

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 24, 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 Joe Claire, Mayor Pro Tem Jose “Porky” Ytuarte, Council Woman Rachel Ramirez, Councilman John E. Villa

Absent: Councilman Brett Williams

Staff Present: City Manager John Naron, City Attorney Michael McCann, City Secretary Rebekah Dolphus, IT Manager Josh Rodriguez, Public Relations & Recreation Director Jamie Kindred, Director of Public Works Rene Saenz, Executive Director of Hondo EDC Doug Dowler, Director of Marketing-BR&E Sean Patty, Development Services Manager Uche Echeozo, Human Resources Manager Michele Thacker

3. Invocation by Pastor Ty Fitzpatrick, God’s Country Fellowship 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.*

Michelle Garcia, 1603 13th Street, Hondo, Texas

- **June is Arthrogryposis Awareness Month**
- **Handicap pool chair & no handicap restrooms at pool**
- **Handicap Awareness around the City of Hondo**

Jose Garcia, 1603 13th Street, Hondo, Texas

- **Handicap parking near City Hall**
- **Handicap accessibility at schools**
- **Handicap Awareness around the City of Hondo**

PRESENTATIONS

6. Presentation and recognition of the public service rendered by Bobby Vela as City Council Member Place 2. (Mayor McAnelly)

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Mayor McAnelly recognized Mr. Vela for his six years of service, expressing gratitude and emphasizing the value of each Council Member's contributions.

7. Hondo Area Chamber of Commerce request for FY 2025 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds. (Jena Prevo, Executive Director Hondo Area Chamber of Commerce)

Ms. Prevo presented a packet to City Council detailing the events they support and the costs involved. She requested an \$18k increase due to inflation, noting the last increase was in 2017.

8. Medina County Junior Livestock show request for FY 2025 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds. (Craig Luedke, President Medina County Livestock Show)

Mr. Luedke was absent. City Council discussed the packet information and anticipated a future budget presentation.

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 from the Consent agenda. The request was made without objection, item moved to Other Business for discussion.

Council Woman Ramirez moved to approve items 9 & 10 on the Consent agenda; seconded by Councilman Ytuarte. Motion passes unanimously.

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

- Planning & Zoning Commission – Theresa Rivera

10. . Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 429-24 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT IN ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DOE GRID RESILIENCE GRANT (GRG) PROJECT AND COMMITTING THE CITY TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS TO SECURE AND COMPLETE THE DOE GRID RESILIENCE GRANT. (Olivia Hancock, Assistant Finance Director)

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Consideration and approval of Hondo Economic Development Corporation By-Laws. (Doug Dowler, Executive Director Hondo EDC)

Mayor McAnelly expressed his preference for no term limits, citing the value of accumulated knowledge and the time required for accomplishments. Mr. Dowler addressed Council members' questions, clarifying that EDC's scope of work remains unchanged and all by-laws comply with state statute.

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Mr. Dowler will present the Mayor and Council's recommendations to the EDC Board. Once approved, he will bring them back to City Council for final approval.

12. Discuss and consider authorizing Public Works Department, streets division, to purchase a 2024 Case front-end loader using the asphalt zipper as trade in credit. (Rene Saenz, Public Works Director & Adam Zapata, Streets Superintendent)

Mr. Saenz advised that the current 16-year-old loader should be replaced after 10 years or 100k usage. He wants to use the Zipper as a \$50k credit towards the purchase, which is better than the highest offer of \$27.5k. In response to a Councilman Villa inquiry, he noted the Zipper was purchased in 2014-2015 for \$185k. It is underutilized, damages the loader, and mills too deep for the City of Hondo.

Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve and authorize the purchase of a 2024 Case 521G front-end loader for an amount of \$121,264.25 and use the asphalt zipper as trade in credit; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

13. Discuss and consider action to join the proposed Medina County Regional Water Alliance for projects such as aquifer storage and recovery (Mayor McAnelly)

Mayor McAnelly explained the purpose and addressed inquiries, noting this is an effort to assess the feasibility of procuring future sources. Our portion of the feasibility study is \$16,346.58, contributing to a total of \$92k shared among all entities.

Councilman Ytuarte moved to proceed with the Interlocal Agreement establishing the Medina County Regional Water Alliance; seconded by Councilman Villa. Motion passes unanimously.

14. Discuss options for broadcasting City Council meetings.

Mr. Naron highlighted cons such as security, Open Meetings Act issues, and the difficulty of accessing past recordings on Facebook. Mr. Villa noted higher viewership on Facebook and complaints about its removal, emphasizing that Facebook is free. The Council wants justification and exploration of why streaming can't be on both Facebook and BoxCast or just Facebook. Mr. Naron stated he will provide information on security concerns, cost savings, and different options so that it can be discussed at a later meeting.

15. Public Hearing and consider action on Ordinance 1290-06-24 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE WATER CONSERVATION PLAN AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN; ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS OF CERTAIN WATER USES; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF AND PROVISIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RESTRICTIONS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING VARIANCES; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Jeremiah Socarras, Water Superintendent)

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A. Open Public Hearing

Public Hearing opened at 7:37 p.m.

B. Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes per person)

No public comments

C. Close Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

D. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 1290-06-24

Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve Ordinance 1290-06-24 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE WATER CONSERVATION PLAN AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN; ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS OF CERTAIN WATER USES; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF AND PROVISIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RESTRICTIONS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING VARIANCES; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

16. Discuss infrastructure damage and customer complaints attributed by Rise Broadband. (John Naron, City Manager)

Per Mr. Saenz, 5000 linear feet remaining, Councilman Ytuarte expressed frustration about infrastructure neglect, citing a recent fire hydrant incident that was only addressed after he intervened. The Mayor noted other cities face similar issues, and negotiations with attorneys for compensation are ongoing. Mr. Naron stated the city has provided maximum assistance, but customers must address contractors directly for property damage. He advised reporting problems to the city to determine if they are related to infrastructure.

17. Discuss and consider action on Hondo Beer Market Specific Use Permit.

Mr. Naron stated that several Council Members requested this agenda item and he is seeking direction on the next steps. Councilman Ytuarte proposed an annual review of permits and wanted to start immediately, though the attorney advised no action could be taken today and that proper protocols and procedures must be followed. Councilwoman Ramirez emphasized transparency and addressing citizen concerns. The city attorney will explore enforcement options, and Mr. Naron will discuss using off-duty officers for security instead of bouncers with the owner. Councilman Ytuarte also suggested installing cameras. Councilman Claire inquired about tracking responsibility, and Mr. Naron indicated it falls to the Chief of Police and Development Services.

18. Adjourn.

Councilman Villa moved to adjourn; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

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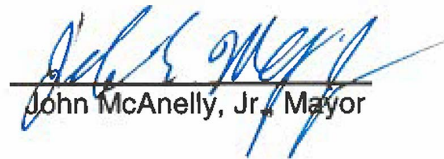
Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY 2024.

ATTEST:



Rebekah Dolphus
City Secretary


John McAnelly, Jr., Mayor