

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2019

On the 10th day of September 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:

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| Henry Wilson |) | Mayor |
| Larry Kitchens |) | Mayor Pro Tem |
| David Booe |) | Councilmembers |
| Bill McLendon |) | |
| Jon McKenzie |) | |
| Cathy Thompson |) | |
| Cindy Shepard |) | |
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| Clay Caruthers |) | City Manager |
| John Boyle |) | City Attorney |
| Rita Frick |) | City Secretary |
| Clayton Fulton |) | Assistant City Manager |
| Malaika Marion Farmer |) | Assistant City Manager |
| Duane Hengst |) | City Engineer |
| Kyle Gordon |) | Executive Director of Community Services |

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.

Mayor Pro Tem Kitchens gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given. The Texas Pledge was given.

PRESENTATION(S) AND PROCLAMATION(S)

1. Proclamation recognizing Hurst Aquatic Team.

Recreation Manager Jennifer Kashner provided an overview of this season's aquatic activities, including newly added special events and over 1,800 swim lessons provided. Athletic Coordinator Madison Bass reviewed the process of filling 250 seasonal positions and the in-house training involved for the lifeguards to ensure visitor safety. She stated over 54,000 total attendance at the aquatics centers, with 300 minor incidents and 120 water rescues. Mayor Wilson read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree, who approved sharing the contents regarding an incident at Chisholm Pool. They expressed their appreciation for the diligent and professional lifeguards, and related how they have witnessed the guards' diligence throughout the season, but also experienced the quick

10. Considered authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement with Swagit Productions, LLC, for broadcast system equipment, software and support.
11. Considered authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract for citywide custodial services.

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

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

BUDGET RELATED ITEM(S)

12. Considered Ordinance 2450(a), first reading, adopting budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020.

Mayor Wilson explained that, annually, the duties of the Council requires them to set the budget. City Manager Clay Caruthers noted a General Fund Budget 1.24% increase, and that Council conducted a series of work sessions and public hearings to review the budget and provide citizens an opportunity to speak and ask questions about the budget. He stated staff followed Council's Strategic Priorities in the preparation of the budget, and prepared a conservative budget for consideration. Councilmember Kitchens commended staff and the Council for their hard work and discussions. He stated he believes the budget is frugal but at the same time provides services citizens demand.

Councilmember Kitchens moved to approve Ordinance 2450(a). Motion seconded by Councilmember Booe. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

13. Considered Ordinance 2450(b), first reading, ratifying the Property Tax Revenue Increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget.

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton stated state law requires the City follow procedures for the adoption of the budget. He stated the budget approved by the Ordinance 2450a does include a 1.24% tax increase and an increase in the property tax revenue; therefore; requiring the property tax revenue increase be ratified. Councilmember Shepard moved that in compliance with the Local Government Code, adoption of Ordinance 2450 (b). Motion seconded by Councilmember Booe. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

14. Considered Ordinance 2451, first reading, setting the tax rate for the 2019 tax year.

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton stated this action will require specific language in the motion. He stated that after going through the required Truth in Taxation calculations, the proposed budget is funded by a proposed tax rate of \$0.597299 per \$100 valuation, which exceeds the effective rate, requiring the specific motion. City Manager Caruthers also noted special language is required to be placed on the City's Internet home page since the rate is above the effective rate. He stated, the City presented the voters with general obligation bonds for the animal services and adoption facility, and that is part of the tax rate, which is a little over a penny. He stated also, as Council knows from the public hearings, the tax rate increase not only is necessary for expenditures, but the legislature limited the City's ability to collect revenues and provided unfunded mandates. He stated the increase helps offset the legislative impact and the cost of the animal shelter.

Councilmember Thompson moved with the adoption of Ordinance 2451, "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.597299, which is effectively a 9.6% increase in the tax rate." Motion seconded by Councilmember McKenzie. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

15. Considered Ordinance 2452, first reading, approving all water and wastewater rates for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton noted the discussion during the budget process for the proposed water and wastewater rates. He stated the proposed budget increase is 2%, of which wholesales costs is a huge driver. Mr. Fulton noted in a 20 year history in the City, water rates have averaged a 3.5% increase. He reviewed the City's rate smoothing process recommended by experts, which prevents huge fluctuations for the citizens. Mr. Fulton stated the impact to the average customer is about \$2.20 a month. City Manager Caruthers noted water rates in surrounding communities and Hurst is in the middle of the pack. He also noted some cities have not followed a rate smoothing philosophy and will see double digit increases in the water rates. He stated every City is unique, but he believes the Hurst policy is wise.

Councilmember McKenzie moved to approve Ordinance 2452, including the proposed Water and Wastewater rates effective October 1, 2019, to be included in all City utility bills processed on, or after, November 1, 2019. Motion seconded by Councilmember Booe. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION(S)

16. Considered Resolution 1745 authorizing the creation of a Public Facility Corporation.

City Manager Caruthers stated the item tonight to create a Public Facility Corporation came before the City as a proposal for a specific project, which will be addressed later. This measure is essential for the project and provides another tool for future development/redevelopment for future projects.

Councilmember Booe moved to approve Resolution 1745 creating a Public Facility Corporation. Motion seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

OTHER BUSINESS

17. Considered authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of land from Tarrant County College for the Animal Services and Adoption Facilities Project.

City Manager Caruthers expressed his excitement for this item and noted the work by staff in bringing this project to this point. He stated Tarrant County College has been a willing partner for the consideration of the purchase of their property on the northeast side of the northeast campus. He stated this purchase allows the City to utilize an underutilized property to meet a need for the City. He stated Tarrant County College will consider this item at the September 19, 2019 meeting and reviewed tasks completed to date for the beginning of the animal shelter project.

Councilmember Shepard moved to authorize the city manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of land from Tarrant County College for the new Animal Services and Adoption Facilities Project, in a total amount not to exceed \$645,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kitchens. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

18. Considered appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Councilmember McKenzie moved for the Codes, Appeals and Advisory Board to appoint Bob Centracco, Alternate Place 2, for a one year term. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kitchens. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Thompson moved for the HEB Teen Court to appoint Nancy Welton, Alternate Place 1, for a one year term. Motion seconded by Councilmember McLendon. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Shepard moved for the Hurst Community Arts and Historic Landmark Preservation Board to appoint Leah Chance, Place 2, for a two year term; Mary Wisemann, Place 4, for a two year term; Anne Stimmel, Place 6, for a one year term; Shirley Farrell, Alternate Place 1, for a one year term and Cyndi Evans, Alternate Place 2, for a one year term. Motion seconded by Councilmember McKenzie. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Thompson moved for the Hurst Senior Citizens Advisory Board to appoint Marie Perry, Place 4, for a two year term; Elaine Wicker, Alternate Place 1, for a one year term and Kim Bouse, Alternate Place 2, for a one year term. Motion seconded by Councilmember McLendon. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Kitchens moved for the Library Board to appoint Ann Teeter, Alternate Place, for a one year term. Motion seconded by Councilmember Shepard. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Shepard moved for the Neighborhood and Community Advisory Committee to appoint Michael Mella, Alternate Place 2, for a one year term. Motion seconded by Councilmember McLendon. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

No: None

Councilmember McKenzie moved for the Transportation Infrastructure and Safety Committee to appoint Jeff Childers, Place 2, for a two year term. Motion seconded by Councilmember Shepard. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Kitchens, McKenzie, McLendon and Shepard

No: Councilmember Thompson

Abstain: Councilmember Booe

Councilmember McKenzie moved for the Zoning Board of Adjustment to appoint Darrell Griffin, Alternate Place 2, for a one year term. Motion seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

No: None

19. Council reviewed the following board, commission and committee meeting minutes:
 - Neighborhood and Community Advisory Committee
 - Planning and Zoning Commission
 - Transportation Infrastructure and Safety Committee
20. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Caruthers reviewed calendar items noted in the packet. Also noted was the Fall Pop-Up Event, October 31, 2019 at Bellaire Center, 6:00 p.m. and the Fall Festival, October 5, 2019 in front of Nordstroms at Northeast Mall from 11:00 a.m. – to 3:00 p.m.
21. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest

Mayor Pro Tem Kitchens stated with the recognition this evening of the lifeguards and finance award, he believed a request for action received by the City was also worthy of reading from Julie Needham expressing her appreciation of the fire department response when her neighbors needed assistance. He read the expression of gratitude for the first responders and their professionalism and expressed the benefits of a professional and respectful staff. City Manager Caruthers stated his appreciation for staff, but that it starts at the leadership level of Council.

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

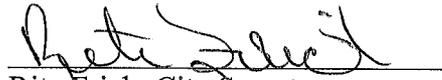
Mayor Wilson recognized Boy Scout Alex, Troop 333, present working on his Speech Merit Badge.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

APPROVED this the 24th day of September 2019.

ATTEST:



Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor