

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
JULY 17TH, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Call meeting to order.

Mayor Johnson called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Council Members present – Chris Goodwin, Brett Clark, David Meadows, Tommy Small 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 Special Called Meeting Minutes from meeting held June 20th, 2023.

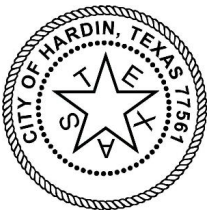
- **David Meadows motioned to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes from meeting held June 20th, 2023.**
- **Chris Goodwin seconded the motion.**
- **All in favor.**

B. Consider approving bills to be paid for July 2023.

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

C. Consider approving the financials for June 2023.

- **Brett Clark motioned to approve the financials for June 2023.**
- **Harvey Finley seconded the motion.**
- **All in favor.**



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- D. **Discuss and take action:** LJA Invoice 202313440 for \$21,735.00, 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.
- Brett Clark motioned to approve Mayor Johnson signing off on LJA Invoice 202313440 for \$21,735.00.
 - Tommy Small seconded the motion.
 - All in favor.
- E. **Discuss and take action:** Review Hardin Diesel and Machinery's bid for maintenance on the city's 5 generators, offering twice a year service for \$3,490.11 total.
- David Meadows motioned to approve and accept Hardin Diesel and Machinery's bid for \$3,490.11.
 - Tommy Small seconded the motion.
 - All in favor.
- F. **Discuss and take action:** Motion to rescind the first action taken on Agenda Item H of the June 20, 2023, Special Called Meeting, regarding returned payments and returned check fee.
- Brett Clark motioned to rescind the first action taken on Agenda Item H of the June 20, 2023, Special Called Meeting.
 - Harvey Finley seconded the motion.
 - All in favor.
- G. **Discuss and take action:** Motion to change the ordinance on the returned check fee of \$35.00 and eliminating the Payclix debit or credit card return fee of \$5.00, leaving only a Returned Payment Fee of \$50.00 to cover any type of returned payments.
- Chris Goodwin motioned to approve the \$50.00 returned payment fee, eliminating the Payclix debit/credit card return fee of \$5.00 and the returned check fee of \$35.00.
 - David Meadows seconded the motion.
 - All in favor.
- H. **Discuss and take action:** Motion to change the ordinance to state if any customer has 2 returned payments in a 6-month period, their account will be changed to cash or money order only for 6 months.
- David Meadows motioned to approve the change to the ordinance to state if any customer has 2 returned payments in a 6-month period their account will be changed to cash or money order only for 6 months.
 - Brett Clark seconded the motion.
 - All in favor.



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I. **Discuss and take action: Citizen Complaints.**

- 147 CR 2003 S – Ms. Myers would like the city to spray industrial strength weed killer in the ditches. After being dugout last year they are too deep to mow.
 - **Tabled**
- 450 CR 2358 – Mr. Setterbo states his culvert is clogged by concrete and would like the city to remove it so rainwater can drain.
 - **Tabled**

5. **Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Personnel Matters. Entered into Executive Session at 7:30pm**

- 1) Liberty vs Hardin Lawsuit

6. **Reconvene into Regular Session: Consider and take action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session. Reconvened into Regular Session at 7:56pm**

- 1) Liberty vs Hardin Lawsuit
 - **Nothing discussed**
- 2) Personnel Matters
 - **Chris Goodwin motioned to make changes in the Handbook, as discussed in Executive Session.**
 - **Brett Clark seconded the motion.**
 - **All in favor.**

7. **Requests and announcements.**

- a) Announcements by Mayor and Council
- b) Request by Council or Citizens to place items on future agenda.
 - Council would like Jimmie Flowers w/LJA to attend next council meeting.

8. **Adjournment**

- **Chris Goodwin motioned to adjourn at 8:00p.m.**
- **Brett Clark seconded the motion.**
- **All in favor.**

Passed and approved this 14th day of August 2023.

Original Signature on File

Harry Johnson, Mayor
City of Hardin, Texas