



CITY OF HARDIN

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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

REGULAR CALLED MEETING - HARDIN CITY HALL
142 CR 2010 LIBERTY, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 15TH, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Call meeting to order.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Council Members present – Chris Goodwin, Brett Clark, David Meadows, Tommy Small & Harvey Finley

City Secretary – Heather Tanner, City Attorney – Matthew Gott

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

Prayer Led By: Chris Goodwin

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 10, 2022.

- Brett Clark motioned to accept the minutes for the regular called meeting held January 10, 2022
- Tommy Small seconded
- All in favor

B. Consider approving bills to be paid for February 2022.

- Chris Goodwin motioned to pay the bills for February 2022 including the Police Officers.
- David Meadows seconded
- All in favor

C. Discuss and take action: Entergy has filed to have their renewable energy credit (REC) tariff approved by the PUCT. This rate will give customers an opportunity to essentially buy green power through this proposed rate filing. However, in order to promote consistent rates throughout our Texas service area we would ask you to deny our request in order for us to combine all of our cities' denials into one case before the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT).

- Chris Goodwin motioned to follow Entergy's request to deny the renewable energy terrif
- Tommy Small seconded
- All in favor



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- D. Discuss and take action: Contract with IMS for franchise fees.**
- Chris Goodwin motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign IMS contract for franchise fees – not to have lines more than 3' in the ground
 - Brett Clark seconded
 - All in favor
- E. Discuss and take action: Contract with Mr. Ricky Sackett Lawn care is up for renewal.**
- Tommy Small motioned to accept Mr. Sackett's mowing contract for 2022-2023
 - Brett Clark seconded
 - All in favor
- F. Discuss and take action: Using Safebuilt for the inspection process of buildings, mobile homes and sewer.**
Safebuilt will be joining the meeting via online/mobile.
- David Meadows motioned to table until March meeting
 - Brett Clark seconded
 - All in favor
- G. Discuss and take action: Replace the roof at city hall and fix the back door.**
- Chris Goodwin motioned to authorize \$16,000.00 from the TML insurance check to replace roof, back door and patio
 - David Meadows seconded
 - All in favor
- H. Discuss and take action: Citizen and city sewer issues.**
1. Mr. Ziriaux – CR-2005 is having issues with the sewer line. Requested IUO to camera test and jet line. Still waiting on repairs.
 - Chris Goodwin motioned to approve the fix for Mr. Ziriaux's cleanout for the amount of \$695.58 with the contingency of \$100.00
 - Tommy Small seconded
 - All in favor
 2. Mr & Mrs Montoya – CR 2006 is having issues with the sewer line. IUO ran the camera and jetted the line. The line is broken under the road and needs to be bored to fix. Council agreed to have line bored and fixed. Still waiting on repairs.
 - Discussion only
 3. MH on 2002 W has been jetted and fixed a few times but is still having issues. Need to figure out what to do to fix the issue.
 - Brett Clark motioned to approve camera testing not to exceed \$1500.00 with a contingency of \$100.00
 - Chris Goodwin seconded
 - All in favor
 4. Grinder A was awarded FEMA grant money in 2018 and was not fixed so need to repair and complete to close out project with TDEM.
 - Chris Goodwin motioned to table until March
 - Brett Clark seconded
 - All in favor



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- I. **Discuss and take action: IUO is notifying City of Hardin of a price increase.**
 - Chris Goodwin motioned to accept the price increase of 10% from IUO
 - Tommy Small seconded
 - All in favor

- J. **Discuss and take action: Motion to approve the recommendation of award for the Texas Department of Agriculture TxCDBG infrastructure improvements (Contract #7220181). Bids for this project were opened on December 16, 2021. The lowest qualified bidder was King Solutions with a bid amount of \$310,066.00 for the Base Bid Items Only. The construction grant funds available for this project are \$259,750.00. However, the city will need to contribute approximately \$50,316.00 in order to award the bid to King Solutions. Jimmy Flowers with LJA and John Reed will be joining via online/mobile.**
 - Chris Goodwin motioned to award the bid to King Solutions for contract #7220181 in the amount of \$310,066.00
 - Tommy Small seconded
 - All in favor

- K. **Discuss and take action: Purchase meters and install for Lift Stations to help maintain sewer infiltration.**
 - Chris Goodwin motioned to install meters from RPS on lift stations E, F, C, D & grinder A not to exceed \$50,000.00 to buy and install
 - Tommy Small seconded
 - All in favor

- L. **Discuss and take action: Sewer Ordinance updates.**
 - David Meadows motioned to table
 - Chris Goodwin seconded
 - All in favor

- M. **Discuss and take action: Approve letter for RV ordinance.**
 - Add section 2 of ordinance in letter
 - Add if you wish to view ordinance please see the city website
 - Chris Goodwin motioned to send out the letter for the RV ordinance
 - Brett Clark seconded
 - All in favor

- N. **Discuss and take action: Approve letter for Grease Trap Ordinance.**
 - David Meadows motioned to approve grease trap ordinance letter to be sent out
 - Brett Clark seconded
 - All in favor

- O. **Discuss and take action: Council member has requested a line item to discuss purchasing equipment for future digital meetings.**
 - Brett Clark motioned to table until March with more information on equipment
 - David Meadows seconded
 - All in favor



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P. Discuss and take action: Requesting proposals to have the City hire a firm to assist in acquiring municipal bonds.

- Chris Goodwin motioned to table until March
- Brett Clark seconded
- All in favor

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

➤ **Adjourn into executive session at 8:53pm**

1. Liberty vs Hardin sewer
2. Personnel Matters
3. Consultation with Attorney – possible litigation concerning violation of ordinances

➤ **Adjourn out of executive session at 9:36pm**

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

- Discussed – Liberty vs Hardin Law suite no motion
- Would like a job description for billing clerk for next budget meeting
- Tommy Small motioned to give a 3% pay increase equaling \$.33 cents to the billing clerk for 1 year of employment and stay part time.
- David Meadows seconded
- Chris Goodwin and Brett Clark approved
- Harvey Finley opposed

5. Requests and announcements.

- a. LJA announcements and report.
- b. Announcements by Mayor and Council.
- c. Request by Council to place items on future agenda.

6. Adjourn.

Chris Goodwin motioned to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

Passed and approved this 14th day of March 2022.

Harry Johnson, Mayor
City of Hardin, Texas