

On this the 13th day of November, 2023 at 6:30 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
 Rose Mary Barrett, Commissioner Place One
 Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
 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

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

Also, in attendance were Dean Turney, Wade Hawkins, Kurt Jones, Johnny Torres, Crystal Sanchez, and Ramon Nunez.

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.

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 2 – Consider approval of minutes for the November 6th, 2023 Regular meeting.

Commissioner Barrett made the motion to approve the November 6th, 2023 Regular meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Savoini seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3 – Consider approval of Resolution No. 11.13.23 Canvassing the November 7, 2023 Election Returns.

RESOLUTION NO. 11.13.23

A RESOLUTION AND ORDER CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023.

WHEREAS, the City Commission called an Election to be held on November 7, 2023, for the purpose of submitting one (1) proposition to the voters

for the following: Should the City of Hereford and the Hereford Economic Development Corporation combine some of their existing funds to build a 6.5 million dollar baseball/softball complex in the city limits of Hereford, Texas. (yes or no), and

WHEREAS, said election was held and the election returns delivered to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, it appearing from said returns, duly and legally made, there were 884 valid and legal votes cast in the election by a total of 898 persons voting and that the referendum in said election received the following number of votes, to-wit:

Should the City of Hereford and the Hereford Economic Development Corporation combine some of their existing funds to build a 6.5 million dollar baseball/softball complex in the city limits of Hereford, Texas. (yes or no)	<u>562</u> YES votes
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Should the City of Hereford and the Hereford Economic Development Corporation combine some Of their existing funds to build a 6.5 million dollar baseball/softball complex in the city limits of Hereford, Texas. (yes or no)	<u>322</u> NO votes
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS:

That said election was duly called; notice of said election was given in accordance with law; said election was held in accordance with law; and that the referendum Passed.

(Passed or Failed)

It is further found and determined in accordance with the order of this governing body, the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located in City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and said notice having been so posted and remaining posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting. A copy of said posting shall be attached to this resolution and order and shall be made a part thereof for all intents and purposes.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 13th day of November 2023.

/S/ Cathy Bunch
Cathy Bunch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Suzanne Finch
Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve Resolution No. 11.13.23. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4 – Update on the Hereford Municipal Airport – Airport Layout Plan, fuel system, and fuel trailer.

City Manager Bartels stated there are several projects we have been working on for quite awhile; they include: an airport layout plan, additional hangars (using designated areas for large and small sizes), fencing, fuel system (now up and running), removal of underground tanks to be scheduled, fuel trailer (tank damaged beyond repair when we received it and now waiting on a replacement to be built), new hangars (now full), and working on getting doors on remaining hangars that are without doors (looking at options).

ITEM 5 – Consider approval of Ordinance No. 11.13.23 amending the Schedule of Service Fees for the collection and disposal of municipal solid waste, amending Subsection (2) of Sec. 13.03.005 of the Code of Ordinances and establishing new fees for such collection and disposal services effective December 1, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 11.13.23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICE FEES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE, AMENDING SUBSECTION (2) OF SEC. 13.03.005 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ESTABLISHING NEW FEES FOR SUCH COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2023

City Manager Bartels noted there is no need for public announcement of this rate increase – this was simply an oversight and should have been done when the other rates were increased in September.

Commissioner Stow made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 11.13.23. Commissioner Bhakta seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6 – Consider authorizing the city manager to solicit bids for the City Farm Lease for 2024.

City Manager Bartels noted the City Farm is located east of the City and south of the airport and is used to dispose of the wastewater effluent for irrigated and pasture land. He stated the last time we bid it was in 2005 and the same person has had it for the last 17-18 years. City Manager Bartels noted we have not had anyone express interest in leasing it until we had someone express interest in it this year; he is requesting approval from the City Commission to go out for bids for a new lease to begin in 2024.

Commissioner Collier made the motion to allow the city manager to solicit bids for the City Farm Lease. Commissioner Savoini seconded and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7 - Consider approval of amendments to the Façade Improvement Grant Program application approved by the Hereford Beautification Advisory Board at their November 7th, 2023 regular meeting.

Mayor Bunch stated the Hereford Beautification Advisory Board added a paragraph about being in business longer than a year because this is important to the HBAB.

Commissioner Barrett made the motion to approve the amendments to the Façade Improvement Grant Program application as approved by the Hereford Beautification Advisory Board. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 8 - Consider approval of Façade Improvement Grant Program application approved by the Hereford Beautification Advisory Board at their regular meeting on November 7th, 2023. (Requested by Angela Mosher / Bandon Fitness dba Anytime Fitness / 301 N. Main Street)

Mayor Bunch noted this business has done a lot of work and has requested the grant to replace old entrance doors with new entrance doors.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve the Façade Improvement Grant Program application approved by the Hereford Beautification Advisory Board at their regular meeting on November 7th, 2023 for Angela Mosher of Bandon Fitness dba Anytime Fitness at 301 N. Main Street. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 9 – Hear report from Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

HEDC Executive Director Kurt Jones reported on the following:

- Approved Reinert Contract
- Lunch & Learn
- Rocky Bhakta's proposition to be considered at their next meeting

ITEM 10 - Consider approval of Hereford Economic Development Corporation's incentive for Reinert Hay Company, LLC.

HEDC Executive Director Kurt Jones reported on the following:

- In discussion with the Reinerts for a few things
- Changes
- Lost 25 drivers
- \$125,000
- 5-year forgivable loan to retain those jobs

There followed a discussion regarding how and what was used to verify the jobs; business retention and expansion; what qualifies – primary job, ag, manufacturing, industrial, new revenue stream; and what is needed – good business plan, be ready to answer questions about

the business venture, is it a primary job or not, and the amount that is being requested – is it in line with other incentives they have done percentage wise.

Commissioner Collier made the motion to approve the incentive approved by the HEDC for Reinert Hay, LLC. Commissioner Savoini seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

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

Commissioner Rose Mary Barrett thanked everyone for voting and for the baseball/softball complex.

Commissioner Stow stated he appreciated the people that voted.

Mayor Bunch thanked everyone for voting and also thanked the City Commission for allowing her to move forward on the sidewalks downtown.

ITEM 12 - Announcements and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Bartels stated there was a lot of good input at the recent Hereford Municipal Airport Board meeting. He noted the group discussed hay baling as a fund raiser; but this is not a reliable source of income and it would be better to increase hangar rent by \$25 and keep that in a separate fund much like the volunteer park fund to be used for projects with the approval of the City Commission. He noted the next meeting of the HMAB is tentatively set for December 14th.

City Manager Bartels stated the preconstruction meeting for the baseball/softball complex will be held soon so everyone can sit down and begin asking questions. He noted they have already set out the stakes so you can see how big it will be once it is completed. City Manager Bartels invited everyone to attend the groundbreaking for the new softball/baseball complex set for December 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the site of the new facility and thanked everyone for voting to get it passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:01 p.m.