

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, July 28, 2020

On the 28th day of July 2020, 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, by telephone conference to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) with the following members present:

Henry Wilson)	Mayor
Jon McKenzie)	Mayor Pro Tem
David Booe)	Councilmembers
Larry Kitchens)	
Cathy Thompson)	
Bill McLendon)	
Cindy Shepard)	
Clay Caruthers)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle)	Assistant City Attorney
Rita Frick)	City Secretary
Rob Duncan)	Information Technology Manager

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 McKenzie gave the Invocation.

Mayor Wilson noted the telephonic meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic and suspended the Pledge of Allegiance for the meeting. Mayor Wilson provided rules of procedure for the telephone conference meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the July 14, 2020 City Council meetings
2. Consider Resolution 1771 ratifying the actions of the Hurst Crime Control and Prevention District Board
3. Consider Ordinance 2438, second reading, amending Chapter 24 by replacing Sections 24-115 and 24-127 to 24-129 Prohibiting Parking in Certain Areas

Councilmember McKenzie moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Councilmember Shepard moved to adopt Ordinance 2440, authorizing the issuance of “City of Hurst, Texas, Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations, Series 2020”; and the execution of Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase Agreement, and a Purchase Letter in relation to such obligations. Motion seconded by Councilmember McLendon. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Consider appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

Councilmember Booe moved to approve the reappointments as presented by the City Secretary. Motion seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

9. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed upcoming calendar items noting the July 31 budget work session and August 1 Special City Council meeting. He noted a correction from the packet and instead of the July 31 and August 1 meeting being located at the Hurst Conference Center, they will be telephone dial-in meetings as tonight’s City Council meeting. He also noted the Wednesday, August 12 Special City Council meeting called for the budget public hearing, tax rate public hearing and consideration of the tax rate and budget. He stated city offices will be closed Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day holiday. City Manager Caruthers also advised City Flags are being flown at half-staff this week in honor of long time City Attorney John Boyle who has been a valuable and thoughtful advisor to the City.

10. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest – Mayor and Council also expressed their appreciation for City Attorney John Boyle’s contribution to the City and thanked Matthew Boyle for his work on the Dakota Place Apartment issue. Councilmember Kitchens advised police officers rescued a white Labrador dog over the weekend and noted that their efforts were well beyond the call of duty. In response to Councilmember questions, Mr. Boyle stated he believed the Governor’s next order regarding the disaster declaration and open meetings will be August 1 or 2.

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.

Mayor Wilson did not recess to Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, authorized by Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney to seek advice regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers (Dakota Place Apartments) and to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session

11. Take any and all action ensuing from Executive Session

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 6:50p.m.

APPROVED this the 11th day of August 2020.

ATTEST:



Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor