

On this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 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  
 Ryan Polster, City Manager  
 Wade Hawkins, Assistant City manager  
 Franchesca Jimenez, City Secretary  
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: James Stow, Commissioner Place Five

Also in attendance were Todd Murray, Landon Swan, Kurt Jones, Paul Jo Lemonds, Rocky Bhakta, Mike Brumley, Dodd Scroggin, Margarita Del Toro, Chris Urbanczyk, Chris Grotegut, Heath Reinart, Dave Irek, and Hershel Black.

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

Mayor bunch voiced the invocation and then asked Commissioner Savoini to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. She called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

#### **TOWN HALL MEETING:**

HEDC Director Jones and Dr. Grotegut discussed data centers, technology, and a water plan for the City of Hereford, as well as their implications for the city's infrastructure, environment, and local economy.

#### **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 reported that a letter about water bill payments was sent, stating residents who miss payments will not receive another late notice. Many are facing financial struggles, making timely payments essential to avoid extra fees. She urged the Commission to discuss the budget with department heads before considering tax increases.

**ITEM 2 – Consider approval of minutes for the June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Regular meeting.**

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

**ITEM 3 - Consider approval of Resolution No. 06.16.25 for the re-appointment of Cassie Swan and Frank Bravo to the Building Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals.**

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve Resolution No. 06.16.25. Commissioner Black seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 4 – Discuss and consider Resolution No. 06.16.25a approving a bid for the city farm.**

Mayor Bunch stated three bids were received.

Commissioner Barrett inquired about the two bids submitted by Mr. Reinart. One bid was for caliche; however, we did not put out a bid for caliche, and I do not know if we can accept it as a caliche bid.

Mr. Reinart offered a bid of \$102,000 annually for five years and proposed a separate caliche harvesting plan, discussing it in detail.

Mr. Urbanczyk detailed his bid, noting that the city farm faces challenges like washed-away topsoil and malfunctioning sprinklers, which should be the city's responsibility.

Commissioner Savoini made an amended motion to accept Mr. Reinart's bid for the city farm lease without any conditions or stipulations to the caliche lease. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote of the Commission: Mayor Bunch – aye, Commissioner Barrett – abstain, Commissioner Alonzo – nay, Commissioner Savoini – aye, Commissioner Collier – aye, Commissioner Black – aye.

**ITEM 5 - Budget Workshop.**

The Commission shared their budget expectations and each member shared their thoughts on what they hope to achieve.

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

Commissioner Savoini thanked City Manager Polster and Assistant City Manager Hawkins for their work on the budget, acknowledged Mr. Jones for the town hall meeting, and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Reinart for their bid on the city farm, along with Mrs. Del Toro for her comments.

Commissioner Collier thanked everyone for attending. He noted the need for tough decisions, including potential tax increases, to effectively manage city operations.

Commissioner Alonzo thanked HEDC Director Jones for the town hall meeting.

Commissioner Barrett thanked those who put in a bid for the city farm and thanked those in attendance.

Commissioner Black thanked those in attendance.

Mayor Bunch thanked everyone for their care and concern for Hereford.

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

City Manager Polster thanked Assistant City Manager Hawkins for all his help.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:13 p.m.