

March 15, 2021

On this the 15th day of March, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, convened in a regular session in the Commission Chamber in 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:

Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
 Mark Collier, Commissioner, Place Four
 Cathy Bunch, Commissioner Place Five
 Rocky Bhakta, Commissioner Place Six
 Steve Bartels, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Tom Simons, Mayor
 Jose A. Garza, Commissioner Place One
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two

Jim Steiert from the Hereford Brand was in attendance to witness the proceedings.

Also, in attendance were Fire Marshal/EMC Dean Turney, HEDC Executive Director Wade Hawkins, Sergeant Jay Lewis, Officer Carlos Luna, Mike Schueler, and Joe Wells.

Mayor Pro Tem Bunch voiced the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Savoini to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. She 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 March 1st, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Collier made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Savoini 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 Hawkins reported on the following:

- L2L Development / Bureau Veritas
- Ancillary business update
- Caviness staffing update
- Conveyor Video / Expio update
- Confidential potential projects

ITEM 3 – Consider approval of agreement between the Hereford Economic Development Corporation and Hereford Trailer Center, LLC.

HEDC Executive Director Hawkins went over the terms of the incentive agreement and loan from Hereford Economic Development Corporation to Hereford Trailer Center (Mark Collier & Joe Wells) stating this is a badly needed business that has a very conservative plan to start small and eventually expand into a full-service truck and trailer repair and inspection center.

Commissioner Bhakta made the motion to approve the agreement between Hereford Economic Development Corporation and Hereford Trailer Center. Commissioner Savoini seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote of the Commission: Commissioner Savoini – aye; Commissioner Collier – abstained; Commissioner Bhakta – aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Bunch – aye.

ITEM 4 – Consider approval of board appointment for the Community Publicity & Promotions Special Committee.

City Manager Bartels stated this board is the part of the Chamber of Commerce that oversees the Hotel/Motel Tax expenditures. He noted Robert de la Cruz is willing to serve on this board and he would be good. City Manager Bartels stated we collect and pass along this tax and so the City must approve their board appointments.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to appoint Robert de la Cruz to serve on the Community Publicity & Promotions Special Committee. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 5 – Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Mayor Pro Tem Bunch stated she attended the presentation by Maurice Schwanke at the Civic Center and it was very good; he picked on Hereford a little and pointed out some things we needed to see from an outsider's point of view.

ITEM 6 – Announcements and comments from City Staff.

Fire Marshal/EMC Turney stated COVID numbers are looking good; new list should be out on Wednesday. He noted anyone over age 50 can now get a shot and there are still slots available for the shot clinic set up for tomorrow at the civic center (with the second shot scheduled for April 15th). He stated an appointment is needed; but they will help walk-ins get signed up.

City Manager Bartels stated we are doing the Texas Junior Anglers fishing event May 15th. He also encouraged everyone to attend the Matt Myrick dedication scheduled for April 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the Hereford Municipal Airport if the weather is good and if the weather is bad it will be held at the Civic Center.

ITEM 7 – Public Comments.

Mike Schueler congratulated the Commission on the new civic center, the hiring of Steve Bartels as city manager, and Cathy Bunch for great continued leadership.

Commissioner Collier thanked him for coming to the meeting.

Joe Wells thanked the Commission and stated he appreciated all the support; noting, they have already hired several good employees.

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