

MINUTES:

City of Hays City Council Meeting

October 7, 2024

6:30 P.M.

**LOCATION: 520 Country Lane
BUDA, TEXAS 78610**

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance in addition to Mayor Davis, were Mayor Pro Tem Lydia Bryan-Valdez (Zoom), Councilmembers, Candace Blake, Tony Valdez, Dr. Gayle Hudgens, Attorney Josh Katz (Zoom), City Engineer Don Rauschuber (Zoom), and City Secretary Cynthia McCall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Heather Shaw talked about the problems the neighbors have with her animals. She has taken a proactive stance to the problem to make it a better situation, and it was suggested that the complaints should come to Mayor Harvey.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a.) Receive and take appropriate action to approve the September 2024, financial report.

Did not have report handouts at the council meeting. Mayor Davis stated the reserves are larger than last year and based on a yearly cash basis.

b.) Take action to approve the minutes for September 9, 2024

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hudgens to approve the September 2024, financial report and was seconded by Councilwoman Blake. Motion carried unanimously.

c.) Take action to sponsor a fall clean-up day.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Blake to sponsor the fall clean-up day on Saturday, November 16 and Councilwoman Hudgens seconded. Motion was made unanimously.

d.) Take action to accept or reject the request from Roxanne O'Neal to resign her council seat.

Motion made by Councilman Valdez to accept request for Roxanne O'Neal to resign her council seat and Councilwoman Blake seconded. Motion was made unanimously.

e.) Discuss, consider, and possibly take action to appoint council member to fill vacant seat on city council.

Councilwoman Blake nominated Tom Lemman, who is actively involved in the community to fill the vacant seat on the city council. Councilwoman Hudgens seconded the motion and the Council voted 4-0 and he was sworn in as Place 5 on the Council.

f.) Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve an Administrative Regulation Self-Certification of Increased Micro-Purchase Threshold.

Motion made by Councilman Valdez to approve Administrative Regulation Self-Certification of Increased Micro-Purchase Threshold and Councilwoman Blake seconded. Motion was made unanimously.

g.) Receive update and take appropriate action regarding Sub-Grant Award DR4485, TexasCovid-19 Pandemic (Project Title: City of Hays Tanglewood and Elliott Pump Station Generators).

Courtney Nelson, grant writer to manage this plan and will work on grant as soon as she gets all the material. City Engineer Rauschuber will update GAANT Chart for the three projects and forward them to Mayor Davis.

h.) Receive update and take appropriate action concerning a community Christmas Party.

Motion to accept December 7, 2024 for the Christmas Party and put in Hays Happenings was made by Councilwoman Hudgens and seconded by Councilman Lemman. Motion was made unanimously.

- i.) Receive update and take appropriate action regarding changes to the water fee schedule.**

Motion was made by Councilman Valdez to approve the schedule changes in the proposed water fee schedule and Councilwoman Hudgens seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.

- j.) Receive update and take appropriate action concerning a Request for Qualification (RFQ) for a City Engineer.**

City Engineer Rauschuber will process a RFQ and send an email to the RFQ Committee.

- k.) Receive update and take appropriate action concerning violations of the City Code.**

No update.

- l.) Receive update and take appropriate action regarding hiring a grant writer for the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) current funding opportunities.**

Mayor Pro Tem Bryan-Valdez has a meeting with grant writer Courtney Nelson this week.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:52 p.m., the Council convened in executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 to deliberate upon and seek legal advice pursuant to Section 551.071(Consultation with an Attorney).

- m.) Receive updates and take appropriate action regarding Hays Commons**

Development Application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to create a Municipal Utility District within the City of Hays's former ETJ.

At 7:06 p.m., the Council reconvened, and the below business (n).

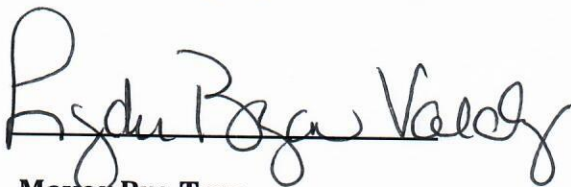
m.) No action taken at this time.

n.) **Receive updates and take appropriate action regarding on proposed Well #3 on Country Lane.**

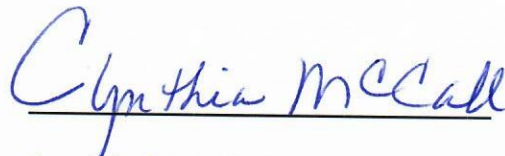
City Engineer Rauschuber stated he sent two sets of plans to two separate drillers, Hydro Water Solutions and Bee Caves Drilling. Expect all proposals to be in by next week and at that time summarize the proposals and present to the Council. City Engineer Rauschuber suggested a committee to be set up to look at the proposals that come in regarding Well #3. Motion was made by Councilwoman Blake to form a committee, consisting of Councilman Valdez, Mayor Davis, Councilwoman Hudgens, and City Engineer Rauschuber, to look at the proposals that come in regarding upgrades to Well #3 on Country Lane. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.



**Mayor Pro Tem
Lydia Bryan-Valdez**



Cynthia McCall, City Secretary