

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, April 9, 2019

On the 9th day of April 2019, 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:

Henry Wilson	)	Mayor
David Booe	)	Mayor Pro Tem
Bill McLendon	)	Councilmembers
Larry Kitchens)	
Jon McKenzie)	
Cindy Shepard)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
John F. Boyle	)	City Attorney
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Assistant City Manager
Steven Niekamp	)	Police Chief
Greg Dickens	)	Executive Director of Public Works
Steve Bowden	)	Executive Director of Economic Development
Michelle Lazo	)	Executive Director of Planning and Community Development
T.J. Crabill	)	Police Sergeant

With the following Councilmembers absent: Cathy Thompson, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

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

Mayor Pro Tem David Booe gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation of Flag flown at half-staff in honor of former Councilmember Charles Swearngen. Mayor Wilson and Council presented the flag flown at half-staff to the family members of former Councilmember Charles Swearngen acknowledging 48 years of dedication and community service to the citizens of Hurst.
2. Proclamation recognizing Child Abuse Prevention month. Councilmember Jon McKenzie read and presented the proclamation recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month to Jamie Harton representing Alliance for Children.

3. Proclamation recognizing Volunteer Appreciation Week, and presentation to Volunteers-in-Action Blue Jacket recipients. Mayor Pro Tem David Booe read the proclamation recognizing Volunteer Appreciation Week and the following Blue Jacket recipients were recognized for reaching the 200 hour mark of service: Mary Bowen, Chris Cotter, Kathy Dickson, Michael Fitzgerald, Joe Hargis, Steve Johnson, Sheila Kesling, Doug Leake, Fredia Luckey, Jim Peters, Horace Petty, Dave Thompson, and Martha Vitela.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Considered approval of the minutes for the March 26, 2019 City Council meetings.
5. Considered Ordinance 2409, second reading, amending Section 26-49 Water Conservation Plan of the Code of Ordinances.
6. Considered Ordinance 2410, second reading, amending Section 26-36 Drought Contingency Plan of the Code of Ordinances.

Councilmember Booe moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kitchens. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers McLendon, Booe, Kitchens, McKenzie, and Shepard

No: None

ORDINANCE(S)

7. Considered Ordinance 2408, first reading, creating one way streets adjacent to certain schools in the City of Hurst.

City Manager Clay Caruthers stated staff received several calls regarding safety at various schools during the drop off and pick up times. He stated he received information from principals and Police Officer T.J. Crabill regarding the traffic flow. Executive Director of Public Works Greg Dickens advised this information was presented to the Traffic Infrastructure and Safety Committee, and along with the HEB ISD School District and police department, various options were considered. Mr. Dickens stated meetings were held with several schools, concentrating on Shady Oaks Elementary and Hurst Jr. High with HEB ISD Representative Robby Ball and all appeared interested in moving forward with the proposed one way streets. Mr. Dickens presented examples of signs utilized at various sites to guide traffic and that, it is his understanding, utilizing one way streets have worked well in other locations.

Mayor Wilson stated this item is not a public hearing, but anyone who wishes to address this item may do so. Mayor Wilson recognized the following individuals who expressed concerns regarding traffic control, traffic congestions in nearby areas, and the timing of the one way streets, and support of the one-way street for safety reasons: Nancy Welton, 1429 Cavender Drive; Traffic Infrastructure and Safety Committee member Nell DeLaughter, 1404 Karla Drive, and Scott Hilton, 400 Crestwood Terrace.

Council discussed the pros and cons of the one-way streets and the need to fine tune the times and traffic flow. Council discussed some schools seemed better suited for the one way designation than others due to wider streets and traffic counts. Police Officer T.J. Crabill stated the police department will work closely with the school district and that warnings would be issued for a period of time prior to tickets being issued. HEB ISD representative Robby Ball stated many of the issues could be resolved with communication and education.

Councilmember Kitchens moved to postpone this item, take tonight's comments and come back April 23, with answers to alleviate hours and other issues discussed. Motion seconded by Councilmember Booe. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers McLendon, Booe, Kitchens, McKenzie, and Shepard
No: None

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Caruthers reviewed the calendar items noted in the agenda packet. He also noted any weather delays or cancelations for the weekend events will be posted to social media and the City's website.
9. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest.

Councilmember Kitchens reviewed items of interest from the Mayors' Council of Tarrant County meeting including Texas Department of Transportation construction projects for Tarrant County and a 911 project to tie mobile phones into the system. Mayor Pro Tem Booe stated he represented the Mayor at the 6Stones CPR kickoff event and the Tri-Cities baseball throw.

Mayor Wilson thanked Councilmembers for filling in for him and expressed gratitude for the many cards and prayers during his recovery.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, Authorized by Tex. Government Code 551.072 and 551.087- deliberate the purchase, exchange or value of real property 701 Heritage Circle, Hurst, Texas 76053 and deliberation and conducting of economic development negotiations regarding financial information relative to business prospect the City seeks to have locate, stay or expand in the City and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such business, and to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Mayor Wilson did not recess to Executive Session at this time.

10. Take any and all action ensuing from Executive Session.

Councilmember Kitchens moved to authorize the city manager to execute all agreements necessary to extend the City's loan guaranty with Veritex Bank related to HVSL Investors, L.L.C., for a period of six months, after closing, with the option for two additional six month renewals not to exceed 18 months. Motion seconded by Councilmember Booe. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers McLendon, Booe, Kitchens, McKenzie, and Shepard

No: None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED this the 23rd day of April 2019.

ATTEST:



Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor