

November 3, 2014

On this the 3rd day of November 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 Cumpston, 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 Assistant City Manager Steve Bartels, HEDC Executive Director Michael Kitten, Audie Sciumbato (Attorney Underwood Law Firm), Captain Kirsten Williams, and Patrick Kitten.

Mayor Josserand called upon Commissioner Cumpston to voice the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Bunch 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 October 6th, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Bunch made the motion for the acceptance of the minutes as presented. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 2 - Hear report from Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

Executive Director Kitten reported on the following:

- Wind Energy
 - Halfway completed
 - Should be up and running by January 2015
- Amarillo College
 - Classes are full
 - Truck driving courses
 - Everyone has passed from the first five academies
 - All are gainfully employed
 - Some of funding now gone - looking at other options
 - 5 week course
 - Approximately \$3000
 - Funding that is missing now amounts to about \$600
- Amigos
 - 150 jobs
 - Doing well

- Tejas
 - Spent a lot of time on deal
 - Lead bank dropped out
 - No HEDC ownership
 - No bond issuance
 - They will use private financing
 - Everything else on schedule
- Housing
 - Low income - easy to come by
 - Market Rate
 - Hard to get financed without guaranteed occupancy
 - Already told him no they are looking at "oil" areas
- Tireworks
 - New services - September 2nd
 - Going great
- Over 200+ jobs created
- Sales tax is up - just under 5%
- Sportsplex
 - Adult leagues doing well
 - Need to get youth more involved

ITEM 3 - Consider approval of Hereford Economic Development Corporation's real estate contract for property located at 200 W. 1st.

Executive Director Kitten stated we are one of the few, if not only, Economic Development Corporations that have no property to show potential clients. He noted this is a good opportunity to add a tool to our toolbox and clean up an unsightly area at the same time. He stated this is 1.2 acres of frontage property on Hwy 60. Commissioner Alonzo inquired about the building on the property. Executive Director Kitten stated he is hoping to get someone to salvage it either for little or no cost as the building is in terrible shape and the roof leaks.

Commissioner Metcalf made the motion to approve the action taken by the HEDC to purchase this property. Commissioner Cumpton seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4 - Hear presentation and consider approval of construction of a disc golf course in Veterans Park.

Patrick Kitten presented an overview of disc golf, the benefits to players and the community, tournaments, and projected fees/costs.

Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to proceed. Mayor Josserand asked if the motion could be restated as "authorize City Staff to move ahead on this project with the understanding if they encounter much more expense than the \$25,000.00 Staff would come back to the City Commission for funding approval". Commissioner Metcalf agreed. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote to the Commission.

ITEM 5 - Discuss future texting ordinance.

Mayor Josserand stated this item is to give the city manager some guidance as to what the City Commission wants to see - such as moving forward with a texting ordinance that prohibits texting with some exceptions such as emergencies and off the road use and also to address the issue of vocal texting as acceptable under certain conditions.

ITEM 6 - Consider re-appointment of Dean Turney to the Fire Fighters Relief and Retirement Fund Local Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Garza made the motion to re-appoint Dean Turney to the Fire Fighters Relief and Retirement Fund Local Board of Trustees. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7 - Consider canceling the regular City Commission meeting scheduled for December 1, 2014 (Christmas Celebration of Lights).

Commissioner Cumpston made the motion to cancel the regular City Commission Meeting scheduled for December 1st. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 8 - Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Garza wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Josserand encouraged everyone to go vote tomorrow.

ITEM 9 - Announcements and comments from City Staff.

There were no comments from City Staff.

ITEM 10 - Public Comments.

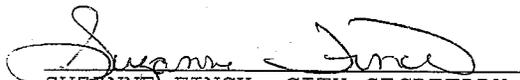
There were no public comments.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVED:


 ROBERT D. JOSSERAND, MAYOR
 CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS

ATTEST:


 SUZANNE FINCH, CITY SECRETARY