

February 17, 2014

On this the 17th day of February 2014 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:

Robert D. Josserand, Mayor
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Charlie Kerr, Commissioner Place Three
 Linda Stevens, Commissioner, Place Four
 Cathy Bunch, Commissioner Place Five
 Sam Metcalf, Commissioner Place Six
 Rick L. Hanna, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
 Slater C. Elza, City Attorney

Absent: Jose A. Garza, Commissioner Place One

Lynda Work was in attendance from the Hereford Brand to witness the proceedings. Also in attendance were Assistant City Manager Steve Bartels, HEDC Executive Director Michael Kitten, Captain Kirsten Williams, Chris Leonard (McGinty & Associates), Audie Sciumbato (Underwood Law Firm), Seletta Gholson, Linda Cumpston, and D. J. Wagner.

Prior to the meeting, Mayor Josserand thanked outgoing Commissioner, Linda Stevens (resigned due to moving out of her district), for serving on the Commission and presented her with a plaque. He invited the commissioners and audience to enjoy some cake and punch in Commissioner Stevens' honor.

Mayor Josserand voiced the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Bunch 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 20, 2014 Regular Meeting.

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

ITEM 2 - Hear report from Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

HEDC Executive Director Kitten reported on the following:

- Ag Expo in Tulare, California (main topic of discussion was water)
- Lowes (closing)
- Lowes Mercados (now Food King)

HEDC Executive Director Kitten stated the rumor about one of the ethanol plants selling was just that - a rumor.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ITEM 3 - Hearing for the annexation of 9.8133 acres of land, more or less situated in the south one-half of Section No. 78, Block K-3, Abstract No.

1490, R. J. Kibbe, Original Grantee, Certificate No. 920 of the A. B. & M. Surveys, Deaf Smith County, Texas, being a part of the land conveyed by Warranty Deed from Donald C. & Nancy L. Roberson to Donald C. & Nancy L. Roberson, Co-Trustees, and their successors in trust of the Roberson Revocable Trust dated May 16 1991 as recorded in Volume 380, Page 680 of Deaf Smith County Records (located on W. 15th Street, east of the hospital and west of Wal-Mart.)

Mayor Josserand opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. noting this property is to be used for an assisted living facility; they have asked to be annexed in order to be eligible for water and sewer services.

Mayor Josserand asked for public comments; hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 4 - Consider approval of appointment of board members for the Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Authority, Inc.

Mayor Josserand noted the representatives from Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority blew out a tire on the way over from Canyon; they are not going to be able to make the meeting tonight.

Mayor Josserand stated the City of Hereford is the sponsoring city for the Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority; therefore, the Commission is responsible for the approval of board members and bonds. However, he stated the City of Hereford has no liability.

Mayor Josserand noted the Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority, Inc. executive director has requested that Mike Ryan, Ron Hiner, Carolyn Waters, Lynda Tinsley, Cathryn Wright, and Ronny Barnes be appointed to two-year terms on the Authority's Board of Directors effective February 24th, 2014.

Commissioner Metcalf made the motion to approve the nominations of the named individuals for the Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority, Inc. Board. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 5 - Consider approval of audit for FY 2012-2013.

Mayor Josserand called upon Chris Leonard. He thanked the Commission on behalf of himself and McGinty & Associates for the opportunity to do the audit and thanked the city staff for their cooperation.

Mr. Leonard called their attention to the opinion paragraph of the audit noting it was a "clean" audit and the financials have been prepared in accordance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles). He then went over pages five and six of the audit noting if the City were a business, their net income would have been approximately \$1.7 million. Commissioner Metcalf inquired if the street was deducted from that figure, then the amount would be approximately \$1.2 million. Mr. Leonard stated that would be a fair statement; although, the actual figure would be slightly higher due to depreciation.

Mayor Josserand thanked Chris Leonard for the audit and his report.

Commissioner Metcalf made the motion to accept the audit. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6 - Consider approval of Resolution No. 02.17.14 Appointing the Election Officials for the City Officer's Election to be held May 10, 2014; 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.

Mayor Josserand called upon City Attorney Elza to read the pertinent parts of Resolution No. 02.17.14.

RESOLUTION NO. 02.17.14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, APPOINTING THE ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE MAY 10, 2014 CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION, SETTING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE ELECTION OFFICIALS, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ELECTION CLERKS FOR THE POLLING PLACE, AND DESIGNATION OF THE EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD.

WHEREAS, on January 20th, 2014, the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, ordered an election to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014 for the purpose of electing four (4) members of the City Commission (Commissioner Place Two, Commissioner Place Four, At-Large Commissioner Place Five and At-Large Commissioner Place Six);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. This City, having two (2) election places and two (2) places at-large, shall hold said election at the Community Center Building.

Section 2. Cindy Caro, 200 Juniper, Hereford, Texas, will serve as Presiding Judge and Argelia Alaniz, 327 16th Street, Hereford, Texas, will serve as Alternate Presiding Judge, and the clerks of the election will be appointed by the Presiding Judge in a number not to exceed ten (10).

Section 3. In accordance with Section 32.091 of the Texas Election Code, the judges shall be paid at the rate of \$12.00 per hour and shall receive an additional \$25 for delivery of the returns of the election. The election clerks shall be paid at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Section 4. Imelda DeLaCerde, County Clerk, Deaf Smith County Courthouse, Hereford, Texas, is hereby appointed Clerk for early voting. The early voting shall be at the office of the County Clerk, Deaf Smith County Courthouse, located at 235 E. 3rd Hereford, Texas. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted during the regular business hours of the County Clerk each weekday from 8:00 a. m. until 5:00 p.m., except for the final two days of early voting by personal appearance, the County Clerk's hours will be extended and are hereby designated as 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. This described place for early voting is also the early clerk's address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent.

Section 5. Early voting by mail shall be by paper ballots and Early Voting by personal appearance shall be by eSlate with at least one eSlate Disabled Access Voting Unit made available in each polling place and shall be canvassed by an Early Voting Ballot Board. The central count personnel are hereby appointed to serve as the Early Voting Ballot Board under the direction of the presiding judge of the central count station.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of February 2014.

APPROVED:

/s/ Robert D. Josserand

ROBERT D. JOSSERAND, MAYOR
CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS

ATTEST:

/s/ Suzanne Finch

SUZANNE FINCH, CITY SECRETARY

Commissioner Bunch made the motion to accept Resolution No. 02.17.14. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

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

Commissioner Metcalf thanked Chris Leonard for the "Readers Digest" version of the audit.

Commissioner Bunch quoted a verse from the Bible, noting Commissioner Stevens had "ruled well" during her time as commissioner.

Commissioner Alonzo stated the Commission would miss Commissioner Stevens.

Commissioner Kerr thanked Commissioner Stevens for her time and stated she would be missed.

Commissioner Stevens stated she appreciated the opportunity; she learned a lot; she has a greater appreciation of what the City does; and, she enjoyed serving on the Commission.

ITEM 8 - Announcements and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Hanna also thanked Commissioner Stevens.

Assistant City Manager Bartels thanked Chris Leonard for all his help throughout the year.

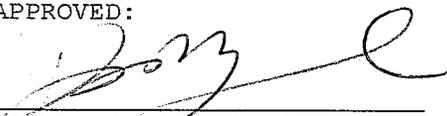
ITEM 9 - Public Comments.

Mrs. Gholson thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for the wonderful job they did [during the recent fire] at Kings Manor.

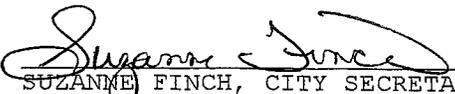
Mayor Josserand stated this was one of Hereford's proudest times - he was proud of how our emergency staff and citizens handled things that night, the following day, and every day since then.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:


 ROBERT D. JOSSERAND, MAYOR
 CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS

ATTEST:


 SUZANNE FINCH, CITY SECRETARY