

February 15, 2016

On this the 15th day of February 6:30 P.M., the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, convened in a regular session in the Commission Chamber, in the City Hall, the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Government Code, with the following members being present and in attendance, to-wit:

Tom Simons, Mayor
 Jose A. Garza, Commissioner Place One
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Linda Cumpston, Commissioner, Place Four
 Cathy Bunch, Commissioner Place Five
 Rick L. Hanna, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Absent: Charlie Kerr, Commissioner Place Three
 Sam Metcalf, Commissioner Place Six
 Slater C. Elza, City Attorney

Jessica Gallardo from the Hereford Brand was in attendance to witness the proceedings. Also in attendance were Assistant City Manager Steve Bartels, Attorney Audie Sciumbato, Officer Stewart, Captain Williams, Chris Leonard, and Jimmy Parker.

Mayor Simons voiced the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Cumpston to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. He then called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and introduced each item on the agenda.

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 1 - Consider approval of minutes for the January 18, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Bunch made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cumpston seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 2 - Consider approval of audit for FY 2014 - 2015.

Mayor Simons called upon Chris Leonard of McGinty & Associates to speak on this item.

Mr. Leonard thanked the City Staff for their cooperation during the audit. He then went over the highlights of the audit noting they had issued a "clean" audit in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Mr. Leonard briefly talked about the first few pages of the audit - which would be comparable in the private sector to a Balance Sheet and Income Statement for the City.

Commissioner Bunch made the motion to approve the 2014-2015 Audit. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3 - Consider approval of board appointments for the Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Authority, Inc. (PPHEA).

Mayor Simons called upon Jimmy Parker, Executive Director of PPHEA, to speak on this item. Mr. Parker gave the Commission a little bit of history on PPHEA - how it originally began as a student loan program - and how now they

mostly monitor loans for Texas students. He stated they are also diversifying by licensing to schools in other states a "default" system they came up with to assist with turning around loan default rates in order to avoid the loss of federal funding.

Mr. Parker noted they have an eleven member board; six are up this time. He has contacted all of them and they are willing to serve another two-year term.

Commissioner Cumpston made the motion to approve Mike Ryan, Ron Hiner, Cathryn Wright, Carolyn Waters, Lynda Tinsley, and Ronny Barnes for appointment to the Board. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4 - Consider approval of Order and Notice for the City Officers' Election set for May 7, 2016. (Considered aprobacion de Orden y Aviso de Eleccion de los Oficiales de la Ciudad para el 7 de mayo de 2016.)

Commissioner Bunch made the motion to approve the Order and Notice for the City Officers' Election set for May 7, 2016. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 5 - Consider approval of Resolution No. 02.15.16 Appointing the Election Officials for the City Officer's Election to be held May 7, 2016; setting the rate of pay for the Election Officials; the maximum number of Election Clerks for the polling place, and designating the Early Voting Ballot Board.

City Manager Hanna stated Cindy Caro and Argelia Alaniz have done a good job for us in the past and they have agreed to serve again in this capacity.

Commissioner Alonzo made the motion to approve Resolution No. 02.15.16. Commissioner Cumpston seconded and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6 - Consider Resolution No. 02.15.16A Authorizing the submission of a grant application on behalf of the Hereford Police Department for the Criminal Justice Enforcement, Detection and Protection Grant to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division and designating the City Manager to act as the City's Authorized Official in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Criminal Justice Enforcement, Detection and Protection Grant Project.

Captain Williams asked for the Commissions' approval of the Resolution in order for the Police Department to utilize the grant. He stated it is a 50% match (City / State) in the amount of \$61,000.00 each that could be used to purchase another Tahoe or equivalent, equipment such as cameras and fingerprint kits, and safety equipment such as chemical masks. He noted weapons are prohibited - what they are looking at is protective gear.

Commissioner Garza made the motion to approve Resolution No. 02.15.16A. Commissioner Bunch seconded and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7 - Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Alonzo asked City Manager Hanna to commend the city crew on the work they did during the water main break near Stanton. Mayor Simons agreed stating it was very impressive; they do a great job and take a lot of pride in their work.

Commissioner Cumpston thanked the Animal Control Department staff for their assistance in locating their lost dogs recently. She congratulated Mayor Simons on being selected Citizen of the Year.

Commissioner Garza thanked City Manager Hanna for all he does; he praised the Police Department for taking care of traffic control during the water main break at a time when the area was extremely busy due to parents dropping off their children.

Mayor Simons suggested in an emergency situation such as the water main break that reverse 911 could possibly be utilized as a means to notify constituents.

ITEM 8 - Announcements and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Hanna stated we are working on new ways to get information out quickly including the addition of a City Face book Page and a new website with a Myths/Misnomers Page to give out factual information in response to misinformation.

Assistant City Manager Bartels thanked Mr. Leonard for all their help during the audit and throughout the year. Mayor Simons also thanked Mr. Leonard.

Captain Williams thanked the Commission for their support.

ITEM 9 - Public Comments.

Mr. Parker invited the Commission to attend their annual meeting in Canyon; he stated they would be happy to have the commissioners join them.

There were no public comments.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED:



TOM SIMONS, MAYOR
CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS

ATTEST:



SUZANNE FINCH, CITY SECRETARY