



CITY OF HARDIN

•142 CR 2010

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CITY MAYOR

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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
AUGUST 14, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Call meeting to order.

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

Council Members present – Chris Goodwin, Brett Clark, David Meadows, Tommy Small, and Harvey Finley, City Secretary – Patricia Johnson, and 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).

Mrs. Southerland addressed council regarding the mowing of ditches.

4. Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Consider approving the Special Called Meeting Minutes from the meeting held July 17, 2023.

- David Meadows motioned to approve the Special Called Meeting minutes from the meeting held July 17, 2023.
- Tommy Small seconded the motion.
- All in favor.

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

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

C. Consider approving the financials for July 2023.

- Chris Goodwin motioned to approve the financials for July 2023.
- Tommy Small seconded the motion.
- All in favor.

D. **Discuss and take action:** LJA Invoice 202317136, under Project# E110-0010 for \$12,000.00, needs to be approved for payment and signed by Mayor in order for Liberty to make payment.

- Chris Goodwin motioned to approve LJA Invoice 202317136 and for Mayor Johnson to sign.
- David Meadows seconded the motion.
- All in favor.



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E. **Discuss and take action:** Lana Webb would like city council to refund her disconnect fee of \$35 and any late fees, stating she didn't receive a bill in the mail or a phone call before she was disconnected.

- **Brett Clark motioned to refund the \$35 disconnect fee as a credit on her next bill.**
- **Harvey Finley seconded the motion.**
- **Tommy Small, David Meadows, and Chris Goodwin denied the motion.**

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

- **Samantha with USPS would like for the City of Hardin to clean and mow the ditches behind the post office, along CR 2003 N.**
 - **Died due to a lack of motion.**

5. **Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Personnel Matters. Entered at 7:38pm**

1) Liberty vs Hardin Lawsuit.

6. **Reconvene into Regular Session. Entered at 8:03pm**

1) Liberty vs Hardin Lawsuit.

- **Chris Goodwin motioned to approve the Find It Fix It Credit, Ordinance 2023-0814.**
- **Tommy Small seconded the motion.**
- **All in favor.**

2) **Personnel Matters.**

- **Chris Goodwin motioned to approve the Employee Handbook, Revised July 2023, with the change on page 9, Progressive Discipline Procedure, changing from "1st Verbal Warning (with written documentation)" to "1st Written Warning".**
- **Tommy Small seconded the motion.**
- **All in favor.**

7. **Requests and announcements.**

a. LJA Project Report

- **Jimmie Flowers with LJA provided an update on the current Liberty ARPA project and provided new base maps for city council to review.**

b. Announcements by Mayor and Council

c. Request by Council to place items on future agenda.

8. **Adjourn.**

- **Tommy Small motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.**
- **Brett Clark seconded the motion.**
- **All in favor.**

Passed and approved this 11th day of September 2023.

Original Signature on File

Harry Johnson, Mayor
City of Hardin, Texas