

On this the 5th day of June, 2023 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  
 Rose Mary Barrett, 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 Assistant City Manager Dean Turney, Finance Manager Wade Hawkins, Public Works Director Johnny P. Torres, John Schaumburg with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Dolores Gonzalez, Linda Castaneda, William Heck, Margaret Del Toro, Carmen Nunez, Ramon Nunez, and Grace Vargas Gamez.

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and then asked 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 – Public Comments.**

Mayor Bunch reminded those present of the new rule: the public is not allowed to approach the dais/podium without permission; the public will be escorted out of the chamber after the meeting is adjourned and will be allowed to speak with the elected officials afterwards in the hall.

William Heck of Solar Renewables stated he just wanted to introduce himself and let the Commission know he is available to answer questions.

Dolores Gonzalez inquired if the City pays for gas for the City Manager to drive from Hereford to Randall County and why he is still handling accounts payable. She thanked Mayor Bunch for taking an interest in the San Jose Community.

Ramon Nunez inquired about the Fire Department's testing of tornado alarms and also mosquito control since there is standing water after the recent rains.

Margaret Del Toro spoke about taking pride and belonging in Hereford.

**ITEM 2 - Consider approval of minutes for the May 15th, 2023 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 3 - Consider approval of Resolution No. 06.05.23 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 PRPC stated this is an on-going contract with the City of Hereford to provide call equipment; noting they do not hire dispatchers – but, they do offer training. He stated it used to auto renew; but now they are required to renew the contract every other year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 06.05.23**

**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 Governments 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 5th day of June, 2023

/s/ Cathy Bunch  
Mayor Cathy Bunch

Attest:

/s/ Suzanne Finch  
Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Commissioner Stow made a motion to approve Resolution No. 06.05.23 approving the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 service and equipment. Commissioner Savoini seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 4 - Consider approval of re-appointment of Dr. Johnson as the City's Health Authority.**

Commissioner Collier made the motion to re-appoint Dr. Johnson to another two-year term as the City's Health Authority. Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 5 - Consider approval of re-appointment of Raul Pesina to the City of Hereford's Building Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals.**

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to re-appoint Raul Pesina to another four-year term on the City of Hereford's Building Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 6 - Consider approval of re-appointment of Cathy Bunch as one of the City Representatives on the Hereford Area Tax Abatement Board.**

Commissioner Stow made the motion to re-appoint Cathy Bunch to another two-year term as one of the City Representatives on the Hereford Area Tax Abatement Board. Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 7 - Consider cancelling regularly scheduled meeting set for June 19th, 2023.**

Commissioner Collier made the motion to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting set for June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in observance of the holiday. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

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

Commissioner Savoini stated he "does Hereford" and he hopes all belong to Hereford and want to contribute to Hereford.

Commissioner Stow thanked the City Staff, Johnny Torres and his staff for stepping up - noting so many showed up to help the San Jose Community and to assist with the move from the Bull Barn to the First Baptist Church and for the long hours put in to get everything cleaned up after the recent flooding.

Mayor Bunch stated she was overwhelmed by people wanting to help, offering to fix meals - the hospital and Jalisco's brought meals - even before the Red Cross came out. City Manager Bartels and Public Works Director Johnny Torres went above and beyond. Cindy Simons helped put agencies together.

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

City Manager Bartels stated in response to a question asked earlier – the City does test the sirens – but it is a scheduled test and must be done weather-permitting and we are waiting for a pretty day.

City Manager Bartels noted the City started last week on mosquito control.

Assistant City Manager Turney went over how the various volunteer organizations – Salvation Army, United Way, High Plains Food Bank, Legal Aid (to help with lost ID's), and many others - acted together and had representatives set up in the gym at First Baptist Church to offer their services along with clean-up kits to help those affected by the flooding to get back on their feet. He suggested to those wanting to help to make a cash donation at Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union to a fund set up for that purpose; noting a committee would oversee requests for assistance.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:52 p.m.