

On this the 15th day of November, 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
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
 James Stow, Commissioner Place Five
 Steve Bartels, City Manager
 Audie Scuibato, City Attorney
 Franchesca Jimenez, Assistant City Secretary

Absent: Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four
 Rocky Bhakta, Commissioner Place Six
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

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

Also, in attendance were Fire Marshal Dean Turney, HEDC Executive Director Wade Hawkins, Public Works Director Johnny Torres, Officer Sky Holcomb, Jose Veliz, Irma Montoya, Ailet Veliz, Elfego Sanchez, and Miguel Sanchez.

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Stow 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 October 18th, 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.

(Mayor Bunch opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ITEM 2 - Consider approval of Ordinance No. 11.15.21 for a zoning change request for property located at 510 Brevard (Mabry Block 14, Lot 3 N 50' E 130'). (Requested by Martha Reyes)

ORDINANCE NO. 11.15.21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1193, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD REZONING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM "R-2" TWO-FAMILY DISTRICT TO "MH" MOBILE HOME DISTRICT

Commissioner Alonzo made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 11.15.21 for a zoning change request for property located at 510 Brevard. Commissioner Savoini seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3 – Consider approval of condemnation proceedings for dangerous building located at 111 Kibbe.

Mayor Bunch called upon Mr. Sanchez . She read a statement to Mr. Sanchez regarding the sale of the property at 111 Kibbe to the new owner Ailet Veliz.

Mr. Sanchez stated he did not take advantage of the new owner and she was aware of the circumstances.

Mayor Bunch stated the property at 111 Kibbe will not be condemned. The proper documents have been provided.

Commissioner Ruiz made the motion to not condemn the dangerous building located at 111 Kibbe. Commissioner Savoini seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

(Mayor Bunch closed the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.)

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 4 - Hear report from Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

HEDC Executive Director Wade Hawkins reported on the renewable energy project. He stated they will be moving forward with the project and will break ground in the spring. He noted it is a good investment and will provide 3-5 jobs for Hereford.

ITEM 5 - Consider approval of street closure Ordinance No. 11.15.21A finding that the portion of Avenue E located adjacent to the west line of Lot No. 14, Block 13 of Pioneer Addition to the City of Hereford, Texas, within the City of Hereford, is not necessary for public use as a thoroughfare; providing for the vacation, abandonment and closure of the street; and releasing any and all public rights, title and interest.

ORDINANCE NO. 11.15.21A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, FINDING THAT THE PORTION OF AVENUE E LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT NO. 14, BLOCK 13 OF PIONEER ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS,

WITHIN THE CITY OF HEREFORD, IS NOT NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE AS A THOROUGHFARE; PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION, ABANDONMENT AND CLOSURE OF THE STREET; AND RELEASING ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS, TITLE AND INTEREST.

City Manager Bartels stated there are no plans to develop the property.

Commissioner Stow made the motion to close the street. Commissioner Savoini seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6 – Consider approval of appointment of members to the City of Hereford’s Planning and Zoning Commission.

City Manager Bartels stated three of the Planning and Zoning Board members’ terms are up for reappointment: Raymond Guzman, Frank Murillo, and Daniel Villareal. Raymond Guzman has agreed to serve another term. City Manager Bartels stated there are two vacancies: Brent Dance and Sandy Tiemann have indicated they are willing to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to appoint Raymond Guzman, Brent Dance, and Sandy Tiemann to serve a two-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7 - Consider approval of Resolution No. 11.15.21 casting votes for Deaf Smith County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the years 2022 – 2023.

City Manager Bartels stated Carey Black has been the City Representative for 20 years. The City is allocated 339 votes. He noted the Commission can allocate all or a majority of the votes to Carey Black.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to allocate all 339 votes to Carey Black as the City Representative. Commissioner Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 8 – Consider approval of appointment of member to the Deaf Smith County Juvenile Probation Board.

City Manager Bartels stated Rick Mendez and Sandy Swopes both serve on the Deaf Smith County Juvenile Probation Board. He stated Sandy Swopes’ term is up in December and she is willing to serve another two-year term.

Commissioner Stow made the motion to re-appoint Sandy Swopes to serve a two-year term on the Deaf Smith County Juvenile Probation Board. Commissioner Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 9 - Consider approval of Agreement for Lease of Water between the City of Hereford and Hereford Ethanol Partners, L.P.

City Manager Bartels discussed the Agreement for Lease of Water between the City of Hereford and Hereford Ethanol Partners, L.P. He noted the 135 acres has the capacity for both businesses to operate and produce. City Manager Bartels noted it is strictly a lease for water rights only.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve the Agreement for Lease of Water between the City of Hereford and Hereford Ethanol Partners, L.P. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 10 – Consider cancelling the regular City Commission meeting scheduled for December 6, 2021 (Christmas Celebration of Lights).

Commissioner Alonzo made the motion to cancel the regular City Commission meeting scheduled for December 6, 2021. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

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

There were no further announcements or comments from the Mayor and City Commissioners.

ITEM 12 – Announcement and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Bartels stated the Christmas Celebration of Lights will be December 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Dameron Park.

He noted the relocation of Highway 60 is set to begin early January.

City Manager Bartels stated he would like for the City Commissioners to meet officers and city employees. Officer Sky Holcomb introduced himself.

ITEM 13 – Public Comments.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.