

## **MINUTES:**

City of Hays City Council Meeting  
November 18, 2024  
6:30 P.M.

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

### **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Davis gave a heartfelt remembrance of his most memorable times with his wife, Dr. Gayle Hudgens. One of his most memorable times with Gayle were their Volunteer Peasants in Hope New Mexico. He also read a love letter that he had written her. She will truly be missed by Mayor Davis and all of the City Council, Staff and the City of Hays.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a.) **Take action to approve the minutes for the October 7, 2024 City Council meeting and both Special City Council meetings, held on October 22, 2024, and October 28, 2024.**

Motion was made by Councilman Valdez to approve the minutes for October 7, 2024 and both Special City Council meetings, held on October 22, 2024 and October 28, 2024 with the added revisions. Councilwoman Blake seconded the Motion and all three Councilmembers voted unanimously and Mayor Pro Tem Bryan-Valdez abstained.



- b.) Receive update on the fall clean-up which was held on Saturday, November 16, 2024.**

Suggestions by the Council were to have a list of Standard Operation Procedures, locks for the bins and a volunteer list.

- c.) Discuss, consider, and possibly take action to appoint a council member to fill vacant seat Place 2 on the City Council.**

Kat Maerz and Rose McCorkle gave a brief speech on why they would be a good candidate to fill Place 2 seat on the City Council.

- d.) Receive update and take appropriate action concerning a community Christmas Party.**

Motion made by Councilwoman Blake that we indefinitely postpone the community Christmas Party and Councilman Valdez seconded. All three Councilmembers voted unanimously, and Mayor Pro Tem Bryan-Valdez abstained.

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

Table and add to next Council meeting.

- f.) Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Code Violations Enforcement Committee.**

Motion made by Councilwoman Blake to cancel the Code Violations Enforcement Committee and have Mayor Davis handle the complaints. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion, and all three Councilmembers voted unanimously and Mayor Pro Tem Bryan-Valdez abstained.

- g.) Review and take appropriate action on request to approve the proposed 2025 Holiday Schedule.**

Motion made by Councilman Lemman to observe the 2025 City of Hays Holiday Schedule and Councilman Valdez seconded. All three Councilmembers voted unanimously and Mayor Pro Tem Bryan-Valdez abstained.





- h.) Discuss and take appropriate action regarding City Councilmembers' pay increases.**

Motion made by Councilwoman Blake to accept attorney Katz' increase recommendation according to the law for the 2025-2026 year and seconded by Councilman Lemman. All three Councilmembers voted unanimously and Mayor Pro Tem Bryan-Valdez abstained.

- i.) Take appropriate action on request to approve an Agreement with the Hays CISD to hold a joint election in certain precincts on May 3, 2025.**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Blake to request approval of an Agreement with the Hays CISD to hold a joint election in certain precincts on May 3, 2025. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion and all three Councilmembers voted unanimously and Mayor Pro Tem Bryan-Valdez abstained.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

City Engineer Rauschuber reported that Bee Cave Drilling Company has executed the drilling services contract and will commence equipment and materials acquisition upon receiving down payment as set forth in their services contract. Bee Cave's first activity will be plugging the old Country Lane Well borehole. This activity should commence within the next two-week period. Bee Cave anticipates commencement drilling of the new Country Lane Well in the second week of December 2024. Once the City receives Bee Cave's anticipated work schedule, Mr. Rauschuber will update the Gantt Chart.

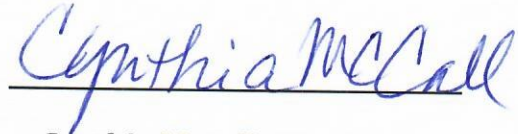


**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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**Mayor Pro Tem  
Lydia Bryan-Valdez**

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**Cynthia McCall, City Secretary**

