

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, January 23, 2024

On the 23rd day of January 2024, 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
Gary N. Waldron	)	Mayor Pro Tem
Cathy Brotherton	)	Councilmembers
Cindy Shepard)	
Jon McKenzie)	
John Miller)	
Jimmy Meeks)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle	)	City Attorney
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Chris Connolly	)	Executive Director of Economic Development
Greg Dickens	)	Executive Director of Public Works
Kyle Gordon	)	Executive Director of Community Services

With the following Councilmembers 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 Mayor Pro Tem Gary Waldron gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were given.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the January 9, 2024 City Council meetings
2. Consider Ordinance 2557, second reading, to consider SITE-2023-00010 Quick Quack Car Wash, a site plan for Lot 7A, Block 1 Olde Towne Square Addition, being 1.06 acres located at 701 Airport Freeway
3. Consider Ordinance 2558, second reading, to consider SITE-2023-00017 Monkey Mouths Pediatric Therapy, a site plan revision for Lot 13 and 14, Block 1 Precinct Ridge Office Park Addition, being 1.49 acres located at 6156 and 6160 Bentrige Road
4. Consider authorizing the city manager to proceed with the Central and Chisholm Aquatics Centers slide maintenance and repair project

5. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement with Dunaway Associates, LLC for demolition design services

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Consider authorizing the city manager to increase billing rates for EMS treatment and transport and ambulance subscription rates

Fire Chief Brent Craft reviewed the proposed billing rates for EMS treatment and transport and ambulance subscription rates noting recent legislation prompted staff to review current billing practices. He stated staff reviewed surrounding area rate comparisons and the City's rates are well below other cities; that on average \$1,870 is the rate for an Advanced Life Support (ALS) bill. Chief Craft reviewed other rates for services in the City's subscription program and current rates versus proposed rates, noting the proposed subscription rate is \$75.00 per household.

Councilmember Waldron moved to authorize the city manager to increase billing rates for EMS treatment and transport and ambulance subscription rates. Motion seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

7. Consider designating the reconstruction of Ponderosa Drive from Precinct Line Rd east 762 feet to 732 Ponderosa Drive as the FY 2024 – 50th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Project

Executive Director of Public Works Greg Dickens reviewed the proposed project to reconstruct Ponderosa Drive noting the public hearing held at the last City Council meeting to seek input regarding eligible projects for the 50th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Mr. Dickens noted no one from the public spoke and that the proposed project is in the eligible area. He stated the reconstruction will include the replacement of the existing asphalt pavement with reinforced concrete, noting the water distribution and sanitary sewerage systems were reconstructed in 2010 and do not need improvements. Mr. Dickens stated the estimated cost is \$515,012 and staff estimates the city will receive a CDBG grant amount of \$160,000 from Tarrant County. He reviewed costs for the city and funding will be provided in the FY 2024-2025 budget when reimbursement to Tarrant County for the project will be due.

Councilmember Brotherton moved to designate the reconstruction of Ponderosa Drive from Precinct Line Road, east 762 feet to 732 Ponderosa Drive as the FY 2024 – 50th Year Community Development Block Grant Program Project for the City of Hurst. Motion seconded by Councilmember Waldron. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

8. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with GRod Construction, LLC, for the State Highway 26 @ TXDOT STA. 238+00 – 12” Sanitary Sewer Crossing

Executive Director of Public Works Greg Dickens reviewed the proposed contract noting the cast iron sewer main going underneath Highway 26 near the Tarrant County Northeast Courthouse is corroded, started clogging, and has become an issue. He explained the new installation will be parallel with the existing crossing but 10 feet to one side, that pipe bursting is not an option and the project will require trenching. Mr. Dickens stated the low bidder was GRod Construction, and the city is currently utilizing them on other projects and feel confident they can handle the work.

Councilmember Shepard moved to authorize the city manager to enter into a contract with GRod Construction, LLC for the State Highway 26 @ TXDOT STA. 238+00 – 12-inch Sanitary Sewer Crossing, in the amount of \$252,390.00 and a construction contract duration of 60 calendar days. Motion seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

9. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed the future events calendar noting the upcoming Town Hall Forum, Thursday, February 29. He also stated the annual citizens survey is open and encouraged everyone to take the survey.
10. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest – Councilmember Meeks noted the passing of former police officer Curtis Anderson. Councilmember Miller also noted the passing of HEB ISD Board Vice President Rochelle Ross.

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 Georgina Butcher, 109 Charlene Drive, who commended how quick the city repaired a water main break near her home. Mayor Wilson also recognized Youth in Government students in attendance this evening.

Mayor Wilson did not recess to Executive Session.

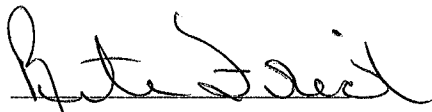
EXECUTIVE SESSION in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, authorized by Tex. Government Code, Section 551.087, deliberation and conducting of economic development negotiations regarding financial information relative to prospective business expansion in the City and to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session

- 11. Take any and all action necessary ensuing from Executive Session – none.

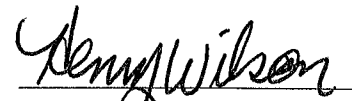
ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

APPROVED this the 13th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:


Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Henry Wilson, Mayor