

On this the 3rd day of June, 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
 Deven Black, Commissioner Place Six
 Steve Bartels, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four

Also, in attendance were Wade Hawkins, Todd Murray, Franchesca Jimenez, Ramon Nunez, and Jim Yeager.

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

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and then called upon 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 May 13th, 2024 Special meeting.

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

ITEM 3 – Discuss proposed ordinance amending Chapter 12, “Traffic and Vehicles”, City of Hereford Code of Ordinances, specifying restrictions and prohibitions of use; motor vehicle insurance; providing definitions; providing for a penalty; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

City Manager Bartels began the discussion with the definition of each of the categories which include four-wheelers, side-by-sides, and golf carts noting the proposed ordinance prohibits the use of four-wheelers on city streets. He noted the proposed ordinance sets out safety equipment, minimum age requirements, insurance, prohibited highways, and other miscellaneous requirements for allowing side-by-side and golf carts on city streets including penalties for violations.

Jim Yeager spoke in favor of allowing side-by-sides noting adults should be allowed to drive on city streets but little kids should be prohibited from doing so. He went over the features on his side-by-side which include a roll cage, horn, turn signals, and a windshield, but no air bags, and he carries insurance on it. Mr. Yeager spoke against four-wheelers on the street noting they have no protection and stated in his opinion golf carts are not as safe as side-by-sides because they only have tubing and not a roll cage.

The group discussed whether or not to allow side-by-sides and/or golf carts in school zones and at school facilities.

Commissioner Savoini spoke in favor of including golf carts.

Commissioner Barrett expressed concerns for including golf carts noting they are not as visible as a vehicle and would have no protection if the golf cart was hit by a car.

Commissioner Black suggested maybe using a "slow moving" vehicle tag in reflective tape to make the golf carts more visible.

Mr. Nunez inquired about fines/penalties. Mayor Bunch read from the proposed ordinance setting out a fine of \$500 per occurrence.

City Manager Bartels and the Commission asked for additional input from the public on this item before considering taking any action on it.

ITEM 4 – Consider approval of re-appointment of Angie Alonzo as one of City’s representatives on the Hereford Area Tax Abatement Board.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to re-appoint Angie Alonzo to serve as one of the City’s representatives on the Hereford Area Tax Abatement Board. Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote of the Commission: Mayor Bunch – aye; Commissioner Barrett – aye; Commissioner Alonzo – abstained; Commissioner Savoini – aye; Commissioner Stow – aye; and Commissioner Black - aye.

ITEM 5 - Announcements and comments from mayor and city commissioners.

Commissioner Savoini, Commissioner Alonzo, and Commissioner Barrett thanked Mr. Yeager for his comments.

Mayor Bunch encouraged the public if they see someone breaking the law to call. She also thanked the departments/organizations – Parks Department, First National Bank, Farm

Bureau, Caviness, Parsons - that helped make the Texas Junior Angler Community Fishing Day a success, noting they fed a total of 1,000 burgers.

Mayor Bunch stated the trees have been removed from Main Street and will be replaced with planters that contain smoke trees – a total of 14 (located on each corner).

ITEM 6 - Announcements and comments from city staff.

City Manager Bartels gave an update on the Highway 60 project – stating the one bid they received for the concrete was 78% above their estimate so they are going to re-bid the job again this time with the option of concrete or asphalt to see if they can get more bids. He noted in the meantime they will patch some of the worst spots on Highway 60.

City Manager Bartels noted the bridge on Main Street was allotted 90 *working* days for completion – not calendar days.

City Manager Bartels stated the dog park is almost done – dog themed benches and shade structures have been ordered and will be added since the cost of the fence came in lower than expected.

City Manager Bartels gave an update on the ballpark – the concession stand is almost finished; the bleachers will be the next step.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.