

On this the 17th day of October, 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  
 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: Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two  
 Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three

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

Also, in attendance were Assistant City Manager/Fire Marshal Dean Turney, Finance Manager Wade Hawkins, Public Works Director Johnny Torres, Hereford Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Kurt Jones, Marisela Nanez, James Spence, and Adrian Arredondo, Jr.

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 – Public Comments.**

Marisela Nanez stated she just wanted to attend a meeting to get a feel as a Hereford resident and a business owner for how citizens with concerns present those to the Commission.

#### **ITEM 2 – Consider approval of minutes for the September 19th, 2022 Regular meeting and the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Special meeting.**

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

**ITEM 3 - Discuss and consider approval of request from Tejas Industries, LLC d/b/a Merrick Pet Care for sanitary sewer services for a private sanitary line from the Company's physical address (110 Merrick Lane) and all adjacent facilities owned by the Company to the City of Hereford Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 3748 S. Progressive Road.**

Mr. Adrian Arredondo, Jr. stated Tejas is requesting a private sanitary line for the City of Hereford to accept their domestic waste (no industrial waste) from their offices. He stated they know their company is responsible for the cost to tie it into the City system. Commissioner Collier made the motion to approve the request. Commissioner Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 4 - Consider approval of grant application approved by the Hereford Beautification Advisory Board at their regular meeting on October 4th, 2022. (Requested by Sara Pesina / Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hereford.)**

Commissioner Collier made the motion to approve the grant application approved by the Hereford Beautification Advisory Board for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hereford. Commissioner Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 5 - Discuss and consider approval of bids submitted by Top Of Texas, Inc. for Airport Hangar Replacement for Hangar A and Hangar B.**

Commissioner Bhakta made the motion to approve the bids submitted by Top of Texas, Inc. for Airport Hangar Replacement for Hangar A and Hangar B. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion, Commissioner Collier recused himself and abstained from voting, and the motion passed with the unanimous vote of the remainder of the Commission.

**ITEM 6 - Discuss and consider authorizing the city manager to advertise/solicit bids for hangar doors on Hangar Row A and Hangar Row B.**

Commissioner Bhakta made the motion to authorize the city manager to advertise/solicit bids for hangar doors on Hangar Row A and Hangar Row B. Commissioner Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 7 - Consider approval of re-appointment of members to the City of Hereford's Planning and Zoning Commission.**

Mayor Bunch stated Mike Schueler and Johnny Brownlow have both indicated they are willing to serve another term. She advised there is still one vacancy on this board if anyone would like to serve on it, the Commission would love to have them.

Commissioner Ruiz made the motion to re-appoint Mike Schueler and Johnny Brownlow to serve another two-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 8 – Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.**

Mayor Bunch thanked the Men's Golf Association for working so hard at the golf course.

**ITEM 9 – Announcements and comments from City Staff.**

City Manager Bartels thanked them too noting all the comments he heard about the work day at the golf course were all positive and their efforts were appreciated.

City Manager Bartels stated the more they looked at the sign ordinance [that was tabled in a previous meeting], there were more questions than answers. He suggested looking at a comprehensive sign ordinance that addresses more than just the digital signs. He stated City Attorney Sciumbato would work to find an ordinance that would be a good fit for us – a full sign ordinance, but not too cumbersome, that would address more than the digital signs so we don't pass one and then have to make revisions a year later. He noted existing signs would be grandfathered in if a new ordinance was passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:42 p.m.