



CITY OF HEREFORD

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COMMISSION CITY OF HEREFORD

6:30 P.M. - SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

COMMISSION CHAMBER - CITY HALL
224 N. LEE, HEREFORD, TEXAS

**5:45 P.M. Work session to review agenda items.
(City Hall Conference Room)

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 1 Public Comments.

All comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes (6 minutes if translation is needed) per individual. The City Commission will not comment or deliberate except as authorized by section 551.042 of the Government Code.

ITEM 2 Consider approval of minutes for the August 19th, 2024 Special Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ITEM 3 Hear public comments regarding the proposed budget for 10/01/24-09/30/2025.

ITEM 4 Hear public comments regarding the proposed tax rate for 2024.

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 5 Consider approval of award of bid for group health insurance.

ITEM 6 Consider approval of Resolution No. 09.16.24 approving a negotiated settlement between the Executive Committee of Cities served by Atmos West Texas ("Cities") and Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division regarding the Company's 2024 Rate Review Mechanism Filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; approving an attachment establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; requiring the Company to reimburse Cities' reasonable ratemaking expenses; determining that this resolution was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this resolution to the Company and the Cities' legal counsel.

ITEM 7 Discuss and consider approval of Resolution No. 09.16.24A denying Southwestern Public Service Company's proposed surcharge in connection with final rates approved related to its Statement of Intent submitted on about July 16, 2024; authorizing the city's continued participation with other cities in the alliance of Xcel Municipalities ("AXM") and participation in related rate proceedings; authorizing the hiring of attorneys and consultants; requiring reimbursement of reasonable legal and consultant expenses; finding that the meeting complies with the open meetings act; making other findings and provisions related to the subject.

ITEM 8 Consider approval of solid waste contract with Republic Services.

ITEM 9 Consider approval of Ordinance No. 09.16.24 amending the Schedule of Service Fees for the collection and disposal of municipal solid waste, amending Subsection (1)(A), Subsection (1)(B), and Subsection (2) of Sec. 13.03.005 of the Code of Ordinances and establishing new fees for such collection and disposal services effective October 1, 2024.

ITEM 10 Consider approval of 2024 Recommended Budget for Deaf Smith County Appraisal District.

ITEM 11 Consider and adopt budget Ordinance No. 09.16.24A approving the budget and making appropriation for support of the City Government and approving the budget for the Hereford Economic Development Corporation for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.

ITEM 12 Consider and adopt Ordinance No. 09.16.24B setting the 2024 tax rate.

ITEM 13 Hear report from Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

ITEM 14 Consider approval of Hereford Economic Development Corporation's Incentive for Element 26 Gym.

ITEM 15 Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

ITEM 16 Announcements and comments from City Staff.

The City Commission may go into closed session as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, (Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code) regarding any item on this Agenda.

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