

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2024

On the 14th day of May 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
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
Shelly Klein	)	Assistant to the City Manager
Lola Smith	)	Deputy City Secretary

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 Cathy Brotherton gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were given.

INAUGURATION OF OFFICIALS

1. Presentation of Certificates of Election

Mayor Wilson presented Certificates of Election to himself and Councilmembers Cathy Brotherton, Gary N. Waldron and Cindy Shepard.

2. Oath of Office for Elected Officials

City Secretary Rita Frick administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Wilson and Councilmembers Cathy Brotherton, Gary N. Waldron and Cindy Shepard.

3. Consider Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Waldron moved to nominate Councilmember John Miller for Mayor

Pro Tem. Motion seconded by Councilmember Shepard. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

No: None

PROCLAMATION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

4. Proclamation recognizing National League of Cities 100 Year Anniversary

Mayor Wilson read the Proclamation recognizing National League of Cities 100 Year Anniversary and noted the many benefits of the organization.

5. Presentation of certificates of recognition for the 2024 City of Hurst 101 Citizen's Academy Class

Assistant to the City Manager Shelly Klein and Deputy City Secretary Lola Smith presented the 2024 Hurst 101 Academy graduating class. Ms. Klein introduced Michelle Swede-Blang who provided comments regarding her appreciation for the opportunity to attend the academy. Mayor Wilson presented certificates of recognition to the following graduates in attendance: Rachel Barnard, Randy Bastian, Donna Chesshir, Robert Davis, Mike Drees, Jodi James, Robert Keller, Wendie Lunsford, Judy Strait, Michelle Swede-Blang and Kathryn Wilmot. Also graduating, but not in attendance were: Lory Maxson and Araceli Sleinsky

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Consider approval of the minutes for the April 23, 2024 City Council meetings
7. Consider Ordinance 2570, second 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
8. Consider authorizing the city manager to execute Change Order No. 1 with GRod Construction, LLC and ratify the city manager's emergency authorization of Change Order No. 1
9. Consider authorizing the city manager to proceed with the Chisholm Ballfields Drainage Improvements with Sports Field Solutions and city-approved contractors
10. Consider authorizing the city manager to proceed with the Hurst Community Ballfield Lighting Project with Facility Solutions Group

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

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

No: None

RESOLUTION(S)

11. Discussion and Consideration of all matters incident and related to approving and authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation, including the adoption of Resolution 1858 pertaining thereto

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton reviewed the proposed resolution noting the City's long-standing history of pay-go-projects to maintain infrastructure and that tonight's item does not issue any debt, but authorizes notice of intent to issue to be published in the newspaper notifying the public. He stated July 9th the Council will have the opportunity to decide to issue, and the funds will be used for infrastructure, street and drainage system and reviewed various project needs including the south plain water tower addition.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller moved to approve Resolution 1858 authorizing publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation. Motion seconded by Councilmember Waldron. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

OTHER BUSINESS

12. Consider reappointment of Municipal Court Judges

Councilmember Shepard moved to reappoint Municipal Court Judge Lacy Britten, Alternate Court Judges Timothy J. Murphy and Terri Roberts Pearce. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brotherton. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

13. Board, Commission, and Committee Minutes – Council reviewed the following minutes:
- Library Board
 - Parks and Recreation Board
 - Hurst Community Arts and Historic Landmark Preservation Committee

14. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed the Future Events Calendar noting City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024 for the holiday. He also noted a new Lemonade Day event, Saturday, May 18, a program for youth to raise funds for a non-profit of their choice.

15. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest – Councilmember Meeks recognized National Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15, which recognizes law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. He also introduced former Garland Police Officer Greg Stevens who was awarded one of the only 104 Presidential Medal of Honors for

putting his own life in danger to stop an ISIS attack in 2005. Mayor Wilson presented the medal back to Officer Stevens, thanking him for his service. Councilmember McKenzie reported on volunteer opportunities to assist area non-profits during the summer noting the need is high this summer with the closure of Mission Central and 6Stones' temporary closure to move.

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 – No one spoke.

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.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

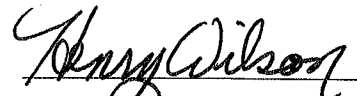
APPROVED this the 28th day of May 2024.

ATTEST:



Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor