



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
MAY 10TH, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING / IN PERSON

1. Call meeting to order.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
Council Members present –Chris Goodwin, Brett Clark (via zoom), Tommy Small, David Meadows and 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.
(waived)

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 Minutes for Regular Called Meeting held March 08th, 2020.

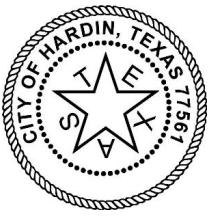
- **David Meadows made a motion to approve March 08th, 2021.**
- **Tommy Small offered a second.**
- **All in favor**

B. Consider approving Minutes for Regular Called Meeting held April 12, 2021.

- **Tommy Small motioned to approve minutes for April 12, 2021.**
- **David Meadows offered a second.**
- **All in favor**

C. Consider approving bills to be paid for May 2021.

- **David Meadows motioned to pay bills for May 2021.**
- **Tommy Small offered a second.**
- **All in favor**



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D. Mrs. Julie Terry would like to discuss – allowing partial payments on sewer accounts, 60days + before disconnect of sewer stated in ordinance. She would like the sewer ordinance changed.

- Discussion

E. Discuss and take action: Review the Sewer Ordinance.

- Chris Goodwin motioned to revise the Sewer Wastewater Ordinance 2014/03-01.2 Amended July 11, 2016– Section 10.0 Payment for Wastewater Service
 - (a) Each residential and commercial unit shall pay for wastewater service as set forth by city council in a schedule of fees. Partial payments can be arranged with the approval of the mayor.
 - (c) If the city does not receive full payment, including any late fee, for wastewater service from a residential or commercial unit, the city may terminate water services to the residential unit or commercial unit on the 1st Tuesday or Thursday of the month following the due date of the bill. Before termination of water service, the city shall call and or send a Notice of Disconnect for any past due amounts on or before the 20th day of the month.
- David Meadows offered a second.
- All in favor

F. Discuss and take action: Review and set Sewer payment process and guidelines.

- David Meadows motioned to not accept partial payments.
- David Meadows motion died to lack of a second.
- Tommy Small and Chris Goodwin discussed to take payments as long as the bill is paid by the disconnect date.
- Discussion to add this guideline into Ordinance.
- Discussion only

G. Discuss and take action: Approve Sewer Application and Alternate Billing Agreement.

- David Meadows motioned to approve the new sewer service agreement application and Alternate Billing agreement allowing for DL and Copy of Deed.
- Chris Goodwin offered a second.
- All in favor

H. Discuss and take action: Establish an appropriate amount for the sewer deposit.

- Die to lack of motion

I. Discuss and take action: Schedule of Fees Ordinance.

- Die to lack of motion



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J. Discuss and take action: Sewer accounts being found on sewer but not charged. Create a policy on how to charge these customers going forward.

- **Tommy Small motioned to table.**
- **David Meadows offered a second.**
- **All in favor**

K. Discuss and take action: Citizens would like an Ordinance for dogs in the city.

- **David Meadows made a motion for no Ordinance for this topic.**
- **Chris Goodwin offered a second.**
- **All in favor**

L. Discuss and take action: Utilize bank account for sewer fixes.

- **Chris Goodwin motioned to authorize the mayor to spend up to \$40,284.76 for camera testing and or other sewer testing.**
- **Tommy Small offered a second.**
- **All in favor**

Convene into Executive Session under Local Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney – 8:39pm-8:50pm

1) Pay for City Secretary

M. Take action on items discussed in executive session.

- **Chris Goodwin made a motion to raise the City Secretary salary and institute a job performance every 12 months on hire date with a raise of 1 to 3 percent and job performance will apply to any current and future employees.**
- **Brett Clark offered a second.**
- **Tommy Small and David Meadows in favor.**
- **Harvey Finley opposed.**

N. Discuss and take action: Updating the Employee Handbook.

- **David Meadows made a motion to strike medical and dental on the employee handbook and revise sick leave to be 1 year, 1 week or 40 hours and 2 years or more 2 weeks or 80 hours and vacation to be revised to 1 year of service to get 1 week or 40 hours of vacation, 2 years to 9 years of service to get 2 weeks or 80 hours of vacation and then 10 years or more of service the employee with be offered 3 weeks or 120 hours of service.**
- **Tommy Small offered a second.**
- **All in favor**

IUO would like to renegotiate contract.

- **This item was moved down on the agenda**

Resolution and Ordinance for Alcohol fees and permit.

- **This item was moved up on the agenda**



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O. Discuss and take action: Ordinance for Alcohol fees and permit.

- **Tabled**

P. Discuss and take action: IUO would like to

- **Chris Goodwin motioned to accept the IUO amendments on the contract.**
- **David Meadows offered a second.**
- **All in favor**

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.

motioned to adjourn at 9:40pm

Passed and approved this 14th day of June,2021.

Original Signature on file

Harry Johnson, Mayor
City of Hardin, Texas