

**City of Hurst
City Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

On the 27th day of March 2018, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Regular Meeting at City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

Richard Ward	)	Mayor
Henry Wilson	)	Mayor Pro Tem
Bill McLendon	)	Councilmembers
Nancy Welton)	
Larry Kitchens)	
David Booe)	
Trasa Cobern)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Allan Heindel	)	Deputy City Manager
John Boyle	)	City Attorney
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Greg Dickens	)	Executive Director of Public Works
Clayton Fulton	)	Executive Director of Fiscal and Strategic Services
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Executive Director of Administration and Customer Service
David Palla	)	Fire Chief

With the following Councilmembers absent: none, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Nancy Welton gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Considered approval of the minutes for the February 23 and 27, 2018 City Council meetings.
2. Considered Ordinance 2384, second reading, approving a tariff and authorizing an annual rate review mechanism (RRM) for Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division.

Councilmember Wilson moved to pass the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Booe. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers McLendon, Booe, Kitchens, Cobern, Wilson, and Welton
No: None

RESOLUTION(S)

3. Discussion and consideration of all matters incident and related to approving and authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue Certificates of Obligation, including the adoption of Resolution 1697 pertaining thereto.

Mayor Ward recognized Executive Director of Fiscal and Strategic Services Clayton Fulton who stated this item is to authorize publication of the notice to issue debt for a portion of the line on Valley View Branch Wastewater Interceptor that has been prioritized by the Public Works Department. He stated the recent rain events underscore the need to address the issue as the line was overwhelmed. Mr. Fulton reviewed proposed funding and financing options including a program through The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). He stated under Council direction, staff applied for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan, which includes a 15% reimbursement grant resulting in a net \$1.36 million Certificate of Obligation. He explained, with the opportunity for combining the grant and debt financing, there is the opportunity for a projected \$585,000 savings over the 20-year life of the bond.

Mayor Ward recognized Denise Fields, 501 Oak Park Drive, Hurst, who provided pictures of a recent event where infiltration of the sewer system caused water and solids to get into a friend's house and others, in this area. She stated the pictures show how bad the situation was and also expressed appreciation to Councilmember Kitchens and Public Works employee Bubba Moore for their work. City Manager Clay Caruthers thanked Ms. Fields noting this type of situation is rare in Hurst and that Executive Director of Public Works Greg Dickens will contact the City of Bedford regarding their line maintenance as they tie into this line and could be part of the infiltration. Mr. Dickens reviewed the timeline for the project, indicating the bid should be awarded in June or July, and it would take approximately 6 to 8 months to complete the project. He explained this is not the only portion of the section that needs improvement, and funding determines the progress. He also stated a significant rainfall event on top of a saturated ground significantly contributed to the recent infiltration event.

Councilmember Kitchens moved to approve Resolution 1697 authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue Certificates of Obligation. Motion seconded by Councilmember McLendon. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers McLendon, Booe, Kitchens, Cobern, Wilson, and Welton
No: None

4. Considered Resolution 1696 adopting the 2018 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

Mayor Ward recognized Deputy City Manager Allan Heindel who briefly reviewed the Parks Master Plan noting this is the fourth plan update, the last being in 2006. He stated, as part of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Master Plan Guidelines, the City is required to adopt an official master plan in order to qualify for future grant funding opportunities. He explained most grants require a local match and future projects will be based on available funding and priority, and reiterated this is only a plan. Mr. Heindel introduced Lenny Hughes, Halff and Associates, who presented the plan, reviewed the components of the update including inventory, surveys, needs assessment and several recommendations. Mr. Hughes praised the condition and amenities of City parks and stated the Senior Center is exceptional. He reviewed recommendations for the existing park system including facilities and noted the plan will be in place for the next 10 to 15 years, and elevate chances for grant opportunities, not only with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department but also North Central Texas Council of Governments.

In response to Councilmembers' questions, Mr. Hughes reviewed the grant process for 2019. Councilmembers noted the link between this report and the Catalyst Redevelopment Report and how they should be incorporated; the difficulty in identifying funding sources and how needs are addressed throughout the City.

Councilmember McLendon moved to approve Resolution 1696 adopting the 2018 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. Motion seconded by Councilmember Welton. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers McLendon, Booe, Kitchens, Cobern, Wilson, and Welton
No: None

ACTION ITEM(S)

5. Considered authorizing the city manager to enter into an Ambulance Billing Contract (including the cost for ESO software) with Wittman Enterprises, LLC, for three years, with two one-year renewal options for a maximum of five years.

Mayor Ward recognized Fire Chief David Palla who stated this request is to renew the existing ambulance billing contract with amendments, including the City being responsible for credit card fees, purchase of software, a 3 year extension of the contract, contact changes, but leaves the collection rate at 5%.

Councilmember Wilson moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Ambulance Billing Contract (including the costs for ESO software) with Wittman Enterprises, LLC, for three years, with two one-year renewal options for a maximum of five years. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kitchens. In response to Councilmember Booe's question, Chief Palla stated the City's Information Technology Department would no longer have to do maintenance and it will be a more stable platform. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers McLendon, Booe, Kitchens, Cobern, Wilson, and Welton
No: None

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Council reviewed of the following advisory board meeting minutes:
- HEB Teen Court Advisory Board Scholarship Committee – February 1, 2018
 - HEB Teen Court Advisory Board – February 1, 2018 and February 13, 2018
 - Senior Citizens Advisory Board
 - Parks and Recreation Board
 - Library Board

Councilmember Cobern noted the April 12, 2018 Teen Court Gala and the two scholarships being awarded to students this year. Councilmember Booe noted he had several Senior Board members recommend reducing the number of members on the board, and requested the recommendation be placed in the record for future consideration.

7. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed the following calendar items:
- Friday, March 30, 2018, City Offices closed, holiday.
- City Secretary Rita Frick reviewed the following May 5, 2018 General and Special Election dates:
- Early Voting April 23 – May 1 with hours and locations listed on the City and Tarrant County Election websites and Election Day, May 5, 2018, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Hurst Public Library.
 - Councilmember Cobern also noted the May 22, 2018 Primary Run Off Election.

8. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest

Councilmember Cobern introduced Kayleigh, a Birdville High School student from the City's Youth in Government Program, who spent time with her today as part of the government program.

PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD – A REQUEST TO APPEAR CARD MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE CITY SECRETARY TO BE RECOGNIZED.

No one spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

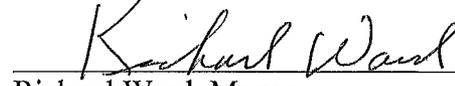
APPROVED this the 10th day of April 2018.

ATTEST:



Rita L. Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Richard Ward, Mayor