MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
116 ASPEN LANE
HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS 78232
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020
5:00 P.M.

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a City Council Meeting Thursday, November 19th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 116 Aspen Lane, Hill Country Village, Texas. This was an open meeting subject to the open meetings law of the State of Texas.

Members Present:
Mayor Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Councilman Thomas Doyle
Councilman Matthew Acock (Phone)
Councilman Carl A. Register (Phone)
Councilwoman Allison Greer
Councilman Neal Leonard

Members not present:

City Staff Present:
Frank Morales, City Administrator/Police Chief
Marc Schnall, City Attorney (Phone)
Administrative Assistant, Ismael Urias

1. Call to order.

Mayor Durand-Hollis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Durand-Hollis led those present in the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The City Council has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed in a previous meeting. All items can be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately, unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be
withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one motion and vote of the City Council.

3. Discussion and possible action approving the minutes of the City Council Meeting of September 17, 2020.

4. Discussion and possible action approving an ordinance making the San Antonio Express News as the city’s official newspaper.

Councilwoman Greer motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Doyle. Motion passed unanimously.

**INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

5. Citizens to be heard.

At this time, citizens who have filled out a registration form prior to the start of the meeting may speak on any topic they wish to bring to the attention of the governing body so long as that topic is not on the agenda for this meeting. Citizens may speak on specific agenda items when that item is called for discussion. During the Citizens to be Heard section no council action may take place and no council discussion or response is required to the speaker. However, the Mayor or the City Administrator may make a statement of specific factual information in response to an inquiry or recite existing policy in response to an inquiry. A time limit of two minutes per speaker is permitted; the council may extend this time at their discretion.

There were no citizens to be heard.

6. Discussion and possible action accepting the Year End Summary of Delinquent Tax Collection Activities and Results for the City of Hill Country Village for the period of October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020 from Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, LLP.

Councilwoman Greer motioned to accept the Year End Summary of Delinquent Tax Collection Activities and Results for the City of Hill Country Village for the period of October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020 from Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, LLP, seconded by Councilman Doyle. Motion passed unanimously.

7. A presentation from Mr. Christopher Cox, Manager Public Sector Solutions with Waste Management regarding automated collection of waste materials in our city.

Mr. Christopher Cox, Manager Public Sector Solutions with Waste Management gave a presentation regarding automated collection of waste materials in our city. Mr. Cox informed the council that Waste Management will soon start collecting waste by automated trucks. There will no longer be employees that physically handle the waste to be collected.
8. A public hearing, discussion and possible action regarding an ordinance of the City of Hill Country Village amending Section 78-16(g) of Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances to limit permitted uses and exclude certain uses in the B-4 Office District.

Mayor Durand-Hollis opened the public hearing at 5:19 p.m.

Mr. Greg Blasko, Chair of the Zoning Commission was present to inform the council of the recommendation made by the Zoning Commission at the zoning meeting held on November 12, 2020. The Zoning Commission voted to amend Section 78-16(g) of Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances to limit permitted uses and exclude certain uses in the B-4 Office District.

Mayor Durand-Hollis closed the public hearing at 5:21 p.m.

Councilman Acock motioned to adopt an ordinance of the City of Hill Country Village amending Section 78-16(g) of Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances to limit permitted uses and exclude certain uses in the B-4 Office District, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Motion passed unanimously.

9. A public hearing, discussion and possible action on an ordinance on a request from Mr. Drew Allen Hawkins on behalf of Hawkins Family Partners, LP regarding an application for a zoning change for the property located at 203 W. Bitters Road (Legal description CB5833E Lot 194) from R-1 to B-4.

Mayor Durand-Hollis opened the public hearing at 5:23 p.m.

Attorney, Mr. Rob Killen was in attendance on behalf of the realtor (Mr. Drew Hawkins) wanting the zoning change from R-1 to B-4. Mr. Killen had emailed a presentation earlier in the week for all of the council to see. Mr. Killen explained to the council as to why this location is not suitable for family housing. This address is located in a commercialized area. Mr. Killen told the council that this location would be more suitable for a professional office building.

Mayor Durand-Hollis closed the public hearing at 5:33 p.m.

Councilwoman Greer motioned to adopt an ordinance on a request from Mr. Drew Allen Hawkins on behalf of Hawkins Family Partners, LP regarding an application for a zoning change for the property located at 203 W. Bitters Road (Legal description CB5833E Lot 194) from R-1 to B-4, seconded by Councilman Doyle. Motion passed unanimously.

10. A public hearing, discussion and possible action on an ordinance regarding an application for a request from Joshua de Koning for a Special Use Permit for a place of religious worship located at 15759 San Pedro, Hill Country Village, Texas 78232, Lot 19, Block 1, Omni Subdivision, Unit 6, City of Hill Country Village (Volume 9520, Page 214) and Lot 20, Block 1, Omni Subdivision, Unit 6, City of Hill Country Village (Volume 9520, Page 214), in the City of Hill Country Village, Bexar County, Texas.

Mayor Durand-Hollis opened the public hearing at 5:35 p.m.
Mr. Greg Blasko, Chair of the Zoning Commission was present to inform the council of the items discussed at the zoning meeting held on November 12, 2020.

At that Zoning Commission meeting a motion was made to approve the Special Use Permit with the condition that the church provide uniformed officers for traffic control in the event traffic becomes an issue. The motion passed and the Zoning Commission was to recommend to the council that the Special Use Permit be granted with that condition.

Chief Morales said he would be monitoring the traffic when the church opened.

Pastor Joshua de Koning told the council that at his current church they have not had any traffic issues. His current church is 500 yards north of 15759 San Pedro.

Mr. Doug Marcel who represents the building owners asked if the Special Use Permit was granted and the sale to the church did not go through, would there be any ramifications. City Attorney, Mr. Marc Schnall said if the church did not buy the building or the church did not commence action in moving forward, the permit would expire in the near future. If granted, the permit is specifically for the church.

Mayor Durand-Hollis closed the public hearing at 5:47 p.m.

Councilman Register motioned to adopt an ordinance regarding an application for a request from Joshua de Koning for a Special Use Permit for a place of religious worship located at 15759 San Pedro, Hill Country Village, Texas 78232, Lot 19, Block 1, Omni Subdivision, Unit 6, City of Hill Country Village (Volume 9520, Page 214) and Lot 20, Block 1, Omni Subdivision, Unit 6, City of Hill Country Village (Volume 9520, Page 214), in the City of Hill Country Village, Bexar County, Texas, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion and possible action on an ordinance amending Table 4 in Section 62-106(4)(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hill Country Village, Texas to change the minimum width of a buffer yard separating residential and non-residential uses to 25 feet.

Councilman Leonard motioned to adopt an ordinance amending Table 4 in Section 62-106(4)(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hill Country Village, Texas to change the minimum width of a buffer yard separating residential and non-residential uses to 25 feet, seconded by Councilwoman Greer. Motion passed unanimously.


Councilman Register gave the presentation regarding the September 30, 2020 and October 31, 2020 financial statements.
13. Discussion and possible action regarding the annual evaluation and compensation of City Administrator/Chief of Police Frank Morales.

No action taken.

Possible Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters. No action will be taken in Executive Session. Any action will be taken in open session.


Mayor Durand-Hollis told the council that he has been receiving a lot of information on COVID-19 and the city would continue to follow the orders of the County Judge.

15. Report by City Administrator/Chief of Police on items of community interest.

Administrator Morales informed the council City Hall would be closed the following days in observance of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day.

November 26th and 27th
December 24th and 25th
January 1st

16. Adjourn

Mayor Durand-Hollis adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

The Council reserves the right to discuss and appropriately act upon any item stated on this agenda in open session. The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development). No action may be taken in Executive Session.
APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY 2021

ATTEST:

Frank Morales
City Administrator

Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Mayor