

On this the 2nd day of June, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, convened in a special 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
 Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four
 James Stow, Commissioner Place Five
 Rocky Bhakta, Commissioner Place Six
 Steve Bartels, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three

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

Also, in attendance were Finance Manager Wade Hawkins, Patrol Officer Meredith Williams, and Kurt Jones.

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and then led 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 Hereford Economic Development Corporation’s appointment of Kurt Jones as new Executive Director.

Kurt Jones gave a brief summary of his qualifications/experience and stated if approved he would be available to start in early July as he has a few projects he must finish at his current job.

Commissioner Stow made the motion to approve the appointment of Kurt Jones as the new HEDC executive director. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 2 – Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Bhakta stated he likes how the Golf Course is coming along.

Commissioner Stow welcomed Kurt Jones.

Commissioner Ruiz also welcomed Mr. Jones and then inquired as to whether or not there were any grants or programs available to assist low-income families with repairs to their homes needed after the recent hail storm.

Commissioner Collier noted typically assistance is limited unless the event is “catastrophic” and declared a “disaster.”

City Manager Bartels stated he would call the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and see if they could give guidance on any assistance that might be available.

ITEM 3 – Announcements and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Bartels welcomed Kurt Jones. He noted a disc golf tournament was scheduled for Saturday at Veteran Park with 80 players signed up to participate. City Manager Bartels also stated they are beginning to build the fence on the south side.

Finance Manager / Interim HEDC Director Hawkins welcomed Mr. Jones. He noted some of the local churches and civic groups might be able to provide assistance for those needing help with repairs.

ITEM 4 – Public Comments.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:13 p.m.