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**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
116 ASPEN LANE
HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS 78232
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020
5:00 P.M.**

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a Special City Council Meeting Thursday, August 13th, 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
Councilwoman Allison Greer
Councilman Thomas Doyle
Councilman Matthew Acock *(Phone)*
Councilman Carl A. Register *(Phone)*
Councilman Neal Leonard *(Phone)*

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 5:03 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Durand-Hollis led those present in a moment of silence 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 or the Mayor, 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immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 Special City Council Meeting of July 16, 2020.

4. Discussion and possible action approving the October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020 City of Hill Country Village Master Calendar.

Councilwoman Greer motioned 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.

Mr. Greg Blasko of 205 Hill Country Lane told the council that he has noticed residents putting large boulders in the right-of-way, right next to the road. Mr. Blasko was concerned that a driver could swerve, hit the boulders and injure themselves. He thought if the city is responsible for the right-of-way, then it should be addressed at a later meeting.

6. A public hearing, discussion and possible action on a request from Mr. Drew Allan 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 as follows: CB 5833E BLK 194 from R-1 to B-4 in the Residential District.

This item was heard after item #8.

Mayor Durand-Hollis opened the public hearing at 5:09 p.m.

(Phone) Ms. Melissa Childers-White of 212 Village Circle explained that she was on the Zoning Commission and took consideration in the four residents that returned letters to the city opposing the zoning change from R-1 to B-4.

Mayor Durand-Hollis closed the public hearing at 5:13 p.m.

Mr. Rob Killen, attorney for Hawkins Family Partners, LP, gave a presentation on the property located at 203 W. Bitters Road. Mr. Killen gave a brief history of the property and the previous attempts to change the zoning of this address.

Mr. Greg Blasko of 205 Hill Country Lane and Chair of the Zoning Commission expressed to the council that during the last zoning meeting, four letters out of twenty were sent back to the city in opposition of the zoning change. Mr. Blasko told the council that due to many changes over the years and commercial growth surrounding the property, the property was no longer suited for residential use. Mr. Blasko informed the council that during the last zoning meeting a motion was made to rezone the property from R-1 to B-4 and the motion passed with one opposing vote.

(Phone) Ms. Melissa Childers-White of 212 Village Circle is also on the Zoning Commission told the council that she made the opposing vote during the meeting. Ms. Childers-White said she made that vote to stand up for the four residents in opposition of the zoning change.

Councilman Acock made a motion to table this item, seconded by Councilman Register. Councilmembers voting yea were Acock, Register and Leonard. Councilmembers voting nay were Doyle and Greer. Motion passed.

7. Workshop on the City of Hill Country Village Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

This item was discussed among the council members and city administrator.

8. Discussion and possible action approving the issuance of 20 year, up to \$8,500,000 in obligations to be designated as “City of Hill Country Village, Texas General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020”; that would require an approximate 2.2 cents property tax increase to the citizens of the City of Hill Country Village, Texas.

This item was heard before item #7.

Mr. Kevin Escobar of Frost Bank was in attendance to answer any questions the council may have had.

Councilman Doyle motioned to approve the issuance of 20 year, up to \$8,500,000 in obligations to be designated as “City of Hill Country Village, Texas General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020”; that would require an approximate 2.2 cents property tax increase to the citizens of the City of Hill Country Village, Texas, seconded by Councilwoman Greer. Councilmembers voting yea were Councilmembers Doyle, Leonard and Greer. Councilmembers voting nay were Register and Acock. Motion passed.

9. Report by Mayor on matters of community interest.

Mayor Durand-Hollis spoke of the survey markers throughout the city. The Mayor said they were the beginning of the bond and road project.

10. Report by City Administrator/Chief of Police on matters of community interest.

City Administrator, Frank Morales told the council that he would be reaching out to them soon for the next scheduled council meeting.

11. Adjourn.

Mayor Durand-Hollis adjourned the meeting at 6:45 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 10th DAY SEPTEMBER 2020

ATTEST:



Frank Morales
City Administrator



Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Mayor