

On this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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  
 Franchesca Jimenez, City Secretary  
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four

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

Also, in attendance were Wade Hawkins, Landon Swan, Brent Brethour, Zach Maldonado, Faith Fowler, Ruben Flores, Don Delozier, Ja'Deion High, J.D. High, family and friends of Ja'Deion High, along with the coaches from Hereford High School.

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and then asked Commissioner Savoini to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

**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 October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Regular meeting.**

Commissioner Stow 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 request for extension of water service outside city limits for property located at 131 Holly Sugar Road, Hereford, Texas. (Requested by Dennis Brown)**

City Manager Bartels stated the property is located on the south side of Holly Sugar Road, west of the Brown Fertilizer. He stated there was previously a house on the property that had access to city services. He advised the customer to request city services for the entire property. He noted the

agenda item states an extension of water service only but this request includes both water and sewer services, and any extension made will be at the customers expense, not the city's.

Commissioner Stow made the motion to approve the request for extension of water and sewer services outside city limits for the property located at 131 Holly Sugar Road, Hereford, Texas. Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ITEM 4 – Consultation with legal counsel regarding legal matters related to the baseball/softball complex. (Provided by Texas Government Code §551.071)**

*(Mayor Bunch ended the executive session at 6:59 p.m. and noted no action was taken.)*

**REGULAR HEARINGS:**

**ITEM 5 – Recognition of Ja'Deion High.**

Mayor Bunch presented Ja'Deion High with a framed certificate of appreciation and a key to the city in recognition of his remarkable accomplishments noting he represented the United States at the Flag Football World Championship in Finland and won the gold medal. The Commission congratulated him as well.

*Certificate of Appreciation*

*WHEREAS, Ja'Deion High graduated from Hereford High School in 2013. He went on to play football at Texas Tech from 2013-2018; and*

*WHEREAS, he concluded his career at Texas Tech with an outstanding senior season. He was the second-leading receiver that season after appearing in all 12 games, including nine starts. He achieved career highs with 62 receptions for 804 yards and four touchdowns; and*

*WHEREAS, he was a nominee for the Burlsworth Trophy, given to the nation's top player who began his career as a walk-on; and*

*WHEREAS, he was selected for the USA Football's Men's Flag Football National Team; and*

*WHEREAS, congratulations and citations are in order for Ja'Deion High for representing the United States at the Flag Football World Championship in Finland and winning the gold medal which deserves special recognition by the governing body of this City; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cathy Bunch, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Hereford, Texas do hereby proclaim that the sincere appreciation of the City Commission, the City Administration, and all the citizens at large of this community, are hereby extended to Ja'Deion High for his remarkable accomplishments.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the Corporate Seal of the City to be affixed this the 4th day of November, in the year of 2024.*

*/s/ Cathy Bunch  
Cathy Bunch, Mayor  
City of Hereford, Texas*

**ITEM 6 – Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.**

Commissioner Barrett thanked everyone in attendance.

Mayor Bunch announced that the city will establish a committee to hire the city manager. This committee will consist of the Mayor, two Commissioners, a city employee, and one public citizen.

Mayor Bunch stated the Highway 60 project has negatively affected local businesses. She stated at the next HEDC meeting they will discuss what options are available to help the three businesses on Highway 60 and Clements, and the business on the other side of the bridge.

Mayor Bunch thanked Patricia Bravo, Robert Jones, Johnny Torres, the Parks Department, the Police Department, and all other departments for their help with making the Fall Fiesta Down Main a great success. She thanked the public and Commissioners.

**ITEM 7 – Announcements and comments from City Staff.**

There were no comments from the city staff.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:07 p.m.