

October 19, 2015

On this the 19th day of October 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  
 Jose A. Garza, Commissioner Place One  
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two  
 Charlie Kerr, Commissioner Place Three  
 Linda Cumpton, Commissioner, Place Four  
 Cathy Bunch, Commissioner Place Five  
 Rick L. Hanna, City Manager  
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Absent: Sam Metcalf, Commissioner Place Six  
 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, Officer Tamra Aguero, Eddie Morton, Justin Lueb, and Seletta Gholson.

Mayor Simons called upon Commissioner Cumpton to voice the invocation and then he called upon Commissioner Kerr 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 September 21st, 2015 Regular Meeting.**

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

**ITEM 2 - Consider request from Hereford YMCA Board of Directors.**

City Manager Hanna noted the YMCA comes to us each year for a donation in the amount of \$12,500.00; the City asks that the funds be earmarked for youth and youth scholarships. He stated this is a tremendous benefit since the City does not have any type of youth program; the YMCA keeps kids involved and it is money well spent.

Commissioner Kerr made the motion to approve the YMCA donation in the amount of \$12,500.00. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 3 - Consider approval of Resolution No. 10.19.15 casting votes for Deaf Smith County Appraisal District Board of Directors.**

City Manager Hanna noted we have been allotted 354 votes this year; Carey Black is the City's representative; this is a very underappreciated board and he is grateful for all those individuals who are willing to serve. In the past we have split our votes for various reasons; it is not necessary this year; he recommended all 354 be cast for Carey Black.

Commissioner Bunch made the motion to cast our allotted 354 votes for Carey Black. Commissioner Cumpston seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 4 - Consider request from Love's to alter entrance and exit routes at the intersection of Front Street and Highway 60.**

City Manager Hanna stated there is a plat in the agenda packet with the proposed reconfigurations to North Street, Front Street, and Highway 60 regarding ingress/egress.

Commissioner Kerr made the motion to approve the changes. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 5 - Consider thirty-year Lease Agreement with Hereford Gun Club at Hereford Municipal Airport.**

City Manager Hanna stated the original lease was for ten years; however, most grants require a minimum of twenty-five years; so, the proposed lease was changed to thirty years.

Mayor Simons invited Eddie Morton to speak on this item. Mr. Morton stated the Hereford Gun Club is one of the best kept secrets and he wants to change this and make them more visible. He stated they currently have 103 members and their programs include gun safety and tournaments as well as working with the 4-H kids. He noted they recently had a tournament of seventy individuals from a total of fifteen counties, with this expansion they can bring in even more. Mr. Morton stated they average 110 shooters per week currently. If this lease is approved, they hope to increase 4-H events, entice West Texas A & M to use their facilities, and become nationally known. He stated they have been in existence since 1964 and have had no accidents.

City Manager Hanna stated the Hereford Gun Club as part of the lease would provide a million dollars of liability insurance coverage for the City of Hereford. He suggested the City partner with the Hereford Gun Club as it would be good for our young people as well as the adults and it puts "heads in beds" at our local hotels.

Mr. Morton stated they are working on an idea they had to tie shooting events into the existing roping events to make it even more fun for the cowboys that visit our community.

Mayor Simons thanked him for his dedication.

Commissioner Metcalf made the motion to approve the 30-year lease with the Hereford Gun Club. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 6 - Consider donation from the hotel/motel occupancy tax fund to the Hereford Gun Club for facility expansion.**

Commissioner Cumpston made the motion to approve the donation from the hotel/motel occupancy tax fund in the amount of \$12,500.00 to the Hereford Gun Club. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7 - Consider approval of re-appointment of members to the City of Hereford's Board of Adjustments.

Mayor Simons noted we have three people up for re-appointment and all have agreed to serve again.

Commissioner Garza made the motion to re-appoint Sam Metcalf, Michael Kitten, and Steven Cortez to the City of Hereford's Board of Adjustments. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 8 - Consider approval of re-appointment of members to the City of Hereford's Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Simons stated three positions are up - two of the three are willing to serve again and one will be replaced at the next meeting.

Commissioner Garza made the motion to re-appoint Irene Favila and Clint Savoini to the City of Hereford's Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Bunch seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 9 - Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Cumpston thanked the Hereford Gun Club for volunteering their time to work with children.

Commissioner Kerr inquired as to whether or not the City has had any luck catching skunks. City Manager Hanna agreed they are worse than usual this year and the City has been trapping them. Mayor Simons suggested it could be due to the wetter summer. Assistant City Manager Bartels stated we had two calls for rattlesnakes in town - one of them was found in a garage on Hickory Street.

ITEM 10 - Announcements and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Hanna noted Texas Department of Transportation will be doing some routine maintenance on Highway 60 soon.

ITEM 11 - Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

APPROVED:



TOM SIMONS, MAYOR  
CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS

ATTEST:



SUZANNE FINCH, CITY SECRETARY