

On this the 18th day of March, 2024 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
Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
James Stow, Commissioner Place Five
Rocky Bhakta, Commissioner Place Six
Steve Bartels, City Manager
Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four

Jim Steiert was in attendance from the media to witness the proceedings.

Also, in attendance were Dean Turney, Wade Hawkins, Landon Swan, Brent Brethour, 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 and welcomed those in attendance.

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 1 – Public Comments.

Mayor Bunch reminded the audience of the 3-minute limit and also the rule that the public is not allowed to approach the dais and will be escorted out of the chamber after the meeting adjourns.

There were no public comments.

ITEM 2 – Consider approval of minutes for the March 4th, 2024 Regular meeting.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3 – Consider approval of Resolution No. 03.18.24 a resolution of support by the City of Hereford, Texas for the Hereford Regional Medical Center for a community project fund for an improvements project to better serve the communities served by this organization.

Mayor Bunch stated this resolution is in support of the Hereford Regional Medical Center; they are applying for a grant and this is part of the grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 03.18.24

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS FOR THE HEREFORD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT FUND FOR AN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITIES SERVED BY THIS ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, participation in the Community Project Funding (CPF) program requires implementation of expansion of pediatric physical therapy facilities to meet the needs of the Hereford Regional Medical Center in its service to the people and businesses in its service area; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the necessary improvement and delivery of medical health services, the Hereford Regional Medical Center will be submitting an application for Community Project Funding as a federal grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hereford, received a request from the Hereford Regional Medical Center for a statement of support for this project and improvements that will provide substantial support for future medical health resources for the City of Hereford.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS:

Section 1. That by this resolution the City of Hereford states its overwhelming support for Hereford Regional Medical Center application for a Community Project Fund for the expansion of pediatric therapy facilities to better serve our community; and

Section 2. That the access to reliable medical services is a critical long-term necessity and the implementation of this project will provide assurances for our community of adequate medical health services.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 18th day of March 2024.

/s/ Cathy Bunch
Cathy Bunch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Suzanne Finch
Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Commissioner Barrett made the motion to approve Resolution No. 03.18.24. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4 – Consider approval of façade grant application approved by the Hereford Beautification Advisory Board at a regular meeting held March 5th, 2024. (Requested by Kim Leonard of Leonard Insurance Agency)

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve the façade grant application approved by the Hereford Beautification Advisory Board for Kim Leonard of Leonard Insurance Agency. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 5 – Consider approval of appointment of members to the Hereford Municipal Airport Board.

Commissioner Bhakta made the motion to approve the appointment of Kevin Knight, Tim Schlabs, Landon Friemel, and Terry Shelton to serve a three-year term on the Hereford Municipal Airport Board with said terms to expire February 2027. Commissioner Savoini seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6 - Consider approval of Ordinance No. 03.18.24 an ordinance of the City of Hereford, Texas, establishing a Baseball/Softball Complex Advisory Board; providing that it shall have seven members; establishing the qualifications of the members and how they are appointed and replaced; setting minimum requirements for the board's by-laws; and setting forth the duties of the board.

ORDINANCE NO. 03.18.24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMPLEX ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING THAT IT SHALL HAVE SEVEN MEMBERS; ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MEMBERS AND HOW THEY ARE APPOINTED AND REPLACED; SETTING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BOARD'S BY-LAWS; AND SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD

Commissioner Barrett made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 03.18.24 establishing the Baseball/Softball Complex Advisory Board. Commissioner Bhakta seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7 - Announcements and comments from mayor and city commissioners.

Commissioner Barrett urged everyone if they had not already driven by the new baseball/softball complex to do so – it is really taking shape.

Mayor Bunch stated she wants a set of financial statements each month (prepared by someone other than the city manager – either in-house or outsourced by June 1st) – if the financial statements are not available in time to be included in the agenda packet, then those should be sent out separately by email.

She requested an update on the status of hiring a new auditor at the next meeting.

Mayor Bunch stated her focus now is going to be on water.

ITEM 8 - Announcements and comments from city staff.

City Manager Bartels stated we have started the process of getting in the State water plan and have submitted what is necessary in order to be considered for the Texas Water Development Board funds when those become available in the future in the form of grants and/or forgivable loans possibly within the next five years.

City Manager Bartels stated the Main Street bridge replacement was once again delayed due to miscommunications between the contractor and TxDot. He noted they have assured him the project will begin April 1st.

City Manager Bartels suggested as part of the next meeting of the City Commission to tour the new baseball/softball complex fields provided we can give all the proper notice not to violate any Open Meetings Act rules.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:44 p.m.