

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

REGULAR CALLED MEETING - HARDIN CITY HALL

142 CR 2010 LIBERTY, TEXAS

JULY 11TH, 2022, 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, & 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.

3. Visitors to be heard. Public Comments: Agenda Items Only (Please hold comments to three (3) minutes).

A. Discussion: Elvia with Axley & Rode with audits.

- Reviewed audit for 2021
- Discussed that Axley & Rode will no longer be managing our audits. They advised that they could assist us with more accounting duties, if needed. They will be sending over quotes outlining what they can help us with and at what cost to review at next council meeting.

B. Consider approving the Minutes for the Regular Called Meeting held June 13th, 2022.

- David Meadows motioned to approve the minutes for the Regular Called Meeting held June 13, 2022
- Brett Clark seconded
- All in favor

C. Consider approving bills to be paid for June 2022.

- David Meadows motioned to approve to pay the bills for July 2022
- Brett Clark seconded
- All in favor

D. Discuss and take action: Stephanie Johnson Clark would like to address council and ask for use of the conference room on August 16, 2022, for mini-health fair.

- Chris Goodwin motioned to approve use of the conference room for the health fair
- David Meadows seconded
- All in favor – Mayor Johnson and Brett Clark abstained



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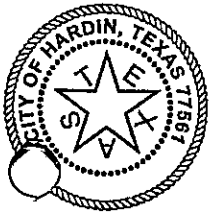
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- E. **Discuss and take action:** Julie Terry would like to address council about zoning in City of Hardin city limits to preserve home values.
- Discussion only
- F. **Discuss and take action:** Mrs. Southerland would like to address the council regarding damage to her lawn mower from mowing her ditch. She would like to be reimbursed for the damages.
- Discussed – Mrs. Southerland did not attend the meeting. There was no new work done in this area. Mrs. Southerland hit a chunk of concrete from an old manhole. Bypassed since Mrs. Southerland didn't attend meeting.
- G. **Discuss and take action:** Anna Mae Veach would like to address council about qualifications for secretary and statues of sewer.
- Discussion only
- H. **Discuss and take action:** Philip Fairchild would like to address council about the sewer charges for his RV Park.
- Discussed – Mr. Fairchild has his own grinder station and only one sewer line feeds into the city's sewer system. Billing will be for a single tap at the commercial rate.
 - Chris Goodwin motioned to approve
 - David Meadows seconded
 - All in Favor
- I. **Discuss and take action:** Candace Murphy would like to know if/when her sewer account can be credited for past issues with the plumber tapping in.
- Per City Attorney, Mr. Gott, we can not pay Ms. Murphy but we can offer a credit on her account. Discussed issuing a credit of \$877.50 to her sewer account.
 - Chris Goodwin motioned to approve
 - Brett Clark seconded
 - All in Favor
- J. **Discuss and take action:** Fence dividing city hall and neighbor is falling. Neighbor advised that he would take the fence down but it has not been done as of yet.
- Discussion – Obtain 3 quotes for 6' cyclone fence
 - Tabled until quotes are obtained
- K. **Discuss and take action** Sewer issues that need addressing.
1. Chapman Mobile Home Park needs to register Park Manager.
 - Discussion – Mr. Gott will address with Mr. Chapman as this has been a topic of discussion previously.
 2. Home located with pool that is hard piped into sewer.
 - Discussion – Mr. Gott will send letter to property owner to allow IVO to complete an inspection.



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L. City sewer issues.

1. 384 PR 2102 – Mr. & Mrs. Welch – Sewer line runs on neighbors' property Mr. Williamson. The main sewer line has a root (root mass) growing through it causing slow drainage and backup, so it needs to be repaired. Received quote from IUO.
 - Discussion – Mayor Johnson will get with David from IUO and go over what is covered under our contract during the normal work day.
 - Tabled pending discussion and outcome.
2. 554 CR 2092 – Mr. May – is not connected to city sewer and he has signed stating he is not connected – need approval from council to get IUO to cap line. Received quote from IUO
 - Discussion – Mayor Johnson will get with David from IUO and go over what is covered under our contract during the normal work day.
 - Tabled pending discussion and outcome.
3. 474 CR 2006 Manhole J19 is causing infiltration. Needs to be resealed because the current seal is leaking. This manhole is not on the work to be done with the current grant. Need to either get IUO or LJA to address this manhole.
 - Need quote from IUO and/or LJA to repair.
4. Jeff Green needs a city side clean-out. The clean-out at his location is mid-way on his property and is not accessible to the city when gates are closed. Received quote from IUO.
 - Discussion – Mayor Johnson will get with David from IUO and go over what is covered under our contract during the normal work day.
 - Tabled pending discussion and outcome.
5. 247 CR 2009 needs to be camera tested to locate city side clean out and if not located needs to add a city side clean out. Need quote
 - Discussion – Mayor Johnson will get with David from IUO and go over what is covered under our contract during the normal work day.
 - Tabled pending discussion and outcome.

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

Entered Executive Session at 8:14pm

1. Liberty vs Hardin sewer
2. Liberty vs Hardin lawsuit
3. Personnel

Exited out of Executive Session at 8:43pm

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

- David Meadows motioned to approve Anna Tristan as a full time employee with the City of Hardin and to increase her hourly rate to \$14.00 per hour.
- Brett Clark seconded
- All in Favor

- David Meadows motioned to approve Patricia Johnson as the new City Secretary at an hourly rate of \$17.00 per hour.
- Chris Goodwin seconded
- All in Favor



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- Chris Goodwin motioned to add Patricia Johnson as a signer to all the City's financial accounts and remove Heather Tanner as a signer from all the city's financial accounts.
- David Meadows seconded
- All in Favor.

O. Discuss and take action: Texas Open Meetings Act seminar will be August 25-26, 2022, in Corpus Christi.

- Brett Clark motioned to approve for Patricia Johnson to attend the Texas Open Meetings Act Seminar
- Chris Goodwin seconded
- All in Favor

4. Requests and announcements.

- a. LJA announcements and report.
- b. IUO Sewer Report
- c. Announcements by Mayor and Council.
- d. Request by Council to place items on future agenda.
 - Discuss/Schedule Budget Workshop

5. Adjourn.

Chris Goodwin motioned to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Passed and approved this 8th day of August 2022.



Harry Johnson, Mayor
City of Hardin, Texas