

CITY OF HARDIN

•142 CR 2010

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CITY MAYOR

HARRY JOHNSON

MAYOR PRO TEM

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

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - HARDIN CITY HALL

142 CR 2010 LIBERTY, TEXAS

JUNE 20TH, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Call meeting to order.

Mayor Johnson called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members present – Chris Goodwin, Brett Clark, David Meadows, and Harvey Finley. City Secretary – Patricia Johnson, 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 Regular Called Meeting Minutes from meeting held May 8th, 2023.

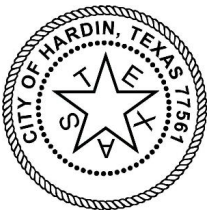
- Chris Goodwin motioned to approve the Regular Called Meeting Minutes from meeting held May 8th, 2023.**
- Brett Clark seconded the motion.**
- All in favor.**

B. Consider approving the Special Called Meeting Minutes from meeting held June 1st, 2023.

- Chris Goodwin motioned to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes from meeting held June 1st, 2023.**
- Brett Clark seconded the motion.**
- All in favor.**

C. Consider approving bills to be paid for June 2023.

- David Meadows motioned to approve the bills to be paid for June 2023.**
- Chris Goodwin seconded the motion.**
- All in favor.**



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D. Consider approving the financials for May 2023.

- **David Meadows motioned to approve the financials for May 2023.**
- **Brett Clark seconded the motion.**
- **All in favor.**

E. Discuss and take action: LJA Invoice 202311168 for \$9,000.00, under Project# E110-0010 – Wastewater Engineering Services for the City of Hardin – ARPA, needs to be approved for payment and signed by Mayor in order for Liberty to make payment.

- **Chris Goodwin motioned to approve Mayor Johnson signing off on LJA Invoice 202311168 for \$9,000.00.**
- **David Meadows seconded the motion.**
- **All in favor.**

F. Discuss and take action: Review the two bids received for a maintenance schedule on all 5 of the city's generators. Clifford Power offers a 99-point inspection and engine service once a year for \$3,182.40. Hardin Diesel and Machinery offer is \$4,645.11 which is one service per machine.

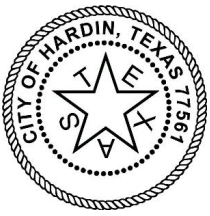
- **Tabled to July meeting**

G. Discuss and take action: Hookset Transportation laid concrete inside the building and installed a wash bay without obtaining a permit from the city. They were contacted and asked to comply with the city building permit ordinance. The account is also still in Russell Fairchild's name as a residential account with a senior discount and should be listed as a commercial account.

- **Tabled**

H. Discuss and take action: How to handle returned payments, as in checks, e-checks, & credit cards. Current ordinance only lists a \$35.00 charge for a returned Check.

- **Brett Clark motioned to no longer accept e-checks.**
- **Chris Goodwin seconded the motion.**
- **All in favor.**
- **Chris Goodwin motioned to have the ordinance changed to state if a customer has 2 NSF fees in a 6 month time period, their account will become cash or money order only for 6 months, and to change the NSF fee from \$35.00 to \$50.00.**



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- I. **Discuss and take action:** Changing the current sewer deposit of \$64.00 to \$150.00. If a customer moves and leaves a 2-month bill, the \$64.00 isn't enough to cover it and the city or property owner takes the responsibility of what is left.

- David Meadows motioned to change the sewer deposit from \$64.00 to \$150.00, effective on August 15, 2023.
- Brett Clark seconded the motion.
- All in favor.

- J. **Discuss and take action:** Citizen Complaints.

- CR 2365 needs to be repaired. There are several holes at the entrance from Hwy 146, and the rest of the road is eroding away. Estimate from Eloy to "overlay" the road from Highway 146 to Lift Station H driveway is \$11,201.00 for material only (if they can get it). Labor and equipment are not included.
 - Tabled to next month – Mayor Johnson will get with Greg Arthur to discuss.
- New resident states the ditches on CR 2356 are shallow with small culverts and are causing drainage issues. She would like to see the ditches cleaned and dugout soon.
 - Tabled – confirm if this is county or private road.
- Resident would like a payment drop box to be placed outside, allowing handicapped/disabled individuals to drive up and drop their payments instead of coming inside.
 - Discussion only – City Secretary will look into purchasing a sign to post in front of parking spaces to have residents with mobility issues call City Hall and someone will come outside to take the payment.
- Jonathan Fajkus has reported a hole in the road at CR 2352 & CR 2351. The culvert under CR 2351 has a hole in it. Mr. Fajkus believes it is from the water backing up due to ditches not being cleaned out. He would like to see the ditches cleaned out and this hole repaired.
 - Tabled to next month – Mayor Johnson will get with Greg Arthur to discuss repairing culvert and cleaning/digging out ditches.

- K. **Discuss and take action:** City Sewer Issues.

- CR 2364 in Section A – We need to figure out what is happening on Ms. Luckey's road. During rains, the manholes and cleanouts overflow with excessive force and take forever to drain back down to normal.
 - Discussion only.



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

No Executive Session.

- A. **Discuss and take action:** Approve Contract for Professional Judicial Services (Presiding Judge) between the City of Hardin and Joshua Fitzgerald, appointing him as City's Municipal Court Judge.
- Chris Goodwin made a motion to execute the Presiding Judge contract for Professional Judicial Services between the City of Hardin and Joshua Fitzgerald.
 - Brett Clark seconded the motion.
 - All in favor.
- B. **Discuss and take action:** Swear in Joshua Fitzgerald as the City of Hardin's Municipal Court Judge.

6. Requests and announcements.

➤ None

7. Adjournment

- Chris Goodwin motioned to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.
- Brett Clark seconded the motion.
- All in favor.

Passed and approved this 17th day of July 2023.

Signature on File

Harry Johnson, Mayor
City of Hardin, Texas