

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 2024

On the 9th day of July 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
Cathy Brotherton)	Councilmembers
Cindy Shepard)	
Jon McKenzie)	
Gary N. Waldron)	
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
Sunny Patel)	Director of Information Technology

With the following Councilmembers absent: John Miller, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and Councilmember Gary Waldron gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were given.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the June 25, 2024 City Council meetings
2. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into a 3-year Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft for the purchase of Microsoft related software through SHI utilizing approved purchasing contracts

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

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

ORDINANCE(S)

3. Discussion and Consideration of all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of "City of Hurst, Texas, Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System (Limited Pledge) Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024", including the adoption of an Ordinance 2572

authorizing the issuance of such Certificates of Obligation on first and final reading

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton provided an overview of the proposed Certificates of Obligation noting the proceeds of the sale will be used to pay for capital needs involving streets and drainage system and an additional elevated storage tank. He stated they went to the market today, for \$4 million net proceeds with \$2 million for improvements to the City's water system and \$2 million for improvements to the City's streets and drainage infrastructure. Mr. Fulton introduced Hilltop Securities Managing Director Nick Bulaich who reviewed the bids and rating review process. Mr. Bulaich noted Moody's affirmed their Aa2 credit rating and Standard & Poor's upgraded the City's rating to AA+ noting improvement in the City's economic metrics combined with very strong financial management. He stated nine bids were received with the winning bid being Bancroft Capital at 3.84%. He stated they bid with a premium, buying more than 100 pennies on the dollar. Mr. Bulaich also noted the City was retiring \$4.4 million in debt and that the preliminary official statement will be updated. Mr. Bulaich introduced Bond Counsel Bob Drainsfield who prepared the ordinance for consideration this evening.

Councilmember Meeks moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2572 authorizing the issuance of the City of Hurst, Texas Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System (Limited Pledge) Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024 and resolving other matters incident and related thereto and providing an effective date on first and final reading. Seconded by Councilmember McKenzie. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

4. Consider Ordinance 2573, first reading, amending the Hurst Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24 – Traffic, Section 24-14 and 24-15 Traffic Safety Commission and Chapter 2 – Administration, Article IX. Neighborhood and Community Advisory Committee creating a new Public Safety and Infrastructure Committee

City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed the proposed ordinance noting the elimination of the Neighborhood and Community Advisory Committee and adding new Public Safety and Infrastructure Committee, which is in line with Council's recent discussions.

Councilmember Brotherton moved to approve Ordinance 2573, first reading, combining the Transportation Infrastructure and Safety Committee and Neighborhood and Community Advisory Committee to create a new Public Safety and Infrastructure Committee. Seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Mayor Wilson requested Agenda Items 5 and 6 be considered together.

5. Consider Ordinance 2574, first reading, amending the Hurst Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Zoning – Section 27-25 – Board of Adjustment
6. Consider Ordinance 2575, first reading, amending the Hurst Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5,

Building Regulations, Section 5 – 1 – Codes, Appeals and Advisory Board

City Manager Caruthers reviewed the proposed ordinances noting the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Codes, Appeals and Advisory Board will back each other as alternates and removes all of the trade requirements but two on the Codes, Appeals and Advisory Board.

Councilmember Waldron moved to approve Ordinance 2574 and Ordinance 2575. Seconded by Councilmember McKenzie. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

OTHER BUSINESS

7. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Clay Caruthers thanked everyone for attending the recent Stars and Stripes event. He noted how successful the event was and thanked all the staff for a successful event. He stated this Saturday is free landfill day noting requirements for entry and items not accepted; plans to cancel the July 23, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting, and noted the upcoming July 31, 2024 budget workshop.
8. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest – Councilmember Meeks commended Executive Director of Economic Development Chris Connolly for his recent video on Dehorney's Barber Shop.

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

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.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

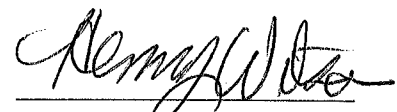
APPROVED this the 13th day of August 2024.

ATTEST:



Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor