City Council Minutes Tuesday, July 11, 2023

On the 11th day of July 2023, at 6:30 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
Jon McKenzie)	Councilmembers
Cathy Brotherton)	
Cindy Shepard)	
John Miller)	
Jimmy Meeks)	
Clay Caruthers)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle)	City Attorney
Malaika Marion Farmer)	Assistant City Manager
Clayton Fulton)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick)	City Secretary

With the following Councilmember absent: Gary Waldron, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge was given.

Councilmember Jon McKenzie gave the Invocation.

- 1. Consider approval of the minutes for the June 27, 2023 City Council meetings
- 2. Consider Ordinance 2541, second reading, amending Chapter 24 by adding to Section 24-127, prohibiting parking in certain areas

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Shepard. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers McKenzie, Brotherton, Shepard, Miller and Meeks

No: None

ORDINANCE(S)

3. Consider Ordinance 2542, second reading, SITE-2023-00007 Hurst Liquor and Cigar, a Special Use Permit for Packaged Alcohol Sales on a portion of Lot 2, Block 3, Woodbridge Plaza Addition, being 2.81 acres located at 420 Grapevine Highway

Mayor Wilson stated this item is not a public hearing and recognized City Manager Clay Caruthers who noted this is the second reading of the proposed ordinance and there have been no changes since presented at the June 27, 2023 Council meeting. Mr. Caruthers noted

the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council previously voted in favor.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve Ordinance 2542, second reading, SITE-2023-00007 Hurst Liquor and Cigar, a Special Use Permit for Packaged Alcohol Sales on a portion of Lot 2, Block 3, Woodbridge Plaza Addition, being 2.81 acres located at 420 Grapevine Highway. Motion seconded by Councilmember Shepard. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brotherton, Shepard, Miller and Meeks

No: McKenzie

OTHER BUSINESS

- 4. Board, Commission and Committee Minutes Council reviewed the following minutes:
 - Planning and Zoning Commission
- 5. Review of upcoming calendar items City Manager Caruthers reviewed the Future Event Calendar.
- 6. City Council Reports Items of Community Interest

Councilmember Miller expressed concern regarding human trafficking and the number of individuals enslaved globally. He noted a recently released movie, Sound of Freedom, seeks to shed light on this topic. Councilmember Brotherton noted the fabulous job by the City and Parks and Recreation Board on the Stars and Stripes event.

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 noted state law regarding public invited to be heard and recognized the following individuals:

Thomas Bingham, 737 Highland Crest Drive, Hurst, spoke regarding Ordinance 2542 and over the last weeks he met with community members to add signatures to a petition regarding this item and to request Council consider requiring liquor stores to have safety zones around schools and facilities focused on child care. Mr. Bingham also requested Council consider prohibiting liquor stores near preschools.

Stephanie Barfknecht, 700 Bear Creek Drive, Hurst, expressed concerns regarding information provided by the City Secretary regarding addressing agenda item 3 and not having the opportunity to speak earlier. She noted Councilmember Miller's comments regarding human trafficking and stated liquor stores contribute to this activity. Ms. Barfknect also expressed concern and frustration of the action taken tonight, her belief she was misinformed, and opportunities to protect her children.

Mayor Wilson recognized Priscila Navarro, 608 Lewis Drive, Zac Simmons, 612 Lewis Drive, Don Seymour, 605 Lewis Drive and Patricia Seymour, 605 Lewis Drive and Edgar Valverde, 7848 Abbott, (who completed a speaker request but did not speak) who expressed concerns regarding an incident involving a Republic trash truck and damage to their homes and requested the City's assistance.

Mayor Wilson recognized Carol Lindsey, 8301 Boat Club Road Apt. 813, Fort Worth, who requested Council's assistance regarding her status for rehire as a former City employee.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED this the 25th day of July 2023.

ATTEST:

Rita Prick, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Henry Wilson, Mayor