

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 23, 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, City
Secretary Rebekah Dolphus, IT Manager Josh Rodriguez, Public Relations &
Recreation Director Jamie Kindred, Director of Public Works Rene Saenz,
Development Services Manager Uche Echeozo, Human Resources Manager
Michele Thacker**

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.*

Florestela Gonzales, 1002 Avenue S, Hondo, TX

- Animal Advisory Board

- Animal Shelter now requesting that an appointment be made to go inside.

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 items 6 and 7 on the Consent agenda;
seconded by Councilman Villa. Motion passes unanimously.**

6. Consideration and approval to sell City of Hondo surplus equipment and seized vehicles awarded to the Hondo Police Department. (Justin Soza, Chief of Police)

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

- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – Cy Barr

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Discuss and consider sporting events, fees, and seasonal programming in the City of Hondo. (Councilmen Ytuarte and Williams)

Mr. Naron began by expressing surprise, stating he thought the matter had already been addressed and encouraged any further questions if needed. Mr. Ytuarte explained that parents had reached out to him with concerns about reduced game schedules, citing staff shortages as the reason, though the fees remained unchanged. Mr. Naron noted that enrollment had increased by approximately 40 kids, but the schedule had been reduced by one game. Participants still receive t-shirts and jerseys, though rising costs are a factor. The program now includes 3rd and 4th graders. Mr. Ytuarte added that the Sports Manager had been unresponsive to inquiries. Council suggested that next year, the length of the season and associated fees should be reviewed, possibly excluding participation from other towns. Mr. Naron concluded by highlighting the excellent work of the recreation department.

9. Discuss and consider action on amending future City Council dates that conflict with Holiday schedule. (John Naron, City Manager)

Councilman Villa moved to reschedule the Monday November 11th, 2024 City Council meeting to Tuesday November 12th, 2024; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

10. Discuss and consider action on replacing Water Department Vactron. (John Naron, City Manager and Jeremiah Socarras, Water Superintendent)

Mr. Naron explained that both units are aging, and maintenance costs for one are now around \$25,000/year, making replacement a more cost-effective option. He emphasized that it's difficult to keep up with leaks when the equipment is frequently down for repairs. Mr. Villa questioned why this wasn't included in the recently approved budget. After some discussion, Mr. Saenz, the Public Works Director, clarified that the item was initially maintained and removed from the "want" list but has worsened significantly over the past few months. The funding would come from the water fund balance, which currently covers 280 days of operations.

Councilman Williams moved to approve the purchase of a Water Department Vactron Trailer for an amount not to exceed \$98,236.75; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

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The City Council of the City of Hondo convened into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

11. 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 a Real Property offer.

The City Council of the City of Hondo reconvened into regular session at 6:51 p.m.

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

Councilman Claire moved to reject the offer from TXDOT to purchase 2304 Avenue E, Hondo, Texas 78861; seconded by Councilman Ytuarte. AYE: Claire, Ytuarte, Villa. NAY: Williams, Ramirez. Motion passes 3-2.

13. Adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

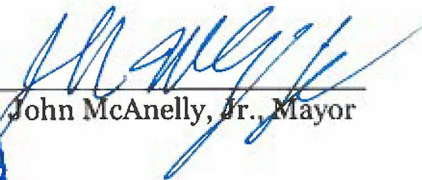
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

ATTEST:



Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary





John McAnelly, Jr., Mayor