



CITY OF HARDIN

•142 CR 2010

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COUNCIL MEMBER #4

DAVID MEADOWS

COUNCIL MEMBER #5

HARVEY FINLEY

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HARDIN WILL HOLD A
REGULAR CALLED COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON

MONDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF AUGUST 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

THE CITY HALL IS LOCATED AT 142 CR 2010, HARDIN, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING
THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS AND TAKE ACTION.

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and the State of Texas.
(State of Texas Pledge: "*Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.*")
3. Visitors to be heard. Public Comments: Agenda Items Only (Please hold comments to three (3) minutes). Citizens can request to be placed on future agenda for items not listed on this agenda or turn in a request by the 1st day of the following month.
4. Discussion and possible action on the following items:
 - A. Consider approving the Regular Called Meeting Minutes held July 11, 2022.
 - B. Consider approving bills to be paid for August 2022.
 - C. **Discuss and take action:** Kathy Smartt with Piney Woods Sanitation would like to address council regarding the contract renewal.
 - D. **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.
 - E. **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.
 - F. **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.



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- G. **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.
- H. **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.
- I. **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.
- 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.
- K. **Discuss and take action:** Review Entergy Rate Change Request.
- L. **Discuss and take action:** Review Liberty County CAD 2022 Certified Values.
- M. **Discuss and take action:** City sewer issues – These were tabled last month pending discussion with David from IUO.
- 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.**
 - 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**
 - 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.**
- N. **Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Personnel Matters.**
- Liberty vs Hardin sewer
 - Liberty vs Hardin lawsuit
 - Personnel
- O. **Reconvene into Regular Session:** Consider and Take Action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.



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5. Requests and announcements.

- a. LJA announcements and report
- b. IUO Sewer Report
- c. Announcements by Mayor and Council
- d. Request by Council or Citizens to place items on future agenda
 - Schedule Tax & Budget Workshops

6. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn

Original on File
Patricia Johnson, City Secretary
City of Hardin, Texas

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Notice of Assistance at the Public Meetings

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The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development).