. Guinn asked if there were any questions regarding the information provided in the agenda packet and answered the few inquiries.

10. Hondo Art League request for FY 2025 Non-Profit General Funds.
Ms. Danielle Bombek, Treasurer, presented the information and advised that they are striving to be more active in the community.

11. Medina County Meals on Wheels request for FY 2025 Non-Profit General Funds.
Ms. Sharayah Gonzales, Executive Director, presented the information and requested similar funding. She highlighted a 211% rise in food costs for 2022-2023 and a 111% rise for 2023-2024. She also emphasized the need for a congregate center.

12. Medina County Rodeo Association request for FY 2025 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds & Non-Profit General Funds.
Ms. Tina Upchurch, Treasurer, presented the information provided to Council in agenda packet.

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 Ytuarte moved to approve consent agenda; seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion passes unanimously.

13. Consideration and approval of the May 13, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting minutes.
(Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary)

14. Consideration and approval of the May 28, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting minutes.
(Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary)

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15. Consideration and approval of various appointments to Boards and Commissions. (Mayor McAnelly)

- Airport Advisory Board – Leo Green & Jorge Rivera
- Planning & Zoning Commission – Lynda Hook & Brenda Vavricek
- Economic Development Corporation – Roger Hernandez

16. Consideration and approval of City of Hondo Local Development Scheme: Envision 2040. (Uche Echeozo, Development Services Manager)

17. Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 428-24 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE BUILDING CONTRACTOR AWARD FOR THE HOME PROGRAM THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. (Jamie Kindred, Director of Public Relations & Recreation)

OTHER BUSINESS

18. Discuss and consider approval to purchase a new Hondo Police Department patrol unit. (Justin Soza, Chief of Police)

Mr. Soza proposed a budget amendment for this vehicle, utilizing unspent salary funds from FY 2024 due to not being fully staffed. The Council questioned whether this was for a replacement or a new unit. Mr. Soza is implementing protocols to document spending on repairs, mileage, etc., to better determine when new vehicles are needed. Currently, efforts are focused on improving the fleet. The vehicle will be purchased through cooperative buying with Silsbee Ford in Silsbee, TX, via The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS).

Councilman Ytuarte moved to authorize Chief Soza to purchase a 2024 Ford Police Interceptor Utility and these funds come from a budget amendment to current, approved, 2023-2024 Police Department budget; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

19. Discuss and consider approval on the City of Hondo Park security cameras project. (Justin Soza, Chief of Police)

Mr. Soza and Flock Safety presented information from the packet. The proposal includes six cameras at \$3,000 per camera per year, with a one-time implementation fee of \$7,500. The cameras will continuously capture data, which will be wiped after 30 days. Mr. Naron noted that these cameras could help reduce needle litter in parks and deter vandalism. Council members raised concerns and discussed options, to which the Chief responded. Additionally, the system can be utilized in other communities, providing us access to their footage.

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Councilman Williams moved to grant authority to the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Flock Safety for 6 cameras contingent on a 90 day no fee trial period; seconded by Councilman Ytuarte. Motion passes unanimously.

20. Discuss and consider authorizing staff to issue an RFP for construction of a new Airport sign located at Hwy 90 & Castro Ave. (Ryan Elder, Director of Aviation)

Mr. Elder presented the proposal from the packet, which includes a sign design. The Mayor suggested incorporating air, rail, and trucking instead of just air. The Airport Advisory Board recommended the current design. Mr. Naron mentioned leasing parts of the sign to up to 10 different entities, exploring various options.

Councilman Villa moved to authorize staff to issue an RFP for construction of a new Airport sign; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

21. Discuss and consider a request from the County abandoning, closing, and conveying 15th street between Avenue M & Avenue N. (John Naron, City Manager)

Mr. Naron presented packet information to council and addressed inquiries from the council members. Medina County Judge Lutz also addressed concerns.

Council Woman Ramirez moved to approve the request from Medina County to consider abandoning, closing, and conveying 15th street between Avenue M & Avenue N and authorize the City Manager & City Attorney to work together with Medina County and bring back an Ordinance and deed selling the property; seconded by Councilman Williams. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Councilman Williams, Councilman Claire, Council Woman Ramirez, Councilman Villa NAY: Councilman Ytuarte. Motion passes 4-1.

- Richard Lindner, City Attorney, asked for direction on appraisal of property. The consensus was to get an appraisal done to find fair market value of street.

22. Discuss Avenue V project, 22nd street up to Avenue U, and Phase 2 of street project. (John Naron, City Manager)

Avenue V project – A detailed review with department heads revealed the project cost exceeded \$3 million. The current plan prioritizes backups being caused by a portion of the collection system that has an improper slope. Two manholes will be repositioned and the slope corrected.

Avenue U – Mill and overlay repairs.

Phase 2 - Treat each year as Phase 1, allocating \$350-500k for maintenance. Use wedge milling and hot mix to preserve streets, addressing issues along the sides. The plan involves making streets drivable before asphaltting, creating a multi-year approach to tackle deferred maintenance.

The City Council of the City of Hondo convened into Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.

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23. 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);*

A. Discuss Airport BIG Water Lease.

The City Council of the City of Hondo reconvened into regular session at 8:32 p.m.

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

Councilman Claire moved to approve the City Manager to execute an agreement with William Lamon to lease Airport groundwater rights of 362.021 acre-feet per annum of base irrigation (BIG) Edwards Aquifer for year 2024 for a cost of \$30,771.79; seconded by Councilman Villa. Motion passes unanimously.

25. Adjourn.

Councilman Williams moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Villa. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

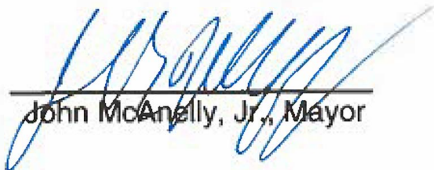
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY 2024.

ATTEST:



Rebekah Dolphus
City Secretary





John McAnelly, Jr., Mayor