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MINUTES SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING CITY HALL 116 ASPEN LANE HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS 78232 THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024 5:00 P.M.

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a City Council Meeting Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 116 Aspen Lane, Hill Country Village, Texas. This was an open meeting subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Members Present:

Members Not Present: Councilman Tom Doyle

Mayor Gabriel Durand-Hollis Councilman Matthew Acock Councilwoman Allison Francis Councilman Greg Blasko Councilman Carl Register

City Staff Present:

Administrative Assistant, Rafael Diaz Finance, Alexander Baez

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being discussed separately, unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 Meetings of January 18, 2024 and February 22, 2024.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance ordering the cancellation of the May 4, 2024, General Election.

Councilman Blasko motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Francis seconded the motion. The motion was 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. McNair, of 114 Cherokee Lane, commented that he did not receive an email notice with the agenda for the previous City Council meeting in February. He also asked that in the future, notice be sent out for any possible land sales by the City.

6. Public Hearing on possible amendment to Section 78-21(d) of the Code of Ordinances to modify provisions relating to new, relevant, and substantial evidence for repeat applications.

Mayor Durand-Hollis opened the Public Hearing at 5:09 p.m.

Mayor Durand-Hollis closed the Public Hearing at 5:10 p.m.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on a recommendation to the City Council on an amendment to Section 78-21(d) of the Code Ordinances to modify provisions relating to new, relevant, and substantial evidence for repeat applications.

Former Mayor Francis shared background information on the proposed amendment. Councilman Acock asked that in the future, a redline version of any proposed changes to City Ordinances be made available to council. Councilman Acock made a motion to strike the last sentence of our existing ordinance, section 78-21(d) that begins "It is further provided... rezoning of the same property." Councilman Blasko seconded the motion. Councilmen Register, Blasko, and Acock voted in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Francis voted against the motion. The motion was passed.

8. Public Hearing, presentation, and discussion by Lt. Gary Paez, Hill Country Village Police Department, regarding a speed study on various locations throughout the city.

Mayor Durand-Hollis opened the Public Hearing at 5:36 p.m.

Lt. Gary Paez, Hill Country Village Police Department, led the City Council through the presented radar trailer results and answered questions/concerns as he went.

Former Mayor Francis asked that the City publish the results of the speed study to the City website.

Mayor Durand-Hollis closed the Public Hearing at 5:58 p.m.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on responses to Offer for Sale of City owned property along the north side of Bitters Road between South Tower Drive and Winding Way. Possible Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, Deliberation Regarding Real Property.

The City did not receive any bids/offers before the deadline for the property that is up for sale. The City Council instructed City staff to improve their marketing efforts regarding the sale of the property.

10. Presentation of the December 31, 2023, and January 31, 2024, financial statements.

Mr. Alexander Baez, of VAL3XO, led the City Council through the financial statements and answered any questions/concerns as he went.

11. Report by City Council members on items of community interest.

Councilman Acock asked if other members of Council were looking into the water tower situation. Councilwoman Francis stated that work was being done on the subject.

12. Report by Mayor Durand-Hollis on items of community interest.

Mayor Durand-Hollis echoed concerns from residents regarding the water tower situation. He also asked that other members of the City Council help him with attendance to relevant City meetings/conferences/etc.

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

14. Adjourn.

Mayor Durand-Hollis adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

The Council reserves the right to discuss and appropriately act upon any item stated on this agenda in an 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.

Frank Morales
City Administrator

Gabriel Durand-Hollis Mayor