

**City Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 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
Cindy Shepard	)	Councilmembers
Cathy Brotherton	)	
Jon McKenzie	)	
John Miller	)	
Jimmy Meeks	)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle	)	City Attorney
Natalie Gullo	)	Assistant City Attorney
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Chris Connolly	)	Executive Director of Economic Development
Greg Dickens	)	Executive Director of Public Works
Steve Niekamp	)	Police 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 6:30 p.m. and Councilmember Jimmy Meeks gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were given.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the April 9, 2024 City Council meetings
2. Consider Ordinance 2568, second reading, amending Section 26-36 – Drought Contingency and Emergency Water Management Plan of the Code of Ordinances
3. Consider Ordinance 2569, second reading, amending Section 26-49 – Water Conservation Plan of the Code of Ordinances

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

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

**ORDINANCE(S)**

4. Consider Ordinance 2570, first reading, amending Chapter 24, Traffic by adding a new Article X, Pedestrians and a new Section 24-207, Standing and Walking in certain areas prohibited

City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed the proposed ordinance noting it will help enforce and manage situations in the community where pedestrians are utilizing narrow median and heavy traffic areas to help improve safety. In response to Council questions, City Attorney Matthew Boyle clarified the difference between clear zone and safety zone.

Councilmember Brotherton moved to approve Ordinance 2570, first reading, amending Chapter 24, Traffic by adding a new Article X, Pedestrians and a new Section 24-207, Standing and Walking in certain areas prohibited. Motion seconded by Councilmember McKenzie. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

City Manager Caruthers requested Agenda Item 7 be considered before Agenda Item 5. Mayor Wilson next moved to Agenda Item 7.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

5. Consider Resolution 1854 declaring expectation to reimburse expenditures with proceeds of future debt related to improvements to the City's streets and drainage system

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton reviewed the proposed resolution noting it will allow the City to be reimbursed from project expenditures if planning to fund with debt.

Councilmember McKenzie moved to approve Resolution 1854 declaring expectation to reimburse expenditures with proceeds of future debt related to improvements of the City's street and drainage system. Motion seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

6. Consider authorizing the purchase of new furniture in the public spaces at the Hurst Conference Center

Mayor Wilson recognized Hurst Conference Center General Manager Kristen Goodman who reviewed the proposed purchase noting the existing furniture was purchased in 2010 when the facility opened. She stated after review, staff is recommending Thiel and Team for the

upgrade.

Councilmember Waldron moved to authorize the purchase of the new furniture using the services of Thiel & Team Design Firm for the Hurst Conference Center for an amount of \$140,492. Motion seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

No: None

7. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Axis Contracting, Inc. for 2023 Miscellaneous Street Bond Improvements

Mayor Wilson recognized Executive Director of Public Works Greg Dickens who reviewed the proposed contract stating the bid included four separate streets for the 2023 miscellaneous street bond improvements with alternate bids for seven more streets to be reconstructed. He stated two bids were received with Axis Contracting being the low base bid of \$1,187,389 and additive alternate \$3,292,062. He stated a contingency of \$107,938 is not included in the bid amount, but is recommended for a total amount of \$3,400,000. He noted the notation on the map of Pamela is not correct in that it was rehabilitated in another manner.

Councilmember Meeks moved to authorize the city manager to enter into a contract with Axis Contracting Inc., for 2023 Miscellaneous Street Bond Improvements Project, in the amount of \$3,292,062, with a contingency of \$107,938, for a total amount of \$3,400,000 and a construction contract duration of 360 calendar days. Motion seconded by Councilmember Waldron. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

No: None

Mayor Wilson moved back to Agenda Item 6.

8. Review of upcoming calendar items -- City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed the Future Event Calendar and the upcoming Earth Day Celebration activities at Central Park.
9. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest -- none.

**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 TCC and HEB Leadership students in attendance.

**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** – Mayor Wilson did not recess to Executive Session.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

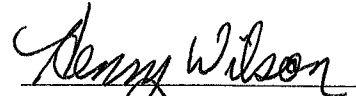
**APPROVED** this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

**ATTEST:**



Rita Frick, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**



Henry Wilson, Mayor