

AGENDA:

City of Hays City Council Meeting
March 10, 2025
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**

Mayor Harvey 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, Council members, Candace Blake, Tony Valdez, Tom Lemman, and Assistant City Manager, Christine Doan. City Engineer, Don Rauschuber, joined via Zoom. Rose McCorkle was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS –** Comments will be taken from the audience on agenda or non-agenda related topics. The City Council will make no comments and take no action during Public Comments. Presentations are limited to three minutes.

Resident Hannah Ballou shared a friendly reminder about being good neighbors by being mindful of your garbage. She shared that other neighbors' garbage has been repeatedly blown into her yard, creating a large mess for her to clean up.

Mayor Davis shared about the recent passing of a longtime resident, Leo Schwartz. He shared that Mr. Schwartz was a previous council member, and his service to the city is appreciated.

Mayor Davis also shared that he received an email from State Representative Erin Zwiener sharing bills that would impact the city. Many of the bills revolved around giving counties more authority to regulate water.

Mayor Davis shared an update regarding council member Rose McCorkle. She is in the hospital but hopes to be home soon.

Mayor Davis also announced that March Madness will be underway soon and that he will begin supporting Texas State athletics.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Take action to approve the minutes for the meeting on February 10, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryan-Valdez made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Councilmember Tony Valdez seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

- b) Receive and take appropriate action to approve the financial reports for January and February 2025.

The February report was not complete, but the January report is complete. Mayor Davis shared that \$68,427 has been spent on Country Lane Well #3. This is reflected as an expense, but it will be transferred to a fixed asset at the end of the year. Starting next month, Mayor Davis plans to begin researching the effects of the increase on water rates. No action is necessary.

- c) Consider and take appropriate action concerning a request to add a flow restrictor at Elliott Ranch.

Mayor Davis shared that there is a resident in Elliott Ranch who has used over 30,000 gallons of water every month for the last three months. PGMS has notified this resident of the overconsumption. Per the water tariff, the resident is set to have a flow restrictor added. Mayor Davis shared that he wished to inform the council of this before having the flow restrictor added. The council agreed to proceed with the flow restrictor as laid out in the water tariff.

- d) Receive, discuss and possibly act regarding fire prevention issues.

Fire Inspector Rodney Solis with the Buda Fire Department provided a presentation on fire safety. He shared that harsh winds paired with drought conditions have been creating the ideal environment for wildfires, and there have been wildfires in our county. He discussed the "Ready, Set, Go" initiative. He shared that the personal responsibility of keeping manicured lawns, removing excess firewood from nearby homes, and keeping decks cleared, trees trimmed, and dead leaves cleared greatly reduces the risks of fires.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- e) Receive updates and take appropriate action on the construction of Well #3 on Country Ln.

The city engineer has requested a close-out invoice from Bee Cave Drilling. The city engineer met with contractor Pat Lyle, who ordered the pieces to complete the well head. He also met with Pedernales Electric Co-op, which revamped the well meter and inspected the power. Completion is predicted to take another few weeks. No action is necessary.

- f) 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.

The city council retired to executive session at 6:46 PM.

The council reconvened from executive session at 7:04 PM.

After the executive session, Mayor Davis asked the council if they would like to make a motion. No motions were filed, and no action was taken.

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

Mayor Davis shared that the RFQ for the City Engineer committee has called references and is in the process of setting up interviews. To help move the process along, Mayor Davis recommended assigning the Mayor Pro Tem as the committee chair. Council member Blake made a motion to assign Mayor Pro Tem Bryan-Valdez as the committee chair. Council member Lemman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- h) Receive update and take appropriate action regarding the upcoming May 2025 city elections.

Mayor Davis shared that we have submitted all necessary information to the Hays County election clerk. A ballot was sent back, which was reviewed by the Mayor and Assistant city manager. We are all set for the upcoming election. Mayor Davis

shared that anyone qualified to vote in the city election can vote county-wide. No action necessary.

- i) Receive update and take appropriate action regarding the status of the City Secretary.

Mayor Davis spoke with the City Secretary who shared that she is hoping to return to work on April 1st. No action necessary.

- j) Receive update and take appropriate action regarding Stage 3 drought.

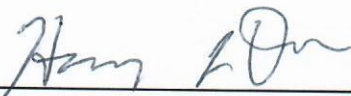
Mayor Davis confirmed that the Elliott Ranch over users are being correctly charged. Dee Wright, Elliott Ranch Liaison, shared that she will continue to share the importance of conserving water in their next meeting. No action necessary.

- k) Receive update and take appropriate action regarding the grant for new generators.

Mayor Davis shared that we do not have an update on this item. He advised that we need to complete the process of hiring a new engineer to make progress on the grant work associated with purchasing the generators.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Bryan-Valdez filed a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member Blake seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.



Mayor

Harvey Davis



Mayor Pro-Tem

Lydia Bryan-Valdez

