

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 12, 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 Mike McCann, City Secretary Rebekah Dolphus, IT Manager Josh Rodriguez, IT Support Specialist Pauline Martinez, Public Relations & Recreation Director Jamie Kindred, Development Services Director Uche Echeozo

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

No citizens’/public comments.

PRESENTATIONS

6. City Manager’s Report

A. 2023 Certificate of Obligation Bond project update

- Baseball Fields: 75% complete; lights for all three fields ordered and installation scheduled for early 2025. Plumbing in the red building is being installed for restrooms and a possible concession stand.

- Fair Hall: Interior work nearly complete; A/C project is 35% done due to scheduling conflicts. \$100K remains to prioritize projects outside of the Fair Hall.

- Facilities/Parks: Excellent performance, completing a \$75K estimate project for \$16K.

- Airport: Reconstructor project is in progress; airport improvements are complete.

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- Water Projects: Ground storage tank will be repaired instead of replaced; electrical work for Well #2 is in progress and under budget. Water rights purchase replacement is under consideration due to the current cost of \$11,000 per acre-foot.

- West Side Trunk Main: Engineering is 70% complete, with work expected to begin in March or April 2025.

B. 2024 Christmas Decorations

The Christmas tree has grown to 20 feet with plans for it to eventually grow to 40 feet. The tree is located between the administration building and the courthouse, with plans to close down the street during the holiday season for festivities.

C. Employee Town Hall Meeting

Held four non-supervisor employee meetings in groups of 25 to gather feedback and ideas about the City. Employees expressed appreciation for job flexibility, camaraderie, and enjoying their work environment and colleagues.

D. Curative Health Insurance update

The new insurance plan is performing as advertised, with overall positive feedback. Benefits include \$0 copays, deductibles, and pharmaceutical costs.

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 7 and 8 on the Consent agenda; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Consideration and approval of the October 14th, 2024 Regular City Council minutes. (Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary)

8. Consideration and approval of the Hondo Public Library 2024-2028 Long Range Plan. (Elsie Purcell, Library Director)

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Discuss and consider action on amending and/or canceling future City Council meeting dates. (John Naron, City Manager)

Mr. Naron suggested canceling the December 23, 2024, meeting, as has been done in the past. Councilman Williams inquired if there were any pressing matters. The Mayor noted that a meeting could be called if needed.

Councilman Ytuarte moved to cancel December 23rd, 2024 City Council meeting; seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion passes unanimously.

Councilman Williams moved to cancel November 25th, 2024 City Council meeting; seconded by Councilman Villa. Motion passes unanimously.

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The City Council of the City of Hondo convened into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m.

10. 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 property for possible future Real Estate purchase.

The City Council of the City of Hondo reconvened into regular session at 6:32 p.m.

11. Discuss and consider appropriate action on items resulting from Executive Session.
No action taken.

12. Adjourn.

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

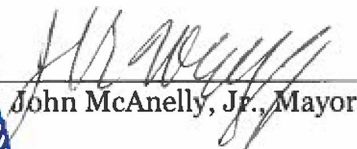
Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

ATTEST:


Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary




John McAnelly, Jr., Mayor