

On this the 3rd day of February, 2025 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 member being present and in attendance, to-wit:

Cathy Bunch, Mayor
Rose Mary Barrett, Commissioner Place One
Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
James Stow, Commissioner Place Five
Deven Black, Commissioner Place Six
Steve Bartels, City Manager
Wade Hawkins, Assistant City Manager
Franchesca Jimenez, City Secretary
Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four

Also in attendance were Landon Swan, Margaret Del Toro, Delores Gonzales, Ramon Nunez, and Gracie Gamez.

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

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Stow 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.

Margaret Del Toro stated Edinburgh, Texas, where she grew up, have both grown in population, manufacturing, and housing and it would be wonderful to see more manufacturers in Hereford. She urged the Commission to find a candidate with project management experience.

Dolores Gonzales urged the Commission to select a qualified candidate and to act in the city's best interest. She emphasized that the next city manager should reside in Hereford.

ITEM 2 – Consider approval of minutes for the January 22nd, 2025 Special Meeting.

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

ITEM 3 – Consider approval of Joint Election Agreement between the City of Hereford and Deaf Smith County for the May 3rd, 2025 Election.

City Manager Bartels announced that the Joint Election Agreement is between the City of Hereford and the Deaf Smith County. The election will take place on May 3rd, with the positions of Mayor, Commissioner Place One, and Commissioner Place Three up for election.

Commissioner Barrett made the motion to approve the Joint Election Agreement. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:**ITEM 4 – Discuss personnel matters. (Provided by Title 5, Chapter 551, Subchapter A (1), Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters)**

Commissioner Stow recused himself from the executive session at 6:41 p.m.

(Mayor Bunch ended the executive session at 7:34 p.m. and noted no action was taken.)

REGULAR HEARINGS:**ITEM 5 – Consider cancelling the regular City Commission Meeting scheduled for February 17th, 2025. (Presidents' Day)**

Commissioner Alonzo made the motion to cancel the regular City Commission Meeting for February 17th, 2025. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6 – Announcements and Comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Alonzo commended the two women on the Fire Department who responded to a dumpster fire at the Amistad Apartment. She thanked them for their service.

Mayor Bunch expressed her excitement about the grand opening for the John Bunch Complex which will be held March 29th. She noted Hereford Sports and Wellness will be preparing the festivities.

ITEM 7 – Announcements and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Bartels stated the contractors are working on the ballpark's parking lot. Hellas will address the lighting and scoreboards. He thanked those in attendance.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:37 p.m.