

# CITY OF HARDIN

•142 CR 2010

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CITY MAYOR

HARRY JOHNSON

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CHRISTIAN GOODWIN

COUNCIL MEMBER #2

BRETT CLARK

COUNCIL MEMBER #3

TOMMY SMALL

COUNCIL MEMBER #4

DAVID MEADOWS

COUNCIL MEMBER #5

HARVEY FINLEY

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR CALLED MEETING - HARDIN CITY HALL

142 CR 2010 LIBERTY, TEXAS

FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Call meeting to order.

**Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm**

**Council Members present – Brett Clark, Tommy Small, David Meadows, Harvey Finley, and City Secretary – Patricia Johnson. Chris Goodwin arrived late at 7:20pm.**

**Not present was City Attorney – Matthew Gott.**

2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and the State of Texas.

3. Visitors to be heard. Public Comments: Agenda Items Only (Please hold comments to three (3) minutes).

4. Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Consider approving the Minutes for the Regular Called Meeting held January 9, 2023.

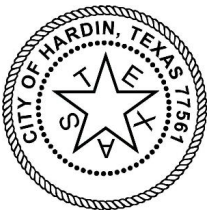
- **Brett Clark motioned to approve the minutes for the Regular Called Meeting held January 9, 2023.**
- **Tommy Small seconded the motion.**
- **All in favor.**

B. Consider approving the bills to be paid for February 2023

- **David Meadows motioned to strike the City of Liberty Overages bill, Invoice# CH 2023-01 for \$73,544.16, and to approve the remaining bills to be paid for February 2023.**
- **Brett Clark seconded the motion.**
- **All in favor.**

C. **Discuss and take action:** Renewal of Lawn Maintenance Contract with Ricky Sackett for 2023-2024. No rate changes were made.

- **Tommy Small made a motion to approve the renewal of the Lawn Maintenance Contract with Ricky Sackett for 2023-2024, with no changes to the rate(s).**
- **Brett Clark seconded the motion.**
- **All in favor.**



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- D. **Discuss and take action:** Citizen complaint regarding potholes on CR 2368, stating that they are bad and need to be repaired.
- Tommy Small made a motion to table this until next month.
  - Brett Clark seconded the motion.
  - All in favor.
- E. **Discuss and take action:** Milton “Tony” Ziriak has been having issues with sewer backing up into his house since he moved in back in 2005. He has made numerous complaints to the city and this issue has never been resolved. He wants something done to prevent this from happening anymore. His wife is ill and can’t continue to clean sewer from their bathroom floors when it backs up.
- Chris Goodwin made a motion to reiterate Mr. Ziriak’s options, as defined in the letter dated June 5, 2005. The City Secretary will create and send a new letter with Mayor Johnson’s signature on it, along with a copy of the previous letter.
  - Tommy Small seconded the motion.
  - All in favor.
- F. **Discuss and take action:** Barbara Brown would like a leak adjustment for her July 2022 bill and for 3 late fees to be waived. Late fees were assessed for August 2022, September 2022, & December 2022. She received a leak adjustment in June 2022, not knowing the leak would reflect on her July 2022 also. Late fees are \$30.00 and July 2022 leak adjustment would be \$24.00, totaling a credit of \$54.00 to her account, if approved.
- David Meadows made a motion to remove the late fees in the amount of \$30.00, and credit Ms. Brown’s account \$24.00 as a leak adjustment.
  - Chris Goodwin seconded the motion.
  - All in favor.
- G. **Discuss and take action:** Connie Tousha would like a leak adjustment for her December 2022 & January 2023 bills due to a pipe bursting during the freeze over Christmas weekend. Customer received a leak adjustment on July 7, 2022, for filling her pool. December bill adjustment would be \$21.50 and January 2023 bill adjustment would be \$135.71, totaling a credit of \$157.21 to her account, if approved.
- Discussion only: Die to lack of motion.

Item H was moved up the Agenda and discussed after Item A.

- H. **Discuss and take action:** Overages for the month of January were \$73,544.16. Council needs to discuss and agree to pull funds from CD account that matured on 2/11/2023 or pull money from General Fund.
- David Meadows made a motion to table this until next month.
  - Brett Clark seconded the motion.
  - All in favor.



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**I. Discuss and take action: City Sewer Issues:**

- 10182 Highway 146 N – Mr. Due Phan Tran – Need to install city side cleanout. Customer has complained of drainage issues since purchasing house in March 2022. Customer replaced 2" lines with larger ones, per IUO suggestion. Line was jetted by C&A Plumbing 11/8/2022 at a cost of \$1,437.50 and used 400' of line. Customer has been in twice since then complaining of backup into his home. Requested quote from IUO to install city side cleanout.
  - Brett Clark made a motion to table to next month, pending the quote from IUO for installing a city side cleanout.
  - David Meadows seconded the motion.
  - All in favor.

**J. Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Personnel Matters.**

Entered Executive Session at 7:45pm

1. Personnel Matters

Exited out of Executive Session at 8:00pm

**1. Reconvene into Regular Session:** Consider and Take Action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

- Chris Goodwin made a motion to approve a 3% (\$0.42) raise for the billing clerk, for her annual increase.
- Tommy Small seconded the motion.
- All in favor.

**5. Requests and announcements.**

- IUO Sewer Report
- Announcements by Mayor and Council
- Request by Council to place items on future agenda.

**6. Adjourn.**

- Tommy Small motioned to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.
- Brett Clark seconded the motion.
- All in favor.

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Passed and approved this 13th day of March 2023.

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Harry Johnson, Mayor  
City of Hardin, Texas