

AGENDA:

City of Hays City Council Meeting
May 12, 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, Rose McCorkle, Tom Lemman, City Secretary, Cynthia McCall, and Assistant City Manager, Christine Doan. City Engineers, Don Rauschuber and Tom Turk, joined via Zoom.

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 publicly commented on the city's upcoming clean-up day. She suggested that signs be posted with prohibited items and available hours for dumping and that the city purchase locks to discourage people from dumping prohibited items.

4. TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE CANVASSING OF THE MAY 3, 2025, ELECTION RESULTS.

Mayor Davis presented canvassing results and read Resolution No. 05122025-1 aloud to the council. The resolution details that Candace Blake ran unopposed for Place 1 and received thirty-three votes. Lydia Bryan-Valdez ran unopposed for Place 4 and received thirty votes. Tom Lemman and Kat Maerz ran for Place 5. Tom Lemman defeated Kat Maerz by receiving thirty-three votes to Kat's seven.

Councilmember Valdez made a motion to approve the canvassing results. Councilmember McCorkle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. SWEARING IN – SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Secretary, Cynthia McCall, swore in councilmembers Tom Lemman, Candace Blake, and Lydia Bryan-Valdez.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Take action to approve the minutes for the meeting on April 14, 2025.

Councilmember McCorkle made a motion to approve the April 14, 2025, meeting minutes. Councilmember Bryan-Valdez seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

- b) Receive and take action to approve the financial reports for April 2025.

The financial reports for April are still being prepared. This item will be taken up at the next meeting. No action was taken.

- c) Review and answer any questions regarding the city's outside audit.

Mayor Davis presented several figures from the financial audit. The city's cash balance increased by \$40,000 from 2023 to 2024. Capital assets increased by \$70,000 to fund a significant repair to the water system at Elliott Ranch. Water/sanitation sales decreased by \$40,000. To date, these sales have increased. Interest income increased by \$17,000. Interest income is expected to decline due to a reduction in interest rates. The financial audit is available for review on the city website.

- d) Receive update regarding the Oak Forest interconnect so they can complete a GST clean out at their plant.

There are no updates on this item. No action taken.

- e) Consider and take action to approve Mayor Pro-Tem.

Councilmember Blake moved to appoint Councilmember Bryan-Valdez as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember McCorkle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- f) Consider and take action to approve the appointment of a budget committee.

Mayor Davis shared that he hopes to increase property taxes to have sufficient funds to repair the considerable damage to our roads.

Councilmember Blake moved to appoint Mayor Davis, Councilmember Bryan-Valdez, Councilmember McCorkle, and Asst. City Manager Doan to a budget Committee. Councilmember Valdez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

City Engineer Don Rauschuber shared that he met with Bee Cave Drilling and closed out their contract. Bee Cave Drilling completed their work well under budget. Contractor Pat Lyle is still working to complete the well head. Several issues were encountered and worked through with PEC. The well head is projected to be completed within the next week or so.

- h) 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. There are no updates on this item. No action taken.

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

Council member Bryan-Valdez motioned to accept the RFQ committee's recommendation and enter into a contract with Freeland & Turk Engineering. The City Attorney, Joshua Katz, has reviewed all contract negotiations. Councilmember Blake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

Tom Turk requested that a transition meeting be scheduled.

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

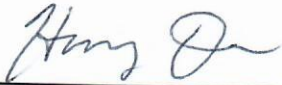
The Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer District shared that the recent rains have been enough to keep us in a stage 3 drought. No action was taken.

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

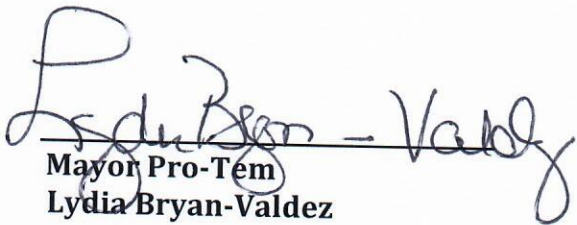
Mayor Davis shared that there is no update at this time. The city will consult with the new city engineer on this matter.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Bryan-Valdez recommended adjourning the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.



Mayor
Harvey Davis



Mayor Pro-Tem
Lydia Bryan-Valdez