

July 19, 2021

On this the 19th day of July, 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:

Cathy Bunch, Mayor
 Reyna Ruiz, Commissioner Place One
 Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
 Mark Collier, Commissioner, Place Four
 James Stow, Commissioner, Place Five
 Steve Bartels, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Rocky Bhakta, Commissioner Place Six

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

Also, in attendance were Fire Marshal Dean Turney, HEDC Director Wade Hawkins, Cason Cartwright with Parkhill, John Schaumburg and Alex Guerrero both with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Mayor 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 June 7th, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 2 – Consider approval of request for extension of water service outside city limits. (Requested by Jordy Collier of JayBe located at 3788 N. Progressive, Hereford, Texas)

City Manager Bartels stated Jordy Collier made this request for water service because their well was damaged by the construction workers working on the new jail. He noted if the City Commission chooses to approve the request, Mr. Collier will be charged a rate that is one and one-half times the city rate [since they are outside the city limits.]

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve the request for extension of water service to

Jordy Collier of JayBe located at 3788 N. Progressive. Commissioner Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote: Mayor Bunch – aye; Commissioner Ruiz – aye; Commissioner Savoini – aye; Commissioner Collier – abstained; and Commissioner Stow – aye.

ITEM 3 – Consider approval of Resolution No. 07.19.21 approving the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Hereford and Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) for E9-1-1 Service and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Equipment.

John Schaumburg of Panhandle Regional Planning Commission stated this agreement for E9-1-1 services used to be by automatic renewal; but, a few years ago they changed it to a bi-annual renewal.

RESOLUTION NO. 07.19.21

WHEREAS, the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Number is the dedicated nationwide emergency number for police, fire and ambulance which provides major life saving advantages to citizens and public safety agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission has since 1989, developed plans for the establishment, operation and maintenance of 9-1-1 services in the Panhandle area; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government has previously appointed the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission as administrator of Local Government's 9-1-1 program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Interlocal Agreement for 9-1-1 Service and Equipment is required by the Commission on State Emergency Services to insure funding for Local Government's 9-1-1 service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS:

1. Has reviewed the proposed Interlocal Agreement for 9-1-1 Service and Equipment.
2. The proposed Interlocal Agreement is hereby ratified and approved.
3. That the person executing the Interlocal Agreement is authorized and directed to execute said Interlocal Agreement on behalf of their governing body.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the 19th day of July, 2021.

/s/ Cathy Bunch
Cathy Bunch, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Suzanne Finch
Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Commissioner Ruiz made the motion to approve the renewal of the E9-1-1 Service and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Agreement between the City of Hereford and Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4 – Hear report from Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

HEDC Executive Director Wade Hawkins reported on the following:

- Caviness Extension
- Conveyor Video / Expio update
- Potential Projects
 - L2L – Material cost too high right now – let option go
 - Existing renewable energy company – abatement information
 - RNG company – abatement information
 - Feed company – possible new location
 - Ethos IQ – call center
 - Retail beverage company – location
 - Cotton gin parts and machinery company – location
 - Large scale graphics – location
 - Outlet store (old Bealls’ facility)
 - Local pallet company – possible expansion

ITEM 5 - Consider approval of award of bid for City of Hereford TCDP Water System Improvements Phase II, Project No. 7219191.

Cason Cartwright of Parkhill went over the bids noting Gates Utilities, LLC is the low bidder by approximately \$34,000.00 - \$35,000.00; they have worked with them on one project in Wheeler rehabilitating a well.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve the bid from Gates Utilities, LLC in the amount of \$209,477.00. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6 - Presentation of Section 3 goals and requirements as it relates to the City’s Texas Community Development Block Grant Project #7219191 for Water System Improvements to include information on employment opportunities of low and very low-income persons as well as residents residing in the community.

Alex Guerrero of Panhandle Regional Planning Commission stated this presentation is required in relation to the previous item; we had funds left over from Phase I and this is now Phase II; no action is required by the City Commission.

Mr. Guerrero went over employment opportunities as related to Section 3 and how to get additional information including accessing the HUD portal and Panhandle Workforce Solutions website.

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

Mayor Bunch stated weed letters went out and alley repairs are on the way. She noted the Bureau Veritas presentation had a good turnout/response and we are looking at what to do about Main Street.

ITEM 8 – Announcements and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Bartels asked the commissioners to refer any calls they receive regarding potholes to him. He noted the city crews will smooth out the alleys as soon as they dry out. He also stated we had one small tree and one large tree at the golf course blow over.

ITEM 9 – Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:58 p. m.

