

September 21, 2015

On this the 21st day of September 2015 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
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Charlie Kerr, Commissioner Place Three
 Linda Cumpston, Commissioner, Place Four
 Cathy Bunch, Commissioner Place Five
 Sam Metcalf, Commissioner Place Six
 Rick L. Hanna, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Absent: Jose A. Garza, Commissioner Place One
 Slater C. Elza, City Attorney

John Carson from the Hereford Brand was in attendance to witness the proceedings. Also in attendance were Assistant City Manager Steve Bartels, Attorney Audie Sciumbato, Captain Kirsten Williams, B. J. Gililland, Seletta Gholson, and Steven Cortez.

Mayor Simons called upon Commissioner Bunch to voice the invocation and then he led 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 2015-2016.

Mayor Simons opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. and asked for comments regarding the proposed budget for FY 2015-2016. Hearing none, he moved to item number two.

ITEM 2 - Hear public comments regarding proposed tax rate for 2015.

Mayor Simons asked for comments regarding the proposed tax rate for 2015. There were none.

ITEM 3 - Consider zoning change request for property located at all of Lots 7-8 in LaVilla Subdivision (vacant lots at the northeast corner of S. Progressive Road and Dairy Road.) (Requested by Gloria Salgado)

Mayor Simons called upon City Manager Hanna to comment on this item. City Manager Hanna stated this is a zoning request asking the property be rezoned from "R1" Single Family District to "MH" Mobile Home District. He noted the Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously to approve the rezoning request. City Manager Hanna stated the City Staff concurs with the Planning and Zoning Board and asks the City Commission to change the zoning from "R1" to "MH".

ORDINANCE NO. 09.21.15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1193, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD REZONING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT TO "MH" MOBILE HOME DISTRICT.

Commissioner Metcalf made the motion to uphold the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission and grant the request to rezone the property from "R1" to "MH" [Ordinance No. 09.21.15]. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

(The public hearing closed at 6:33 p.m.)

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 4 - Consider approval of minutes for the August 17th, 2015 Work Session and August 17th, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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

ITEM 5 - Consider approval of re-appointment of board members for Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

City Manager Hanna stated Cody Chandler has completed one full-term; Sally Noyce and Keith Bridwell both filled vacancies. He noted all three are outstanding people; they are eligible to serve; and, they are willing to do so.

Commissioner Bunch made the motion to re-appoint Cody Chandler, Sally Noyce, and Keith Bridwell to serve on the Hereford Economic Development Corporation Board. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

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

B. J. Gililland expressed his gratitude to the Commission on behalf of his agency. He stated they received bids from FirstCare, TML, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and three "no bids". He noted they were able to negotiate a rate decrease through FirstCare which is a rarity in the current environment. He stated the current policy is "grandfathered in" and is an extremely good benefit; however, the Affordable Care Act may affect how long we can keep it.

Commissioner Metcalf made the motion to accept the FirstCare bid. Commissioner Cumpston seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7 - Consider Ordinance No. 09.21.15A amending the schedule of rates for the furnishing of water by the City of Hereford, Texas, amending Subsection (1)(A), Subsection (1)(B), Subsection (1)(C), and Subsection (1)(D) of 13.02.122 of the Code of Ordinances and establishing new rates for such water services effective October 1, 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 09.21.15A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR THE FURNISHING OF WATER BY THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, AMENDING SUBSECTION (1)(A), SUBSECTION (1)(B), SUBSECTION (1)(C), AND SUBSECTION (1)(D) OF 13.02.122 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR SUCH WATER SERVICES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

City Manager Hanna stated this is a six percent increase over the current rates.

Commissioner Kerr made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 09.21.15A amending the water rates. Commissioner Bunch seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 8 - Consider Ordinance No. 09.21.15B amending the schedule of rates for the furnishing of wastewater service by the City of Hereford, Texas, amending Subsection (1)(A), Subsection (1)(B), and Subsection (2)(A) of Sec. 13.02.124 (1993 Code, sec. 102-193.) of the Code of Ordinances, and establishing new rates for such wastewater service effective October 1, 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 09.21.15B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR THE FURNISHING OF WASTEWATER SERVICE BY THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, AMENDING SUBSECTION (1)(A), SUBSECTION (1)(B), AND SUBSECTION (2)(A) OF SEC. 13.02.124 (1993 CODE, SEC. 102-193.) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR SUCH WASTEWATER SERVICE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

City Manager Hanna stated this is a six percent increase over the current rates.

Commissioner Alonzo made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 09.21.15B amending the wastewater rates. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 9 - Consider Ordinance No. 09.21.15C 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, 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 09.21.15C

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, 2015

City Manager Hanna stated this is a one and one-half percent increase over the current rates that would be used to offset an anticipated rate change from BFI.

Commissioner Cumpston made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 09.21.15C amending the solid waste rates. Commissioner Bunch seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 10 - Consider approval of 2016 Proposed Budget for Deaf Smith County Appraisal District.

Commissioner Metcalf made the motion to approve the City of Hereford's portion (\$36,035.00) of the Deaf Smith County Appraisal District's proposed budget. Commissioner Bunch seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 11 - Consider and adopt budget Ordinance No. 09.21.15D for the City of Hereford and the Hereford Economic Development Corporation for FY October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 09.21.15D

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, 2015, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

City Manager Hanna stated the sum of \$9,328,437.00 out of the General Fund, \$5,148,179.00 out of the Water and Sewer Fund, and \$764,400.00 out of the Account of Hereford Economic Development Corporation is to be appropriated.

Commissioner Bunch made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 09.21.15D approving the budget for the City of Hereford and Hereford Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Cumpton seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 12 - Consider and adopt Ordinance No. 09.21.15E setting the 2015 tax rate.

ORDINANCE NO. 09.21.15E

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

City Manager Hanna stated the previous rate was \$0.3209; this ordinance adopts the effective tax rate of \$0.313761 per \$100 valuation.

Commissioner Cumpton made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 09.21.15E adopting the effective tax rate. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

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

Commissioner Metcalf stated he hopes people realize what City Manager Hanna and his staff do financially - the tax rate has actually dropped during his tenure here.

Commissioner Alonzo noted all this can be contributed to good leadership; City Manager Hanna has done a terrific job.

Mayor Simons thanked City Manager Hanna for his patience during the budget process and noted it was well put together.

ITEM 14 - Announcements and comments from City Staff.

There were no comments from City Staff.

ITEM 15 - Public Comments.

Mrs. Gholson inquired as to whether or not the 15th Street lawsuit had been settled. City Manager Hanna stated depositions have begun and will probably continue through the remainder of this year. He estimated the trial would begin after the first of the year.

Steven Cortez complained about the potholes, alleys, setbacks, tracks on Lee Street, and dumpsters.

City Manager Hanna stated the City is aware of these items and some of the issues have already been addressed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED:



TOM SIMONS, MAYOR
CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS

ATTEST:


SUZANNE FINCH, CITY SECRETARY