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**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
116 ASPEN LANE
HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS 78232
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a City Council Meeting Thursday, September 15, 2022, 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 Matthew Acock
Councilman Tom Doyle
Councilman Greg Blasko
Councilwoman Allison Francis

Members Not Present:

Councilman Carl Register

City Staff Present:

City Administrator/Chief of Police, Frank Morales
Court Clerk, Gracie Allen

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 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being discussed separately, unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 August 18, 2022.
4. Discussion and possible action approving the October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023, City of Hill Country Village Master Calendar.
5. Discussion and possible action accepting the resignation of Officer Antonio Martinez as a reserve officer for the City of Hill Country Village.
6. Discussion and possible action approving an ordinance appointing Officer Jaime Gonzalez as a full-time police officer for the City of Hill Country Village.
7. Discussion and possible action approving an ordinance re-establishing fees and charges for construction-related activities and services provided by the city.

Councilwoman Francis motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Blasko. Motion passed unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

8. 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. Michael Heistand of 14056 Mint Trail suggested that the council consider selling the Bitters Road property for residential development and keep city hall at the current location.

Mr. Steve Marceau of 215 Tomahawk Trail thanked the council for serving. He made a few comments that he didn't think were made clear at a previous meeting: First, if city hall is built on Bitters Road the remaining property could be sold. Secondly, he liked the idea of having the visibility of the police department on Bitters Road when entering Hill Country Village. Thirdly, he questioned the expense of tearing down the current city hall opposed to building on Bitters Road and selling the current location as is.

9. Discussion and possible action concerning the location for construction of a New City Hall for the City of Hill Country Village.

Council discussed the best way to receive feedback from residents concerning the location of the new city hall.

Councilman Doyle motioned to request the HOA send out a straw poll to the citizens requesting feedback on location with an attachment that has pros and cons for both locations, seconded by Councilwoman Francis. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action on an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hill Country Village, Texas, adopting and levying the tax rate on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Hill Country Village, Texas for the year 2022.

Councilman Blasko moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.145, which is effectively a 3.41% increase in the tax rate, seconded by Councilwoman Francis.

Mayor Durand- Hollis called for a roll call vote:

Councilman Acock – Aye

Councilman Blasko – Aye

Councilman Doyle – Aye

Councilwoman Francis – Aye

11. Discussion and possible action on a resolution to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Councilman Blasko moved to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the city budget of Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023, which results in an increase of \$52,259, seconded by Councilman Doyle. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion regarding the July 31, 2022, financial statements.

Mayor Durand- Hollis commented that the financials were tracking more or less close with the exception of the fuel and attorney fees being a bit higher.

13. Report by Mayor on matters of community interest.

Mayor Durand- Hollis thanked Councilman Doyle for attending the Bexar County Suburban Cities Meeting. He invited the council to join the AACOG meeting next week.

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

City Administrator Morales related that SAWS would be working at the end of Bison and Tomahawk the following morning to repair leaks that have been problematic for the past 10 years. He also commented on the shooting that occurred in Hollywood Park.

15. Adjourn.

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.

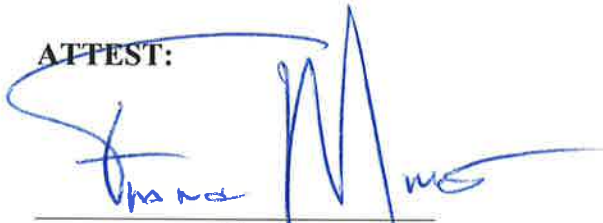
There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.



Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank Morales
City Administrator