

On this 21st day of April, 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
 Ryan Polster, 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 Todd Murray, Landon Swan, Kurt Jones, Chris Grotegut, Margaret Del Toro, and Mona Hernandez.

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Alonzo to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. She then called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

ITEM 1 - Public Comments.

Mona Hernandez stated the water operator for the City of Hereford has been testing the water at the San Jose Community and should not provide services outside the city.

Margaret Del Toro stated the city should ensure the water is properly tested and measures should be taken to prevent any potential problems for the safety of the community.

ITEM 2 - Consider approval of minutes for the April 21st, 2025 Regular 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 the Multiple Use Agreement.

Commissioner Alonzo made the motion to approve the Multiple Use Agreement. Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4 - Consider Resolution No. 04.21.25 of the City of Hereford, Texas, authorizing the Mayor of Hereford, Texas, or her designee, to enter into a multiple-use agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to permit the installation and operation of automated license plate recognition cameras within Highway 60 and S. Progressive Road west bound; S. 25 mile Avenue and West 1st Street south bound; West 1st Street and South 25 Mile Avenue east bound; US Highway 385 and 16th Street south bound; South 25 Mile Avenue and West 1st Street north bound;

Commissioner Alonzo made the motion to approve Resolution No. 04.21.25. Commissioner Black seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 5 - Consider approval of the Municipal Maintenance Agreement.

Commissioner Alonzo made the motion to approve the Municipal Maintenance Agreement. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6 - Consider Resolution No. 04.21.25A approving the agreement dated the 21st of April, 2025, between the State of Texas and the City of Hereford, for the maintenance, control, supervision and regulation of certain state highways and/or portions of state highways in the City of Hereford; and providing for the execution of said agreement; and declaring an emergency.

Commissioner Stow made the motion to approve Resolution No. 04.21.25A. Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7 - Discuss and consider Ordinance No. 04.21.25 of the City of Hereford, Texas amending Chapter 2, "Animal Control," City of Hereford Code of Ordinances, providing for the regulation of animals within the city limits; providing definitions; providing for a penalty; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

City Manager Bartels announced this ordinance provides more detailed information regarding pet owner responsibilities, limits the number of pets allowed, and outlines where the fee schedule will be filed.

Commissioner Stow made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 04.21.25. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 8 - Discuss and consider Ordinance No. 04.21.25A of the City of Hereford, Texas amending Chapter 6, "Health and Sanitation", City of Hereford Code of Ordinances, providing for the regulation of sex offender residency within the city limits; providing definitions; providing for a penalty; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

Chief Swan stated there is a rise in registered sex offenders relocating to Hereford, due to no residency restrictions. He presented maps showing the restricted zones where children congregate.

The primary purpose of the ordinance is to control the locations where sex offenders can reside and limit the number of sex offenders moving to Hereford.

Commissioner Stow made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 04.21.25A and the 2,000 feet restriction map. Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 9 - Hear report from Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

Director Jones reported on the following:

- Things are going well.
- An incentive request made by Mr. Mungia was presented at the HEDC meeting.
- The incentive for Press is finalized.
- The HEDC Board is looking to develop a water plan to address the water needs for the city.
- Attract renewable energy businesses, such as a data center.

Dr. Grotegut informed the Commission on the steps the Hereford Economic Development Corporation is taking to develop a water management plan for the City of Hereford.

ITEM 10 – Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Alonzo stated it is important for the city to find ways to provide water for the future.

Commissioner Barrett thanked Chief Swan for working on the sex offender ordinance and commended the officers.

Commissioner Stow stated having a sex offender ordinance in place is better than having none, as it prevents registered sex offenders from moving here. He also suggested informing the public about the updated animal control ordinance.

Mayor Bunch thanked Chief Swan for his quick work on the sex offender ordinance and Dr. Grotegut for developing a water plan for Hereford, emphasizing the need for an updated audit. She also asked the Commission to consider options for the ballpark concession stand, either paying Hereford Sports and Wellness to manage it or hiring someone directly.

ITEM 11- Announcements and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Bartels reported that a dust devil removed the roof from the aquatic center pumphouse, causing nearly \$20,000 in damage. An adjustor also evaluated the airport hangar and Fire Department roof and noted that the Fire Department roof needs replacement due to worsening leaks from hailstorm damage.

City Manager Bartels gave an update on the TxDOT projects on Highway 60 and US Highway 385. He thanked City Manager Polster.

City Manager Polster thanked the Commission and Mayor for their support, expressing gratitude for the warm welcome.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:34 p.m.