

On this the 22nd day of January, 2025 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
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
 Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four
 Deven Black, Commissioner Place Six
 Steve Bartels, City Manager
 Wade Hawkins, Assistant City Manager
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: James Stow, Commissioner Place Five
 Franchesca Jimenez, City Secretary

Also, in attendance were Todd Murray, Landon Swan, and Garrett Hutchens.

Jim Steiert from Hereford Brand was in attendance 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 January 6th, 2025 Regular meeting.

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

ITEM 3 - Consider approval of Order and Notice for the City Officers' Election set for May 3, 2025. (Considered aprobacion de Orden y Aviso de Eleccion de los Oficiales de la Ciudad para el 3 de Mayo de 2025.)

Mayor Bunch announced the terms for Mayor, Commissioner Place One, and Commissioner Place Three are up.

Commissioner Barrett made the motion to approve the Order and Notice for the City Officers' Election set for May 3, 2025. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4 – Consider approval of Resolution No. 01.22.25 for the Rifle Rated Body Armor Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 01.22.25

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE RIFLE RATED BODY ARMOR PROJECT FOR ALL HEREFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR.

WHEREAS, The City of Hereford finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Hereford, Texas that the Rifle Rated Body Armor Project for all Hereford Police Department Officers be operated for the 2025 Year; and

WHEREAS, City of Hereford agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Public Safety Office (PSO) of Texas grant application; and

WHEREAS, City of Hereford agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, City of Hereford assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, City of Hereford designates Garrett Hutchens/Patrol Sergeant as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City of Hereford approves submission of the grant application for the Rifle Rated Body Armor Project for all Hereford Police Department Officers to the Office of the Governor.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22ND day of JANUARY, 2025.

APPROVED

/s/ Cathy Bunch

Cathy Bunch, Mayor
City of Hereford, Texas

Attest:

/s/ Franchesca Jimenez

Franchesca Jimenez, City Secretary

Mayor Bunch read the resolution and then called upon Sergeant Hutchens. Commissioner Barret inquired about the vests. Mayor Bunch stated that the grant provided them 100%. Sergeant Hutchens stated the grant is for \$103,000.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve Resolution 01.22.25 approving the grant application for the Rifle Rated Body Armor Project. Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 5 – Discuss interview process for city manager candidates.

Mayor Bunch informed the Commission that each candidate would be asked the same 15 questions, and the Commission could ask additional questions.

Commissioner Collier inquired about taking the candidates around town and introducing them to people.

Mayor Bunch stated the city secretary would call to set up interviews.

ITEM 6 – Update on the baseball/softball complex.

Mayor Bunch provided an update on the baseball/softball complex.

Commissioner Collier stated the parking lot is looking good.

Mayor Bunch stated they are working on the entrance and landscaping.

ITEM 7 – Review and discuss financial reports.

The Commission discussed the financial reports. The Assistant City Manager Hawkins reviewed the financial reports.

ITEM 8 – Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Barrett thanked Wade Hawkins.

ITEM 9- Announcements and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Bartels discussed the plan for responding to bad weather. He stated that he would meet with city staff to formulate a plan and prioritize the streets that need to be cleared.

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