

**MINUTES:**

City of Hays City Council Meeting  
December 12, 2022  
6:30 P.M.

**LOCATION: 520 Country Lane**  
**ZOOM MEETING ID: 652 617 8786**  
**PASSWORD: 5DrX4H**

Those watching over ZOOM we cannot guarantee you will be able to comment and ask questions. We will be paying attention to those who are in attendance and cannot effectively simultaneously pay attention to those on ZOOM.

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. In attendance were Mayor Billy Maphies, Mayor Pro Tem Roxanne O’Neal, Councilmembers Candace Blake, Hannah Ballou, Tony Valdez and Glennell Strawn. City Attorney Veronica Rivers, and City Engineer Don Rauschuber were also present. City Treasurer Harvey Davis participated by Zoom.
  
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Comments will be taken from the audience on non-agenda related topics. The City Council will make no comments and take no action during Public Comments.  
Don Rauschuber told the council that the Public Hearing for the Galvant rezoning request will be held on January 9, 2023.
  
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Interview applicant(s) for the City Secretary job. **(This item may be taken into Executive Session under Code §551.074 (Personnel).**  
Barbara Dunham made a short presentation about her qualifications. She asked for a salary of \$30 an hour. The council went into executive session at 7:40 pm.
  
  - b. Consider and take appropriate action to hire a City Secretary or Interim City Secretary.  
The council returned from executive session at 8:02 pm. Hannah Ballou made a motion to prepare an offer and job description by December 30<sup>th</sup> and to give Ms. Dunham until January 6<sup>th</sup> to respond to the offer. Candace Blake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  
  - c. Receive update and take appropriate action regarding compensation of the City Treasurer. **(This item may be taken into Executive Session under Code §551.074 (Personnel).**

Roxanne O'Neal made a motion to pay the City Treasurer \$2,500 a month starting in December for the next three months. Tony Valdez seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

- d. Take action to approve minutes of meetings on 10/20/2022, 11/14/22, 11/21/22 and 11/30/22.

Glennell Strawn pointed out two spelling errors in the 11/30 minute. Hannah Ballou made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/14/22, 11/21/22 and 11/30/22 (the 10/20/22 minutes were not in the backup). Roxanne O'Neal seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

- e. Consider and take appropriate action on request to approve letter Agreement with Perales, Allmon & Ice, P.C. for legal services. If approved, take action to authorize the City Treasurer to pay a \$3,000 retainer and make the appropriate budget amendments.

Tony Valdez made a motion to approve the Agreement, to pay the retainer and to make the appropriate budget amendment. Roxanne O'Neal seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

- f. Receive and take appropriate action on the November financial report. Harvey Davis gave the council a summary of the report. No action was taken.

- g. Take appropriate action on request to approve Agreement with Hays CISD to hold a joint election in certain precincts on May 6, 2023.

Tim Savoy, Chief Communication Officer for the Hays ISD, gave the council a summary of how this Agreement has been done with the City of Hays for many years. The joint election saves the City of Hays nearly \$1,000 per year. Roxanne O'Neal made a motion to approve the Agreement. Candace Blake seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

- h. Receive report about the May 6, 2023, city election process. Harvey Davis told the council that the start date for filing for city council is January 18, 2023, and the end date is February 17, 2023.

- i. Consider and take appropriate action on Frontier Communications proposal to install fiber optic-high speed internet cable within and through the City of Hays. Don Rauschuber gave a summary of Frontier's plans to install fiber optic cable. He will give them information about water lines and drainage. Later a license agreement will be negotiated.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- j. Receive update and take appropriate action on the status of negotiations with Milestone and Hays Commons Development Agreement. **(This item may be taken into Executive Session under Code §551.087, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations exception or §551.071, Advice of Counsel exception.)**

The council went into Executive Session at 8:10 pm and returned to the open meeting at 8:23. The Knight Law firm is to share all needed information with the new attorneys.

- k. Receive update on well #1 repairs or replacement.  
Don Rauschuber gave the council a brief update.
- l. Receive committee updates, including chairs and members. (Grants, Policy and Procedures, Hays Commons Development).  
No action was taken

6. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm



Mayor Billy Maphies



Harvey Davis, City Treasurer