



CITY OF HARDIN

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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 8TH, 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 (arrived at 7:45pm), Brett Clark, Tommy Small, & 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).

A. Consider approving the Minutes for the Regular Called Meeting held July 11th, 2022.

- Brett Clark motioned to approve the minutes for the Regular Called Meeting held July 11, 2022
- Tommy Small seconded
- All in favor

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

- Tommy Small motioned to approve to pay the bills for August 2022
- Harvey Finley seconded
- All in favor

C. **Discuss and take action:** Approve payment for Estimate #1 for the CDBG Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation 2021 Project for \$55,826.10 once we receive the draw. The draw will be submitted by John Reed once he has reviewed all current invoices (Listed as item I but moved forward since Mr. Flowers had other meetings).

- Brett Clark motioned to approve payment of \$55,826.10 once draft of grant funds is received.
- Tommy Small seconded.
- All in favor.

D. **Discuss and take action:** Kathy Smartt with Piney Woods Sanitation would like to address council regarding the contract renewal.

- Tabled – Matthew Gott needs to determine if bids are required or if we can just resign/renew the contract.



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- E. **Discuss and take action:** David McClellan would like to address council regarding his sewer bill being too high. He states that his property is mostly agricultural, having cows, horses, and chickens, and that the water used by his animals doesn't go back into the sewer system. He is requesting that his bill be lowered to a \$40 flat rate as it was in the past, however the current schedule of fees reflects a residential flat rate of \$60.
- **Discussion only – Mr. McClellan stated he has two water meters and feels the reads we are being given are from the wrong meter. He was advised to obtain both meter numbers and give them to Anna so she can determine what reads are correct.**
- F. **Discuss and take action:** Non-compliance Sewer accounts – customers have accounts and haven't provided proper paperwork, so accounts are listed as "new owner" or "vacant". Per Hardin Water Supply, they can't disconnect for anything other than non-payment. Need to discuss a way to disconnect or plug these accounts and how to handle them in the future.
- **Discussion only**
- G. **Discuss and take action:** Hookset Transportation, LLC., 11147 Hwy 146 N – Heather stated that council denied operation of this business within Hardin city limits at a previous council meeting, although it was never listed in the minutes. Business is operational and listed under TxDPS Vehicle Inspection Station.
- **Tabled – more information needed as to where the brakes are being tested during inspections.**
- H. **Discuss and take action:** Scheduled mowing for city ditches – Anna has had multiple citizens complain about unkept ditches. Ms. Graham at the County Barn said they mow the city ditches once per year. Any additional mowing must be requested by city hall. We need to establish a reasonable schedule for mowing the city ditches more than once per year.
- **Discussion only: – Per Tommy Small, Liberty County is contracted by the City of Hardin to complete the mowing of the city's ditches. Mowing is scheduled for twice a year. Council agreed to entertain bids for mowing of City ditches.**
- I. **Discuss and take action:** Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance – Heather advised Anna that someone was interested in putting a food truck in Hardin. After speaking with Mayor Johnson, it was determined that they would be required to have a food handler's license, a fire inspection, and a permit with Liberty County. Mayor Johnson also stated that we need to look at the ordinance for Liberty and possibly create our own Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance.
- **Tabled – Matthew Gott will work on an ordinance to not allow mobile food vendors within the City of Hardin.**
- J. **Discuss and take action:** Axley & Rode have provided a few estimates on what the cost will be for them to provide us additional services since they are no longer handling our audits.
- **Brett Clark motioned to approve for Axley & Rode to complete the corrections from the audit and to review the current fiscal year's finances. This will be done an hourly rate.**
 - **Tommy Small seconded.**
 - **Chris Goodwin opposed.**



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K. Discuss and take action: Review Entergy Rate Change Request.

- Chris Goodwin motioned to decline.
- Brett Clark seconded.
- All in favor.

L. Discuss and take action: Review Liberty County CAD 2022 Certified Values.

- Discussion only

M. City sewer issues – These were tabled last month pending discussion with David from IUO.

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 for \$2,533.69.
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 for \$615.00.
3. 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 for \$675.00.
 - Chris Goodwin motioned to approve all three of the above items as quoted with a \$500 contingency.
 - Harvey Finley seconded.
 - All in favor,

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

No Executive Session tonight.

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
 - Special Call Meeting to be held on Monday, August 22nd, 2022, at 7:00pm to discuss the tax rate and 7:30pm to discuss the budget.

5. Adjourn.

Chris Goodwin motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Passed and approved this 12th day of September 2022.

Harry Johnson, Mayor
City of Hardin, Texas