

**City Council Minutes
Tuesday, June 25, 2024**

On the 25th day of June 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
John Miller	)	Mayor Pro Tem
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
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 Gary Waldron gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were given.

PROCLAMATION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

1. Proclamation recognizing Parks and Recreation Month

Councilmember Cathy Brotherton read and presented the proclamation recognizing Parks and Recreation month to Director of Parks and Recreation Kristi Weaver and staff. Ms. Weaver provided an overview of the events planned in July for recognition of National Parks and Recreation month. Mayor Wilson expressed appreciation for the fantastic job the department provides.

2. Presentation of the 2024 Texas Association of Municipal Information Officer (TAMIO) Awards

Public Information Officer Kara McKinney introduced Communications Coordinator Sarah Phipps and Recreation Specialist of Marketing and Communication Kira Hoggan, and presented the five (5) 2024 Texas Association of Municipal Information Officer (TAMIO) Awards recently received by the Communications Team. The awards included First Place for Best Small Shop, First Place for Best Marketing Plan/Campaign, Second Place for Best

Strategic Plan, Second Place for Internal Communications, and Third Place for Best Social Media Campaign. Mayor Wilson congratulated the Communications Team for their work and awards.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Consider approval of the minutes for the June 11 and June 18, 2024 City Council meetings

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

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

No: None

RESOLUTION(S)

4. Consider Resolution 1860 joint resolution of the Cities of Euless, Hurst, and Bedford, Texas authorizing staff to pursue a statutory amendment to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 394 regarding Housing Finance Corporations in municipalities and counties

City Manager Caruthers reviewed the proposed resolution noting the complexity of this type of financing. He noted that under the Texas Housing Finance Corporations Act, you can utilize the tax credit and other financing rules. Mr. Caruthers noted the City of Hurst created this type of corporation with the consideration of the tax impact to the community to help meet the demand of senior housing. He noted the City of Euless became aware that a Housing Finance Corporation acquired land outside of their jurisdiction and owns property located in Euless registered as tax exempt without the approval of the City of Euless, which has a substantial financial impact to community. He explained the City of Euless has asked Hurst to support this resolution to allow housing corporations to exist, but to seek law that would call on finance corporations to get approval from the community they are entering into. Mr. Caruthers stated it was his understanding the school district is not impacted.

Councilmember McKenzie noted his appreciation to Euless for bringing this to our attention and that it points to the cities' cooperation. In response to Councilmembers' request for clarification if the ability for the corporation to purchase outside their jurisdiction was part of the 2023 legislative session, City Manager Caruthers stated he was not sure if HB 2071 was passed when this particular property was taken off the tax rolls, but noted with the timing of the legislative session, it could have been. Councilmember McKenzie stated that timing points to challenges on how much legislation is passed.

Councilmember McKenzie moved to approve Resolution 1860, a joint resolution with the Cities of Euless and Bedford, authorizing the respective cities' staff to pursue a statutory amendment to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 394 regarding Housing Finance Corporations in municipalities and counties. Motion seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

No: None

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with EMERGICON for emergency medical billing

Fire Chief Brent Craft reviewed the proposed contract with EMERGICON noting they operate solely in the state of Texas. He stated they will continue Medicare and Medicaid revalidations/renewals, medical records request and assistance with Charity Care. Chief Craft also noted they can provide additional services in the future.

Councilmember Waldron moved to authorize the city manager to enter into a contractual agreement with EMERGICON for emergency medical billing. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

6. Consider appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

Councilmember Shepard moved to approve the proposed slate of Boards and Commission candidates subject to and conditioned upon the approval of the associated ordinance amendments. Seconded by Councilmember Brotherton. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

7. Review of upcoming calendar items – Assistant City Manager Malaika Marion Farmer noted the upcoming July 4th celebration to be held July 3, and Councilmember McKenzie noted the 6Stones truck will be hosting a canned food donation drive at the July 3rd event and the food will go to both NEED (North East Emergency Distribution) and 6Stones. City Manager Clay Caruthers stated city offices will be closed July 4, and the Household Hazardous Waste event is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 8:00 am. – 11:00 a.m. at the Service Center.

8. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest

Councilmember Meeks and McKenzie provided additional congratulations to Public Information Officer Kara McKinney and her team for their work and receiving the awards presented this evening.

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

Daniel J. Bennett, 408 Pemberton, White Settlement who expressed his opinion regarding the Tarrant Appraisal District Board and the Tarrant Appraisal Review Board including their structure, duties and pay, and the need to have individuals from Hurst on the Appraisal

Review Board.

Mayor Wilson recognized students in audience.

James Pitaway, 2153 Mountainview Drive, Hurst who expressed concern regard Southwest Bell and calls for information services being unanswered. Mayor Wilson advised staff would speak to him after the meeting.

Connie Talk, 816 Bluebonnet Dive, Hurst who expressed concerns of speeding traffic and people running stop signs cutting through the neighborhood. Ms. Talk also expressed concern regarding a city drain and roaches in her driveway. Mayor Wilson advised staff would speak to her after the meeting.

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

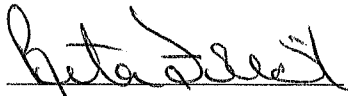
9. Take any and all action necessary ensuing from Executive Session – No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

APPROVED this the 9th day of July 2024.

ATTEST:



Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor