

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 28, 2023

On the 28th day of March 2023, at 5:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in a regular meeting at City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

Henry Wilson	)	Mayor
Cindy Shepard	)	Mayor Pro Tem
Jon McKenzie	)	Councilmembers
John Miller)	
Cathy Brotherton)	
Gary N. Waldron)	
David Booe)	
Clay Caruthers		City Manager
Matthew Boyle	)	City Attorney
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Michelle Lazo	)	Executive Director of Planning
David Palla	)	Fire Chief
Steve Niekamp	)	Police Chief
Brent Craft	)	Assistant Fire Chief

With the following Councilmembers absent: none, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge was given.

Councilmember McKenzie gave the Invocation.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton presented the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting noting the City has received the award for the past 48 consecutive years and is one of only 11 Texas cities to receive the award. He recognized and thanked Managing Director of Finance Paul Brown and his staff for all their hard work to achieve this award.

2. Presentation and acceptance of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) by FORVIS

Mayor Wilson noted the auditor's need to postpone this item and City Manager Caruthers indicated due to a family death and illness this item will be presented during a special

meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2023. He also noted several factors new to the audit this year and that staff and Forvis are working diligently to finalize the audit before the March 31 deadline.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Consider approval of the minutes for the February 28, 2023 City Council meeting
4. Consider Ordinance 2532, second reading, (Z-2022-00004 G.O. Electrical) a zoning change from R1 to GB-PD with a site plan for Tract 2A Handler Jones Estates Addition, being 2.33 acres located at 7208 Precinct Line Road
5. Consider Ordinance 2533, second reading, (Site-2022-00014 Jamba Restaurant and Retail) a site plan for Lot 16, Block 1, Precinct Ridge Office Park Addition, being 1.56 acres located at 6100 Precinct Line Road
6. Consider Ordinance 2534, first reading, to vacate and abandon a 5-foot wide strip of a 10-foot wide Utility Easement platted as part of Lot 18, Block 3, of the Lonesome Dove Estates, Phase 2, third filing.
7. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into a Second Amendment Contract for ambulance billing with Whittman EMS Billing Services

Mayor Pro Tem Shepard moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Booe. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Booe, Miller, McKenzie, Brotherton, Waldron and Shepard

No: None

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Consider Confirmation of Appointment for the City of Hurst Fire Chief

City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed the Civil Service Confirmation of Appointment process and expressed his faith in the fire department staff by posting the Fire Chief position internally and with Assistant Fire Chief Brent Craft's experience and ability appointed him as Fire Chief.

Mayor Wilson and Council thanked Fire Chief David Palla for his time and service to the City of Hurst and wished he and his family well in retirement.

Councilmember Booe moved to confirm the City Manager's appointment of Brent Craft as the City of Hurst Fire Chief effective April 1, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brotherton. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Booe, Miller, McKenzie, Brotherton, Waldron and Shepard

No: None

Assistant Fire Chief Brent Craft introduced his family and friends in attendance and thanked the Mayor, Council and City Manager for the opportunity to serve the City at a greater capacity. He also thanked Chief Palla and expressed his appreciation for all of Chief's support over the years.

9. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed items on the future event calendar.
10. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest – No reports were given.

PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD – A REQUEST TO APPEAR CARD MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE CITY SECRETARY TO BE RECOGNIZED. CITIZEN COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Mayor Wilson recognized Youth-in-Government and TCC Government students and also recognized Ms. Martinez who requested resources to assist with recent storm damage.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

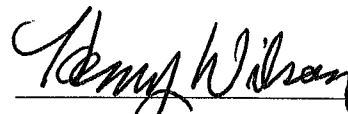
APPROVED this the 11th day of April 2023.

ATTEST:



Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor