

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, August 8, 2023

On the 8th day of August 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
Cathy Brotherton	)	Councilmembers
Cindy Shepard)	
Jon McKenzie)	
Gary Waldron)	
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
Steve Niekamp	)	Police Chief
Duane Hengst	)	City Engineer
Shelly Klein	)	Assistant to the City Manager

With the following Councilmember absent: none, 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 were given.

Councilmember John Miller gave the Invocation.

PROCLAMATION(S)/PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation of the Annual Report on the Storm Water Management Plan

City Engineer Duane Hengst provided a presentation of the Annual Storm Water Management Plan noting it is a requirement under the Federal Clean Water Act. Mr. Hengst reviewed the regulations, permit and reporting requirements and best management practices implemented for achievement.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Consider approval of the minutes for the July 25 and July 31, 2023 City Council meetings

3. Consider Resolution 1837 ratifying the actions of the Hurst Community Services Development Corporation
4. Consider Resolution 1838 ratifying the actions of the Hurst Crime Control and Prevention District Board
5. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Roadway Solutions, Inc. for the Traffic Signal Improvements on Precinct Line Road at Redbud Drive
6. Consider authorizing the city manager to proceed with the Hurst Police Department Vehicles Emergency Purchases

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

Ayes: Councilmembers Brotherton, McKenzie, Waldron, Shepard, Miller and Meeks
No: None

PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND BUDGET RELATED ITEM(S)

7. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider adopting the Crime Control and Prevention District budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024

Mayor Wilson announced a public hearing to consider the Crime Control and Prevention District budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2023 and recognized Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton who presented the proposed fiscal year 2023-2023 Hurst Crime Control and Prevention District Budget. Mr. Fulton noted the fund was authorized by the voters in 1995 and again in 2010 for an additional twenty years. He stated it is a single source revenue fund and has no property tax component. Mr. Fulton reviewed the sales tax split between the state, city and anti-crime fund noting the Crime Control fund receives .05% and provides an estimated .14 cents in tax relief to the property tax rate. Mr. Fulton reviewed historical revenues for the fund and stated the proposed FY 2023 budget is predominantly personnel and indirect costs. He reviewed the proposed budget total operating expenditures of \$8,253,333 which includes General Fund support, pay plan adjustments, community outreach activities, asset and infrastructure maintenance and one-time Capital Outlay for necessary radio system upgrade.

There being no one to speak, Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing.

8. Consider Ordinance 2544, first reading, adopting the Crime Control and Prevention District budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024

Councilmember Shepard moved to approve Ordinance 2544, first reading, adopting the Crime Control and Prevention District budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 ending September 20, 2024. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brotherton. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brotherton, McKenzie, Waldron, Shepard, Miller and Meeks
No: None

ORDINANCE(S)

9. Consider Ordinance 2545, first reading, amending the City of Hurst Code of Ordinances by repealing Chapter 14 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article III – Curfew Hours for Minors

Police Chief Steve Niekamp reviewed the proposed ordinance noting during the last regular legislative session HB 1819 was approved eliminating the City's authority to enforce a juvenile curfew. He stated the proposed ordinance repeals the existing ordinance to align with state law.

Councilmember McKenzie moved to approve Ordinance 2545, first reading, amending the City of Hurst Code of Ordinances by repealing Chapter 14 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article III – Curfew Hours for Minors, of the Hurst Code of Ordinances, in its entirety, and provide an effective date of September 1, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brotherton, McKenzie, Waldron, Shepard, Miller and Meeks
No: None

RESOLUTION(S)

10. Consider Resolution 1839 to deny the Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) and Generation Rider updates proposed by Oncor

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton reviewed the proposed resolution to deny the recent Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) and Generation Rider updates proposed by Oncor. Mr. Fulton also noted recent legislation eliminating the city's ability to participate in the rate negotiation process, moving it to the Public Utility Commission. He stated it will most likely be the last similar rate case Council will consider.

Councilmember Brotherton moved to approve Resolution 1839 to deny Oncor's request for Distribution Cost Recovery Factor and Generation Rider updates. Motion seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

No: None

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into contracts for City employee health and benefits package for eligible full-time employees, retirees, and dependents effective 10/1/2023

Executive Director of Human Resources Stephanie Jenkins provided a brief overview of the employee benefits package and introduced HUB International Senior Account Representative Andrew Weegar who reviewed current policies automatically renewing this year and the recent request for proposals for the renewing stop loss insurance. Mr. Weegar noted the three high claimants meeting the coverage requirements for stop loss insurance and the benefit for the city to continue and renew with Stealth/UNUM for the 2023/2024 plan year with a 19.3% or \$223,124 increase. He stated Stealth will cap premiums at a 49% increase with no new lasers next year. Mr. Weegar noted an increase in the Dental PPO rates by 12.9 percent and also reviewed additional renewing policies

Councilmember Waldron moved to authorize the city manager to enter into any and all necessary contracts for the employee health benefits package for the 2023-2024 plan year, with the option to renew per the rate guarantees. Motion seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

No: None

12. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed the future events calendar noting the August 15 Special Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall to conduct the budget and tax rate hearings and City Offices closed September 4, 2023 for the Labor Day Holiday.
13. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest – No items were discussed.

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 Boy Scout Michael Hanson who stated he is working on his communication badge and introduced his father who was also in attendance.

Mayor Wilson did not recess to Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, Authorized by Government Code, 551.072, deliberation of the purchase,

exchange, lease, or value of real property (economic development/redevelopment) and to reconvene in Open Session at the Conclusion of the Executive Session to consider and take any necessary action

14. Take any and all action necessary ensuing from Executive Session – No Action was taken.

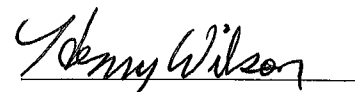
ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED this the 15th day of August 2023.

ATTEST:


Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Henry Wilson, Mayor