

**MINUTES OF THE  
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

February 12, 2019

The City Council met on this date at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor John (Buzz) Fullen presiding. Council Members present included Tommy Goode, Michael Searcy, Henry Pace, Melissa Morton and Steve Higginbotham.

Staff members present included Interim City Manager and Fire Chief Rusty Chote, City Attorney Joe Shumate, Police Chief Chad Taylor, Deputy Police Chief Randall Hudman, Public Services, Deputy Public Services Director Kirk Kimbrell, Finance Director Karen Vaughn, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, HEDCO Director John Clary, Public Services Foreman Derek Jackson, Support Services Lieutenant Brian Bathke, Judge Ricky Turner, Court Clerk Christina Soriano and Deputy City Secretary Pam Simon.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Buzz Fullen gave the Invocation and Council Member Steve Higginbotham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

There were none.

**PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Don Everly Smith gave a presentation on the Toastmaster Club. The club meets weekly and he explained they help men and women improve and develop their leadership skills. This event will be held at Bradshaw State Jail Facility March 8 with Mayor Buzz Fullen declaring March 8<sup>th</sup> as ICE Breakers Toastmaster's Day with the reading of a proclamation.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** *Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine in nature and may be acted upon in one motion. Any item requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda by the Mayor, Councilmember or City Manager, and acted upon separately.*

1. **Consideration and possible action on the following Minutes:**
  - ❖ January 15, 2019 - Regular Meeting
2. **Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO financials for December 2018. (Clary)**
3. **Consideration and possible action upon the second reading amending ordinance 16-11-14 Smoke Free Zone to allow smoking in private clubs that are located in a commercial single unit structure. (Mayor, Jimerson)**
4. **Consideration and possible action upon route for Ebenezer Baptist Church 5K Resurrection Run scheduled for April 13, 2019. (Taylor)**

Mayor Fullen introduced the Consent Agenda. Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve the consent agenda, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; the motion passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:**

5. **Consideration and possible action upon Resolution No. 19-02-01 for City's 2018-2019 Budget Amendment #4 (Vaughn)**

Finance Director Karen Vaughn explained budget amendment #4 affects the General Fund in Administration and the Animal Center Donations. The 2019 Bond Series Fund needs to be amended to reflect the \$5,500,000.00 coming in for street and infrastructure improvements.

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve budget amendment #4, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; the motion passed unanimously.
6. **Consideration and possible action for an incentive agreement for Pro Hydronic Specialties. (Clary)**

HEDCO Director John Clary explained the Incentive Agreement that has been in the works

for some time with Pro Hydronic Specialties to build a new facility in Henderson. The Incentive agreement will create 35 new jobs, \$5,000 per job, totaling \$175,000 for a five-year period. This would be paid at 12% of the Gross Wages per calendar Quarter as reported on the Texas Workforce Commission C-3 Report, not to exceed \$25,000 per Quarter. HEDCO Board approved this agreement January 19, 2019.

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve said incentive agreement, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; the motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Consideration and possible action of a minor plat for 1311 Stadium Street (Jimerson)**  
Interim Community Development Manager Cheryl Jimerson made a recommendation to approve a re-plat combining 3 properties known as the North half of Lot 8, Lot 10, and 12 in the Montgomery Subdivision No. 3; these lots are in the 1300 block of Stadium Street and will be known as Lot 12/A of BLK 20/378; if approved.  
Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve the replat of said properties, duly seconded by Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.
- 8. Consideration and possible action of a minor plat for 1601 McMurray Street (Jimerson)**  
Interim Community Development Manager Cheryl Jimerson made a recommendation to approve a re-plat of a vacant lot dividing lot 20A of the Big Oak Number 8 Subdivision into two lots that will be known as Lot 20 and 21; these lots are in the 1600 block of McMurray Street. The divided lots will meet all of the requirements of the Deed Restrictions for the Big Oak Subdivision.  
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve the replat of said properties, duly seconded by Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.
- 9. Consideration and possible action of a minor plat for 206 S. Van Buren Street (Jimerson)**  
Interim Community Development Manager Cheryl Jimerson made a recommendation to approve a re-plat of a vacant lot dividing lot 1 Blk 42 of the J. Smith Survey into two lots that will be known as Lot 1A and 1B; these lots are in the 200 block of S. Van Buren Street. The divided lots will meet all of the requirements of Henderson's Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Sabella will build a new residential home on each lot.  
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve the replat of said properties, duly seconded by Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.
- 10. Consideration and possible action on an agreement for Engineering Services for Street Improvements.**  
*The agreement was not ready for Council to make a decision on this month.*

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- 11. The City Council may deliberate and make inquiry into any item listed in the Departmental Reports.**
  - A. City Manager
  - B. Fire Department
  - C. Police Department
  - D. Community Development
  - E. Public Services Department
  - F. Public Utilities
  - G. Finance Department
  - H. Court, Main Street, Tourism/Civic Center
  - I. HEDCO
  - J. City Attorney

All departmental reports were submitted to Council and addressed individually as needed.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- 12. Executive Session to discuss Consultation with Attorney (Lake Striker Water Agreement), Personnel Matters (City Manager), and (Municipal Court Department), in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, 551.072, 551.074.**  
Mayor Fullen moved Council into executive session at 6:35 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

- 13. Reconvene into Regular Session and take any action necessary as a result of the Closed Session.**

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:18 p.m.

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to start negotiations with Jay Abercrombie as the new City Manager; duly seconded by Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- 14. Adjourn.**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Council Member Tommy Goode, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; with a unanimous vote of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Buzz Fullen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

