

On this the 7th day of February, 2022 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
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
 James Stow, Commissioner Place Five
 Rocky Bhakta, Commissioner Place Six
 Steve Bartels, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four

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

Also, in attendance were Assistant City Manager/Fire Marshal Dean Turney, Police Chief Brent Harrison, Finance Manager Wade Hawkins, Raymond Guzman, and Jon Galland.

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Bhakta 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 December 20th, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

ITEM 2 – Recognize Patrol Officer Darian Edwards.

No action was taken on this item.

ITEM 3 – Consider approval of Resolution No. 02.07.22 authorizing the submission of a grant application on behalf of the Hereford Police Department for the Hereford Police Department SRO (School Resource Officer) Project to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division and designating the city manager to act as the City's authorized official in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Hereford Police Department SRO (School Resource Officer) Project Grant.

Chief Harrison briefly went over the reasons for applying for the grant and noted it is a “step” grant (sliding scale over five years) rather than a matching grant.

City Manager Bartels stated the Hereford Independent School District would be responsible for the difference each year.

RESOLUTION NO. 02.07.22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE HEREFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE HEREFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT SRO (SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER) PROJECT TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY’S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE HEREFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT SRO (SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER) PROJECT GRANT.

WHEREAS, the City Commission for the City of Hereford, Texas finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Hereford that the Hereford Police Department SRO (School Resource Officer) Project Grant be operated for the 2022-2023 year; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission for the City of Hereford agrees to provide applicable matching funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 (Seventy-five thousand dollars and zero cents) for the said project as required by the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor grant application; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission for the City of Hereford agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division funds, the City Commission for the City of Hereford assures that the funds will be returned to the Criminal Justice Division in full; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission for the City of Hereford designates City Manager Steve Bartels as the grantee’s authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

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

That the City Commission for the City of Hereford approves submission of the grant application for the Hereford Police Department SRO (School Resource Officer) Project Grant to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 7th day of February, 2022.

/s/ Cathy Bunch
Cathy Bunch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Suzanne Finch
Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Grant Number: 4493

Commissioner Bhakta made the motion to approve Resolution No. 02.07.22. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

(Mayor Bunch opened the public hearing at approximately 6:40 p.m.)

PUBLIC HEARING:

ITEM 4 - Consider approval of request to rezone approximately 5.15 acre portion of 515 Avenue B legally described as Evants Block 53-54, 7.703 AC includes closed Street B from "MF" Multi-Family to "CB" Central Business. (Requested by Alvin Kidd, Jr.).

ORDINANCE NO. 02.07.22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1193, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD REZONING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM "MF" MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT TO "CB" CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 02.07.22 rezoning the 5.15 acre portion from "MF" Multi-Family to "CB" Central Business. Commissioner Bhakta seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

(Mayor Bunch closed the public hearing at approximately 6:41 p.m.)

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 5 – Hear report from Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

Wade Hawkins reported on the following:

- Dr. Kynan Sturgeuss / Texas Tech Veterinary Clinic
- Energy Company
- Local feed yard looking to expand
- Ag support company

Mr. Hawkins noted this is his last official meeting as the executive director and he will serve as interim until someone is hired. He thanked the Commission noting he enjoyed to process and the city manager, city attorney, and mayor were very helpful.

ITEM 6 – Consider authorizing the mayor to appoint a search team for the selection of a Hereford Economic Development Corporation executive director.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to authorize the mayor to appoint a search team for the selection of a Hereford Economic Development Corporation executive director. Commissioner Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7 – Discuss and consider approval of bid for asbestos abatement at old community center building located at 100 Avenue C.

City Manager Bartels stated bids were received last week; consultant went through them; asbestos removal first; then, the demolition.

Commissioner Alonzo made the motion to approve the bid from 1 Priority for the Asbestos removal in the amount of \$43,511.00. Commissioner Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 8 – Discuss and consider approval of bid for demolition of old community center building located at 100 Avenue C.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve the bid from AAR for the demolition in the amount of \$110,600.00. Commissioner Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 9 – Consider approval of Order and Notice for the City Officers' Election set for May 7, 2022. (Considerere aprobacion de Orden y Aviso de Eleccion de los Oficiales de la Ciudad para el 7 de mayo de 2022.)

Mayor Bunch noted four seats on the Commission – Place Two, Place Four, Place Five, and Place Six – are up for election; these places are currently held by Angie Alonzo, Mark Collier, James Stow, and Rocky Bhakta.

Commissioner Ruiz made the motion to approve the Order and Notice for the City Officers' Election set for May 7, 2022. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 10 – Consider approval of Resolution No. 02.07.22A authorizing a Joint Election Agreement between the City of Hereford and Deaf Smith County, Texas. (Considerere la aprobacion de la Resolucion No. 02.07.22A que autoriza de Acuerdo de Eleccion Conjunta entre la Ciudad de Hereford y el Condado de Deaf Smith, Texas.

RESOLUTION NO. 02.07.22A OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS
AUTHORIZING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT
WITH DEAF SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS

The City Commission for the City of Hereford, Texas does hereby make the following Resolution regarding the joint election to be conducted with Deaf Smith County, Texas, as more fully described in the Joint Election Agreement (the "Agreement") attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and fully incorporated as if set forth herein:

WHEREAS, Texas Election Code § 271.002(a) authorizes the governing bodies of political subdivisions to enter into an agreement to hold joint elections and share common polling places; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hereford, Texas ("City") and Deaf Smith County ("County") are each political subdivisions of the State of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the County will conduct an election on May 7, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the City also intends to conduct an election on May 7, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the City and the County desire to hold a joint election as set forth in the Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the City and the County have agreed to use polling places as permitted by Texas Election Code § 271.003; and,

WHEREAS, the City and County have common voters, and it would be to the benefit of the County, the City, and the resident voters thereof, to share joint polling places, and for the County to provide election services, as set forth in the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD that the Commission hereby adopts the above recitals as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof the same as if set out in full; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City's election shall be held jointly with Deaf Smith County, Texas, as permitted under Texas Election Code Chapter 271, and as set forth in the Agreement attached hereto; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Commission authorizes the City Manager to enter into the attached Agreement, and that the City Manager is authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as are necessary to implement the actions that are contemplated herein, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 7th day of February, 2022, by the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas.

/c/ Cathy Bunch
Cathy Bunch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Suzanne Finch
Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Commissioner Alonzo made the motion to approve Resolution No. 02.07.22A authorizing a Joint Election Agreement between the City of Hereford and Deaf Smith County. Commissioner Bhakta seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 11 – Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Mayor Bunch thanked Wade Hawkins for a job well done.

ITEM 12 – Announcement and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Bartels thanked Wade Hawkins and Dean Turney for accepting their new roles officially and for taking on new challenges. City Manager Bartels noted Mr. Hawkins would serve as interim HEDC executive director in addition to his new role as Finance Manager and

Mr. Turney would continue to serve as Fire Marshal - Assistant City Manager would be added to his title.

City Manager Bartels thanked the citizens of Hereford for exceeding the brick goal of 200 for the first order noting 317 were sold. He stated Chad Dietz of Parkhill had some ideas for downtown.

Wade Hawkins thanked the Commission for the opportunities both past and present.

Dean Turney also thanked the Commission for the opportunity and stated he is looking forward to the future.

ITEM 13 – Public Comments.

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