

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, January 14, 2025

On the 14th day of January 2025, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting at City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

Henry Wilson	)	Mayor
John Miller	)	Mayor Pro Tem
Cathy Brotherton	)	Councilmembers
Jon McKenzie)	
Jimmy Meeks)	
Gary N. Waldron)	
Trasa Cobern)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle	)	City Attorney
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Greg Dickens	)	Executive Director of Public Works
Steve Niekamp	)	Chief of Police
Michelle Lazo	)	Executive Director of Planning and Development
Kyle Gordon	)	Executive Director of Community Services
Sunny Patel	)	Director of Information Technology

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. and Councilmember Jimmy Meeks gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were given.

PERSON(S) TO BE HEARD

1. Zane Jones requested to speak regarding his experience with Hurst Police Department

Zane Jones, 136 St. Donovan, Fort Worth, Texas expressed his concerns regarding his wife's murder investigation and his experience with the Hurst Police Department. He expressed his frustration with communication and lack of empathy by the police department and their refusal to investigate all possibilities or seek outside agency help. Mayor Wilson advised Mr. Jones the Council could not get involved in an active investigation and City Manager Caruthers stated he would visit with Mr. Jones after the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Consider approval of the minutes for the December 10, 2024 Council meetings
3. Consider Ordinance 2591, second reading, SITE-2024-00027 L.D. Bell High School, a site

plan revision for Lot 1, Block 1 L.D. Bell Addition, being 57.32 acres located at 1601 Brown Trail

4. Consider authorizing additional funding for the purchase of four (4) vehicles from approved vendors
5. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement with iPay Smart Inc. for payment services related to customer utility bills and other ancillary payment services
6. Consider authorizing the city manager to proceed with the Recreation Center Front Entrance Repair Project with approved City contractors

Mayor Pro Tem Miller moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Miller, McKenzie, Brotherton, Waldron, Meeks and Cobern
No: None

PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND RELATED ITEM(S)

7. Conduct a Public Hearing and consider Ordinance 2592, first reading, SP-2024-00024 Hurst Business Park, a site plan for Lot 11, Block 13 Billy Creek Estates, being 2.80 acres located at 920 W. Hurst Blvd

Mayor Wilson announced the public hearing regarding Ordinance 2592, first reading, SP-2024-00024 Hurst Business Park, a site plan for Lot 11, Block 13 Billy Creek Estates, being 2.80 acres located at 920 W. Hurst Blvd and noted the applicant has requested the item be postponed until March 11, 2025. In response to citizen questions regarding the postponement, Mayor Wilson advised the applicant just recently made the request.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller moved to table this item to the March 11, 2025 Council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cobern. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Miller, McKenzie, Brotherton, Waldron, Meeks and Cobern
No: None

PLAT(S)

8. Consider Plat, P-2022-00008, Hurst Archway Addition, a final plat of Tract 2A3A Gulaver Wilson Survey, A 1626 to Lot 1 Block 1 Archway Addition, being 8.40 acres located at 615 W Hurst Boulevard

Executive Director of Planning and Development Michelle Lazo reviewed the proposed plat noting the site plan was approved in 2022. She stated engineering plans have been reviewed and accepted and that final approval from TxDOT does not impact the platting approval. She stated Mr. Christy is present to answer any questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller moved to approve P-2022-00008 Hurst Archway Addition. Motion seconded by Councilmember Waldron. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Miller, McKenzie, Brotherton, Waldron, Meeks and Cobern
No: None

9. Consider Plat, P-2024-00013, The Haven Addition, a replat of Lot 5 to Lots 5A and 5B, Block A The Haven Addition, being 1.90 acres located at 200 Grapevine Highway

Executive Director of Planning and Development Michelle Lazo reviewed the proposed plat by EREP Sprouts Crossing LLC, a replat to subdivide the Sprouts Crossing. She stated they will have the same access and engineering plans have been reviewed and accepted.

Councilmember Waldron moved to approve P-2024-00013. Motion seconded by Councilmember McKenzie. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Miller, McKenzie, Brotherton, Waldron, Meeks and Cobern
No: None

RESOLUTION(S)

10. Consider Resolution 1877 calling the May 3, 2025 General Election of Officers

Councilmember Brotherton moved to approve Resolution 1877 calling the May 3, 2025 General Election of Officers. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cobern. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Miller, McKenzie, Brotherton, Waldron, Meeks and Cobern
No: None

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into an Engineering Services Contract with Burgess & Niple, Inc., for engineering services for 2025 Water Main Replacements

Executive Director of Public Works Greg Dickens reviewed the proposed contract noting older mains are maintenance-intensive and are replaced with corrosive resistant plastic pipe. He noted the mains to be replaced were on Norwood Drive and Glenn Drive.

Mayor Wilson noted Mr. Dickens is retiring and this is his last meeting. He thanked Greg for his service noting his service was a true value for the City of Hurst.

Councilmember Meeks moved to authorize the city manager to execute the Engineering Services Contract with Burgess & Niple, Inc., for 2025 Water Main Replacement Program, for a total fee not to exceed \$121,390.00. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brotherton. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Miller, McKenzie, Brotherton, Waldron, Meeks and Cobern
No: None

12. Consider authorizing the city manager to ratify an emergency purchase of an uninterruptable power supply (UPS) replacement and approve future UPS replacements

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton reviewed the proposed Uninterruptable Power Systems (UPS) replacement noting these units are in key critical IT locations throughout the city. He explained the unit at the Emergency Operations Center failed, and the city manager authorized the purchase under the emergency purchase authority. He stated the two remaining units would also be purchased from Tubbesing and installed by Ed's Electrical Services. Mr. Fulton reviewed pricing and Director of Information and Technology Sunny Patel noted the age of the units and that staff has tried to utilize them as long as they could.

Councilmember McKenzie moved to ratify the city manager's emergency purchase of \$86,955.00 for Fire Station #2's UPS replacement and enter into an agreement with Tubbesing Technologies and with Ed's Electric Service to purchase and install replacement UPS Units for the remaining two (2) locations in an amount not to exceed \$114,450.00 which includes a 5% contingency. Motion seconded by Councilmember Waldron. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Miller, McKenzie, Brotherton, Waldron, Meeks and Cobern

No: None

13. Review of upcoming calendar items - City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed the Future Events calendar.
14. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest – Mayor Wilson noted his conversation with Republic Waste representative Jeri Harwell to get the trash pickup to return to schedule. Councilmember Cobern expressed how nice the Hurst Senior Activity Center Socks and Soup event was and encouraged attendance. Councilmember Brotherton also noted the recent Senior Banquet was a hit and thanked Executive Director of Community Services Kyle Gordon, his staff and the Parks and Recreation Board.

PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD – A REQUEST TO APPEAR CARD MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE CITY SECRETARY TO BE RECOGNIZED. CITIZEN COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Mayor Wilson recognized John Washington, business owner in the local area, who stated he was seeking to have a massage business in Hurst. He stated out of respect for the Council and City, he will not have one here, due to existing ordinances. He expressed his disappointment in the City's ordinance and the inability to demonstrate the legitimacy of his medical massage business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, authorized by Tex. Government Code Section 551.087 deliberation and conducting of economic development negotiations regarding financial information relative to prospective business expansion in the City, Section 551.072 deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (Pipeline Road Project) and to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session

15. Take any and all action necessary ensuing from Executive Session

As stated by the city attorney, Councilmember McKenzie moved to approve the right of way

acquisitions of Parcels 24 and 8 and the vacant tract consistent with our discussions in Executive Session and authorize the city manager to take all necessary action. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brotherton. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Miller, McKenzie, Brotherton, Waldron, Meeks and Cobern
No: None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVED this the 28th day of January 2025.

ATTEST:



Rita Erick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor