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# MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING CITY HALL 116 ASPEN LANE HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS 78232 THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 5:30 P.M.

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a City Council Meeting Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 5:30 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:**

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

#### **Members Not Present:**

Councilman Tom Doyle

#### **City Staff Present:**

City Administrator, Frank Morales Administrative Assistant, Linda Solis City Attorney, Marc Schnall City Attorney, Jason Rammel

#### 1. Call to order.

Mayor Durand-Hollis called the meeting to order at 5:30 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being discussed separately, unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 March 20, 2025 and Special City Council Meeting of April 3, 2025.
- 4. Discussion and Possible Action appointing Mr. John Dulske and Mr. Jay Eddy as Primary Members of the Board of Adjustment.
- 5. Discussion and possible action appointing Mr. Doug Boom as an Alternate Member of the Board of Adjustment.
- 6. Discussion and possible action appointing Mr. Steve Marceau as Primary Member of the Business District Construction Review Board.
- 7. Discussion and possible action appointing Ms. Melissa Childers-White, Mr. Doug Boom, and Mr. Paul Blackburn as Primary Members of the Zoning Commission.

Councilman Acock motioned to adopt the consent agenda. Councilwoman Francis seconded motion. Councilman Blasko, Councilman Acock, and Councilwoman Francis approved motion.

#### **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.

Paul Laursen thanked the Chief for having more police placed around the city. He also requested to have a committee to beautify the city.

Pat Schneider thanked the Mayor and Council, spoke on the issue of the legal expenses and cell tower lawsuit.

Heather Chandler will hold question until item #11

Juliana Connolly would like to request a security light located at the Kuest residence on Tower Drive to prevent further malicious acts.

Nicholas Ozerov thanked the Mayor and Council, spoke on the development on a committee for the maintenance on Calvary Trail. He also spoke on the maintenance on the road projects, request specifications.

9. Discussion and possible action on authorizing only the Mayor or the City Administrator to request services by an engineer for the City or an attorney for the City.

Councilwoman Francis motioned to approve and to authorize only the Mayor or the City Administrator to request services by an engineer for the City or an attorney for the City. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion. Roll call Councilwoman Francis Aye; Councilman Acock Nay; Councilman Blasko Aye. Motion passed.

10. Presentation and Discussion on the City of Hill Country Village Financial Report.

Skipped item #10, No Action taken.

11. Discussion and possible action in relation to Alta Towers, LLC v. City of Hill Country Village, Hill Country Village City Council, et al., Case No. 5:25-cv-00006, United States District Court, Western District of Texas, a lawsuit relating to denial of the Special Use Permit for a cell tower. Possible Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorneys.

Mayor Durand-Hollis announced for City Council to go into the Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. on April 17, 2025.

Mayor Durand-Hollis ended the Executive Session 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 6:29 p.m. No Action taken.

Councilman Blasko move that the city of Hill Country Village employ an independent real estate board certified attorney, with such attorney acceptable to both Matthew Acock and Jason Rammel, to review the research and writings of Matthew Acock and the Law Offices of Ryan Henry in connection with the determination of the true and actual ownership of that parcel of land describe as "area 2" in the letter dated April 2, 2025 from the Law Offices of Ryan Henry to the Mayor and City Council of Hill Country Village and to provide a written opinion of his conclusions as to the actual ownership of said "area 2" and for the city of Hill Country Village to allocate up to \$5,000 for the specific purpose of such review and opinion. Councilman Acock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

12. Discussion and possible action on a budgetary transfer from City of Hill Country Village Reserves to the General Administrative Department, City Attorney Services.

No Action taken.

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

No Action taken.

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

No Action taken.

15. Discussion and setting one or more dates and times for a workshop on the City of Hill Country Village FY 25-26 City Budget.

No Action taken.

### 16. Report by City Administrator/Chief of Police Frank Morales on items of community interest.

No report given.

#### 17. Adjourn.

Mayor Durand-Hollis adjourned the meeting at 6:32 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.

Gabriel Durand-Hollis

Mayor

APPROVED THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2025

Frank Morales

City Administrator