

May 5, 2014

On this the 5th day of May 2014 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:

Robert D. Josserand, Mayor
 Jose A. Garza, Commissioner Place One
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Charlie Kerr, Commissioner Place Three
 Linda Cumpton, Commissioner, Place Four
 Cathy Bunch, Commissioner Place Five
 Sam Metcalf, Commissioner Place Six
 Rick L. Hanna, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Absent: Slater C. Elza, City Attorney

Lynda Work was in attendance from the Hereford Brand to witness the proceedings. Also in attendance were Audie Sciumbato (Attorney Underwood Law Firm), Zane Edwards (Parkhill, Smith, & Cooper), Tyler Davidson (LBG-Guyton Associates), Officer Ramey Rice, Officer Dustin Tucker, Dwayne Parson, and Seletta Gholson.

Mayor Josserand 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. He 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 April 7, 2014 Regular Meeting.

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

ITEM 2 - Consider approval of Resolution No. 05.05.14 Authorizing the City's participation in the Panhandle Region (Texas State Planning Region 1) Regional Mutual Aid Agreement and designating the mayor to serve as the City's chief representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in this agreement.

Mayor Josserand called upon Attorney Sciumbato to read the pertinent parts of Resolution No. 05.05.14.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.05.14

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PANHANDLE REGION (TEXAS STATE PLANNING REGION 1) REGIONAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AND DESIGNATING THE MAYOR TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Hereford is vulnerable to disasters, both man-made and natural, which pose a threat to the welfare and safety of the City's residents and their property; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a large-scale disaster, the City of Hereford could be faced with a situation that exceeds its capacity to effectively respond to the incident thereby placing residents and their property at greater risk; and

WHEREAS, this same limitation impacts localities across the Texas Panhandle; and

WHEREAS, it would benefit the City of Hereford, as well as the other localities of the region, if during times of exigency, disaster assistance could be shared by and between those localities, as needed and available, to affect a higher, more appropriate level of response; and

WHEREAS, the Panhandle Region (Texas State Planning Region 1) Mutual Aid Agreement was developed to provide for the sharing of disaster assistance among the localities of the region, as needed and available, to afford all residents of the Panhandle a greater degree of protection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hereford finds that it is in the best interest of its residents to participate in the Panhandle Region (Texas State Planning Region 1) Mutual Aid Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, that:

1. The City is hereby authorized to join itself as a party to the Panhandle Region (Texas State Planning Region 1) Mutual Aid Agreement.
2. The Mayor, as the City's Emergency Management Director, is designated to serve as the City's Chief Representative in all matters pertaining to its participation in this Agreement.
3. The City agrees to abide by the terms of this Agreement inasmuch as it benefits the welfare and safety of our residents and their property.

CONSIDERED AND APPROVED THIS 5TH DAY OF MAY, 2014.

/s/ Robert D. Josserand
Robert D. Josserand, Mayor
City of Hereford, Texas

ATTEST:

/s/ Suzanne Finch
Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
City of Hereford, Texas

Commissioner Garza made the motion to approve Resolution No. 05.05.14. Commissioner Bunch seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

Mayor Josserand moved to item #6 and asked if any of our guests would like to speak before the Commission went into executive session.

ITEM 6 - Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Josserand went into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. (pursuant to Government Code §551.072) noting all members were present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ITEM 3 - Discuss acquisition of water rights. (Provided by Title 5, Chapter 551 Government Code §551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property)

Mayor Josserand ended the Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. noting no action was taken on this item.

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 4 - Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Alonzo asked City Manager Hanna to look at a pine tree encroaching on the City's right-of-way on Moreman Street near Hickory as it is blocking the oncoming traffic's view of a stop sign.

Commissioner Cumpton stated she is really impressed with the Commission and she has learned a lot.

Commissioner Garza asked which roads were scheduled for paving. City Manager Hanna stated several roads in Buena Vista are slated to be paved. Commissioner Garza asked City Manager Hanna if he could look at the condition of the street between Avenue I and Avenue J; he noticed a big hole there. City Manager Hanna stated he would go by there; it could probably be repaired with some millings we have on hand. Commissioner Cumpton inquired if dumpsters were replaced on a regular schedule. City Manager Hanna stated they are not on a regular schedule; however, the drivers are supposed to watch for this and report dumpsters that are in need of replacement. City Manager Hanna will talk to them and make sure it is getting done.

Commissioner Metcalf thanked Commissioner Kerr for his assistance with getting the condemned house torn down voluntarily by the owners.

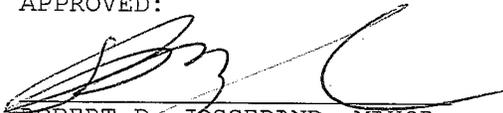
Mayor Josserand stated this is the biggest decision that has ever been made since he has been mayor and he asked that each commissioner give it a lot of thought and when the issue [water acquisition] comes up for a vote he asked that each one vote their own conscience. He stated he and the city manager would work diligently to provide the Commission with accurate and adequate information so they can make an informed decision. He also invited the commissioners to come by and visit with him or the city manager if they have questions.

ITEM 5 - Announcements and comments from City Staff.

There were no comments from City Staff.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

APPROVED:


ROBERT D. JOSSERAND, MAYOR
CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS

ATTEST:


SUZANNE FINCH, CITY SECRETARY