

November 16, 2015

On this the 16th day of November 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 Cumpston, 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

Jessica Gallardo from the Hereford Brand was in attendance to witness the proceedings. Also in attendance were Assistant City Manager Steve Bartels, Hereford Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Michael Kitten, Attorney Audie Sciumbato, Officer Zackari Coleman, Cecilia Garza, and Leona Tohm.

Mayor Simons voiced the invocation and then he 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.

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 1 - Consider approval of minutes for the October 19th, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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

ITEM 2 - Hear report from Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

Executive Director Kitten reported on the following:

- HEDC Annual Meeting held last month
- Wind Projects
- Amarillo College
- United Supermarkets
- Merrick Pet Foods
- Assisted Living
- Tire Works
- Retail businesses
- Property available / price per sq. ft. / appraisal values
- Visitor from governor's office
- Building permits issued / tax base
- Using SLP for the first time

ITEM 3 - Consider approval of Hereford Economic Development Corporation's financial incentive package for Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc.

HEDC Executive Director Kitten likened this incentive package to the Amigo's agreement with one notable difference; no money is to be paid out until Love's proves up their end of the deal - it is "back-loaded." He stated this takes the risk out to the Hereford Economic Development Corporation as well as to Love's. He noted the HEDC is happy to assist Love's as they are adding approximately one and one-half million to our streets in infrastructure as well as creating jobs. HEDC Executive Director Kitten noted Love's is looking at Spring for the groundbreaking; and then once construction commences, it takes about two hundred days to complete barring any weather delays.

Commissioner Cumpton made the motion to approve the economic development package [\$155,000 for infrastructure and \$45,000.00 payroll grant for job creation for a total of \$200,000.00]. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4 - Consider approval of re-appointment of member to the Deaf Smith County Juvenile Probation Board.

Commissioner Bunch made the motion to approve the re-appointment of Cindy Madrigal to another two-year term on the Deaf Smith County Juvenile Probation Board. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 5 - Consider approval of appointment to fill the vacant position on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

City Manager Hanna stated George Gonzalez stepped down after his last term and Daniel Villarreal has agreed to serve in this capacity; he comes highly recommended by City Staff.

Commissioner Kerr made the motion to approve the appointment of Daniel Villarreal to serve a two-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Cumpton seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6 - Consider canceling the regular City Commission meeting scheduled for December 7, 2015 (Christmas Celebration of Lights).

Mayor Simons noted this is the same night as our Christmas Celebration of Lights.

Commissioner Cumpton made the motion to cancel the City Commission meeting set for December 7, 2015. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

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

Commissioner Kerr wished everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

ITEM 8 - Announcements and comments from City Staff.

There were no comments from City Staff.

ITEM 9 - Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

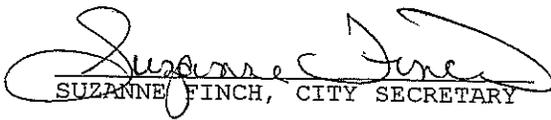
There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED:



TOM SIMONS, MAYOR
CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS

ATTEST:



SUZANNE FINCH, CITY SECRETARY