

March 16, 2015

On this the 16th day of March 2015 6:30 P.M., the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, convened in a regular session in the Commission Chamber, in the 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:

Jose A. Garza, Commissioner Place One  
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two  
 Linda Cumpston, Commissioner, Place Four  
 Cathy Bunch, Commissioner Place Five  
 Sam Metcalf, Commissioner Place Six  
 Rick L. Hanna, City Manager  
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Absent: Robert D. Josserand, Mayor  
 Charlie Kerr, Commissioner Place Three  
 Slater C. Elza, City Attorney

Mike Higgins from the Hereford Brand and Steve Douglass of KVII TV were in attendance to witness the proceedings. Also in attendance were Assistant City Manager Steve Bartels, Audie Sciumbato (Attorney Underwood Law Firm), Captain Kirsten Williams, Heather Williams, Chris Leonard, and Tom Simons.

The commissioners appointed Angie Alonzo to serve as Acting Mayor for this meeting in the absence of both the mayor and mayor pro tem. Acting Mayor Alonzo called upon Commissioner Bunch to voice the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Metcalf to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. She then called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and introduced each item on the agenda.

REGULAR HEARINGS:

**ITEM 1 - Consider approval of minutes for the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting.**

Commissioner Metcalf made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Bunch seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 2 - Hear report from Hereford Economic Development Corporation.**

Commissioner Cumpston made the motion to table this item. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 3 - Consider approval of audit for FY 2013-2014.**

Acting Mayor Alonzo called upon Chris Leonard of McGinty and Associates to go over the audit. Mr. Leonard thanked the city staff for their cooperation during the audit and stated they issued a "clean" audit opinion. He then went briefly over the pages that would be comparable to a Balance Sheet and Income Statement in the private industry.

Commissioner Metcalf made the motion to accept the audit as presented. Commissioner Cumpston seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 4 - Consider exercising option to extend depository agreement for twelve months.**

Acting Mayor Alonzo called upon City Manager Hanna to comment on this item. City Manager Hanna stated the original proposal was for a three-year period (May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2014) with the option to extend on an annual basis until April 30, 2016; this is our last 12 month extension; the contract will have to be re-bid next year.

Commissioner Bunch made the motion to approve the final extension of the depository agreement with First Financial Bank. Commissioner Cumpton seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 5 - Consider approval of Resolution No. 03.16.15 approving the submission of the grant application for the Reporting Enhancement and Trafficking Interdiction Project for the 2015-2016 Year to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.**

Acting Mayor Alonzo called upon Captain Williams to comment on this item. Captain Williams stated they are asking the Commission to approve a matching grant from the Department of Criminal Justice that would be used to purchase an unmarked vehicle for the transport of people with mental illnesses to avoid the stigmatism of being thought of as a "criminal". Captain Williams stated it could also be used to locate missing persons such as a child or someone with a mental illness.

Commissioner Metcalf inquired if \$42,500.00 would be the City's part of the matching grant. Captain Williams confirmed that would be the amount.

Acting Mayor Alonzo called upon Attorney Sciumbato to read the pertinent parts of the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03.16.15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE HEREFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE REPORTING ENHANCEMENT AND TRAFFICKING INTERDICTION PROJECT TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE REPORTING ENHANCEMENT AND TRAFFICKING INTERDICTION PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission for the City of Hereford, Texas finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Hereford that the Hereford Police Department Reporting Enhancement and Trafficking Interdiction Project be operated for the 2015-2016 year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission for the City of Hereford agrees to provide applicable matching funds in the amount of \$42,500.00 (forty-two thousand five hundred dollars and zero cents) for the said project as required by the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission for the City of Hereford agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division funds, the City Commission for the City of Hereford assures that the funds will be returned to the Criminal Justice Division in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission for the City of Hereford designates City Manager Rick L. Hanna 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 BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS:**

That the City Commission for the City of Hereford approves submission of the grant application for the Hereford Police Department Reporting Enhancement and Trafficking Interdiction Project to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th of March, 2015.

/s/ Angie Alonzo

Angie Alonzo, Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Suzanne Finch

Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Grant Number: 2917701

Commissioner Metcalf made the motion to approve Resolution No. 03.16.15 as presented. Commissioner Cumpston seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6 - Consider approval of Agreement for Deaf Smith County Clerk to conduct a Joint Election Between the City of Hereford and Hereford Independent School District for the May 9, 2015 Election. (Considerar aprobacion de Acuerdo para la secreteria del condado de Deaf Smith para llevar acabo los elecciones entre Ciudad de Hereford y la Distrito Escolar Independiente de Hereford por la Eleccion el dia 9 de mayo de 2015.)

City Manager Hanna noted this would be a Joint Election between the City of Hereford and the Hereford Independent School District; the County would program it on a single ballot.

Commissioner Garza made the motion to join the election with Hereford Independent School District. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7 - Consider approval of Ordinance No. 3.16.15 an Ordinance of the City of Hereford, Texas declaring Tom Simons elected to the office of Mayor of the City of Hereford, Texas and declaring Charlie Kerr elected to the Office of Commissioner Place Three of the City of Hereford, Texas and canceling the May 9, 2015 City of Hereford, Texas Officers' Election only as to these two offices. (Considerar aprobacion de Ordenanza No. 03.16.15 una ordenanza de la Ciudad de Hereford, Texas, declarando Tom Simons elegido a la oficina de Alcalde de la Ciudad de Hereford, Texas y declarando Charlie Kerr elegido a la oficina de Comisionado, Lugar Tres de la Ciudad de Hereford, Texas y cancelando la Elección de Oficiales de Texas el dia 9 de mayo de 2015 de la ciudad de hereford, texas solamente por estas dos oficinas.)

Acting Mayor Alonzo called upon Attorney Sciumbato to read the pertinent parts of Ordinance No. 03.16.15.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3.16.15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS DECLARING TOM SIMONS ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS AND**

**DECLARING CHARLIE KERR ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER  
PLACE THREE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS AND CANCELING THE MAY  
9, 2015 CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS OFFICERS' ELECTION ONLY AS TO THESE  
TWO OFFICES**

Commissioner Garza made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 03.16.15. Commissioner Bunch seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 8 - Consider approval of appointment to the Community Publicity and Promotions Committee.**

City Manager Hanna noted Carolyn McDonald resigned and the Chamber requests Ceciley Sehi be appointed in her place.

Commissioner Metcalf made the motion to replace Carolyn McDonald with Ceciley Sehi. Commissioner Bunch seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 9 - Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.**

Commissioner Metcalf complimented Acting Mayor Alonzo stating she did a wonderful job. Commissioner Cumpton thanked Acting Mayor Alonzo for running the meeting and noted she did well.

**ITEM 10 - Announcements and comments from City Staff.**

City Manager Hanna noted we are making progress on the Airport project and congratulated Tom Simons and Charlie Kerr.

Captain Williams thanked the Commission for their consideration and passage of the grant resolution.

**ITEM 11 - Public Comments.**

There were no public comments.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
ANGIE ALONZO, ACTING MAYOR  
CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS

ATTEST:

  
SUZANNE FINCH, CITY SECRETARY