

September 15, 2014

On this the 15th day of September 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:

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

Absent: Robert D. Jossierand, Mayor
 Sam Metcalf, Commissioner Place Six
 Slater C. Elza, City Attorney

Lynda Work was in attendance from the Hereford Brand to witness the proceedings. Also in attendance were Assistant City Manager Steve Bartels, Audie Sciumbato (Attorney Underwood Law Firm), Seletta Gholson, Mike Schueler, Will Schueler, B. J. Gililland, Captain Kirsten Williams, and Leona Tohm.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr called upon Commissioner Bunch to voice the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Alonzo 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ITEM 1 - Hear public comments regarding the proposed budget for FY 2014-2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. for comments. There were no public comments.

ITEM 2 - Hear public comments regarding proposed tax rate for 2014.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr asked for comments on this item. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 3 - Consider approval of minutes for the August 18th, 2014 Work Session and August 18th, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Garza made the motion for the acceptance of the minutes. Commissioner Cumpston seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the City Commission.

ITEM 4 - Consider approval of appointment of board members for Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr stated John Perrin is eligible for re-appointment and has agreed to serve again. Mayor Pro Tem Kerr stated Mike Mauldin has served the maximum number of terms and is not eligible to serve again. He noted Jerry O'Rear is willing to serve as a new board member; the terms of Mr. Perrin and Mr. O'Rear would expire September of 2017.

Commissioner Garza made the motion to accept the approval of board members for the Hereford Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Bunch

seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the City Commission.

ITEM 5 - Hear report from Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr removed this item from the agenda.

ITEM 6 - Consider approval of bids for group health insurance.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr noted the price is the same as last year's.

B. J. Gililland stated this is a very favorable renewal and it is not very often we see a rate pass. He noted all the other bids were higher in comparison with First Care. He thanked the Commission for the opportunity to do business with the City again this year.

Commissioner Bunch made the motion for approval of the bid for health insurance. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the City Commission.

ITEM 7 - Consider Ordinance No. 09.15.14 amending schedule of rates for garbage.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr noted this is a slight increase (2%) according to the Consumer Price Index as part of our agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr called upon Attorney Sciumbato to read the pertinent parts of Ordinance No. 09.15.14.

ORDINANCE NO. 09.15.14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICE FEES FOR THE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE, AMENDING SUBSECTION (1)(A), SUBSECTION (1)(B), AND SUBSECTION (2) OF SEC. 13.03.005 (1993 CODE, SEC. 82-5) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ESTABLISHING NEW SERVICE FEES FOR SUCH SOLID WASTE SERVICES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Commissioner Garza made the motion for the acceptance of Ordinance No. 09.15.14. Commissioner Cumpton seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the City Commission.

ITEM 8 - Consider approval of 2015 Proposed Budget for Deaf Smith County Appraisal District.

Commissioner Cumpton made the motion for approval of the 2015 proposed budget for the Deaf Smith County Appraisal District. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the City Commission.

ITEM 9 - Consider and adopt budget Ordinance No. 09.15.14A for the City of Hereford and the Hereford Economic Development Corporation for FY October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr called upon Attorney Sciumbato to read the pertinent parts of Ordinance No. 09.15.14A.

ORDINANCE NO. 09.15.14A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS APPROVING THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPORT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE HEREFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Commissioner Bunch made the motion for passage of Ordinance No. 09.15.14A. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the City Commission.

ITEM 10 - Consider and adopt Ordinance No. 09.15.14B setting the 2014 tax rate.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr called upon Attorney Sciumbato to read the pertinent parts of Ordinance No. 09.15.14B.

ORDINANCE NO. 09.15.14B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR

Commissioner Alonzo made the motion for passage of Ordinance No. 09.15.14B. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the City Commission.

ITEM 11 - Discuss location for new Southwestern Public Service (SPS) substation.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr called upon City Manager Hanna to comment on this item. City Manager Hanna stated this is a non-action item. He noted SPS wants to rebuild the electrical grid on Centre Street as it is only marginally still able to handle the load. He stated SPS has done a search and has identified some property near the Nazarene Church that is owned by the City of Hereford as a site to rebuild their substation. City Manager Hanna stated we want to work with SPS and he will come to the Commission at a later date to ask permission to sell four or five of the twenty-four acres (in the southern part, not the frontage acreage) to them for their new substation.

ITEM 12 - Discuss texting and driving within the city limits.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr stated this item has been removed from the agenda.

ITEM 13 - Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Cumpston stated we are fortunate that our tax rate is as low as it is in comparison to other communities.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr thanked everyone for being here.

ITEM 14 - Announcements and comments from City Staff.

There were no comments from City Staff.

ITEM 15 - Public Comments.

Mrs. Gholson commented that she was glad to see the "lake" on 15th Street getting corrected.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED:



CHARLIE KERR, MAYOR PRO TEM
CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS

ATTEST:



SUZANNE FINCH, CITY SECRETARY