

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 13, 2025 @ 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 Support Specialist Pauline Martinez, Public Relations & Recreation Director Jamie Kindred, Development Services Director Uche Echeozo, Chief of Police Justin Soza, Assistant Chief Aaron Garza

3. Invocation by Pastor Beverly Kelling, St. Paul Lutheran 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.*

Florestela Gonzales, 1002 Avenue S, Hondo, TX

- The City Council amended Animal Control to Animal Care Services several years ago. However, it was noted that the shelter is still being referred to as Animal Control during calls, prompting an inquiry into why the updated name is not being used.

**- Animal Care Services Advisory Board
Chavel Lopez, 1002 Avenue S, Hondo, TX
- City Departments Recycling**

PRESENTATIONS

6. Present Hondo Police Departments 2024 Officer of the Year. (Justin Soza, Chief of Police)
Mr. Soza introduced Officer of the Year, Francisco Lopez, and shared remarks highlighting his exceptional dedication and outstanding performance as an officer.

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7. Present Comprehensive Plan 2040 Steering Committee Members. (Uche Echeozo, Director of Development Services)

Mr. Echeozo introduced the members, noting that the group is intended to have nine members, but it will proceed with eight for now. If an additional member is identified, they will be brought forward.

Makenna Lange – Planning & Zoning

Kevin Gear II – Business Community – Developer

Ashlie English – Resident Local – Youth

Brenda Vavricek – Planning & Zoning

Billie Bell – Hospital District

Karissa Gonzalez – Resident Local – Self Employed

Rose Mary Mares – School District

David Hook – Resident Local - Retired

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 moved to approve items 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 on the Consent agenda; seconded by Councilman Ytuarte. Motion passes unanimously.

8. Consideration and approval of the October 28, 2024 Regular City Council minutes. (Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary)

9. Consideration and approval of the November 12, 2024 Regular City Council minutes. (Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary)

10. Consideration and approval of the December 9, 2024 Regular City Council minutes. (Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary)

11. Consideration and approval to join the proposed Medina County Regional Water Alliance for projects such as Aquifer Storage and Recovery. (Mayor McAnelly)

12. Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 443-25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, PROVIDING NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 5; TO BE HELD JOINTLY WITH HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ON MAY 3, 2025. ESTABLISHING EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS AND POLLING PLACES FOR THE ELECTION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY SECRETARY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEDINA COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION. (Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary)

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OTHER BUSINESS

13. Present, discuss, and consider action on Medina County Central Appraisal District's purchase and renovation of The Ridge Building at 728 18th Street, Hondo, Texas. (Johnette Dixon, Medina County Chief Appraiser & Jody Jacobs)

Mr. Jacobs, Vice-Chair of the Medina County Central Appraisal District (CAD), addressed the Council regarding the CAD's need for a new facility. He noted that the county population has grown from 51,000 in 2020 to a projected 56,000 in 2025, with 500-800 homes being added annually. The CAD, which has operated at its current location on Avenue K since 1981, employs 11 staff members and anticipates needing at least two additional employees by 2030.

Mr. Jacobs explained that the County is informally requiring CAD to relocate. The issue has been discussed for several years but lacked urgency. CAD currently pays \$3,500 per month in rent to the County and does not have a dedicated Appraisal Review Board (ARB) room. A new facility is under contract and in the feasibility study period. Approval from $\frac{3}{4}$ of the 26 taxing entities is required. The proposed 20-year loan includes a monthly payment of \$10,000, with the City's share approximately increasing by \$1,700 annually. The total project cost is estimated at \$1.6 million, with a \$500,000 down payment.

Ms. Dixon explained that CAD funding is based on contributions from 26 entities, determined by their percentage of the total tax levy. The Mayor and Council expressed support, but no action was required at this time.

14. Discuss and consider action on authorizing the purchase of a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor SUV. (Justin Soza, Chief of Police)

Councilman Williams moved to approve the purchase for \$75,908.29; seconded by Councilman Villa. Motion passes unanimously.

15. Discuss and consider action on authorizing the purchase of a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor SUV for K9 Transport. (Justin Soza, Chief of Police)

Councilman Ytuarte moved to authorize the Chief of Police to purchase a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor SUV for K9 transport with in car camera system in the amount of \$81,703.76; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

16. Discuss and consider action on authorizing the purchase of shelving for 3 areas at the Hondo Public Library. (Elsie Purcell, Library Director)

Ms. Purcell explained why this is needed and how it will be funded.

Councilman Williams moved to approve the purchase of appropriate shelving for the Family Place, Junior/Young Adult, and Spanish Collection areas in the amount of \$16,765; seconded by Councilman Ytuarte. Motion passes unanimously.

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17. Adjourn.

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

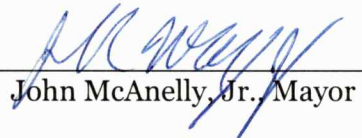
Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

ATTEST:



Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary


John McAnelly, Jr., Mayor