

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

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. August 13, 2019

Staff members present included City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, City Attorney Joe Shumate, Police Chief Chad Taylor, Fire Chief Rusty Chote, Public Services Director Davis Brown, Public Utilities Director Randy Boyd, Communications and Marketing Director Letti Goodrich, Animal Center Director Charissa Pool, Finance Director Karen Vaughn, Community Development Manager Billy Hughes, HEDCO Director John Clary, Civic Center Manager Laura Wilkerson and Main Street Coordinator Judy Lewis.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Henry Pace gave the Invocation and Council Member Michael Searcy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

None

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Roy Langford with UT Health EMS updated Council on what has been happening in the City for the past three years. Neal Holland with Stokes and Associates updated Council on the Street Construction projects

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 Any item requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda by the Mayor, Councilmember or City Manager, and acted upon separately.*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: (Jimerson)
 - ❖ July 9, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting
2. Consider and act upon electing Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Morton to the East Texas Council of Governments Board of Directors. (Mayor Fullen)
3. Consideration and possible action upon re-appointment of three Preservation Committee Members. (Lewis/Jimerson)
4. Consideration and possible action upon re-appointment of four Civic Center Advisory Committee Members. (Wilkerson/Jimerson)
5. Consideration and possible action upon the re-appointment of three Board of Adjustments members whose terms expire September 1, 2019. (Hughes)
6. Consideration and possible action upon declaring certain property as surplus and authorizing staff to dispose of same. (Abercrombie)
7. Consideration and possible action upon entering into a Joint Agreement with Rusk County Elections Department to run the Municipal Election November 5, 2019. (Jimerson)
8. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 19-08-08 of Voting System Adoption for all Rusk County Elections. (Jimerson)
9. Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO Financials for June 2019. (Clary)
10. Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO 2019-2020 Budget and Program of Work Approval. (Clary)
11. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution #19-08-11 ordering the general election to be held November 5, 2019 to elect the following: Council Member District One, Council Member District Four, and Council Member District Five. (Jimerson)

(Considerare y actue sobre una resolucioin de ordenar la eleccion general que sere el 5 de Noviembre de 2019 para elegir lo siguiente: El Meimbro del Concejo Distrito Uno, y el Meimbro del Concejo Distrito cuatro, el Meimbro Concejo Distrito cinco.)

Mayor Fullen introduced the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Melissa Morton asked to move item 2 into the Regular Council agenda items.

City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson made note that items 3 Preservation board members were 4 not 3 and item 4 Civic Center board members were 3 not 4.

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve the consent agenda removing item 2 and with the corrections to items 3 and 4, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

2. Consider and act upon electing Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Morton to the East Texas Council of Governments Board of Directors. (Mayor Fullen)

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion electing Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Morton to the Board of Directors for ETCOG, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy and an abstention from Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Morton; the vote passed.

12. Open a Public hearing to receive citizen input on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. (Abercrombie)

There were no comments or questions from the citizens

Declare public hearing closed.

Mayor Fullen declared the Public Hearing closed.

13. Open a Public hearing to receive citizen input on the 2019 tax rate. (Abercrombie)

There were no comments or questions from the citizens

Declare public hearing closed.

Mayor Fullen declared the Public Hearing closed.

14. Consideration and possible action upon awarding the bid for the Eastside Sewer Trunk Main. (Boyd/Holland)

Neal Holland with Stokes and associates stated the low bid for the Eastside Sewer Trunk Main was from John Wright Construction coming in well under budget at \$1,275,286.60; his recommendation was to approve said contractor for this project.

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion awarding the bid to John Wright Construction in the amount of One million, two hundred seventy-five thousand, two hundred eighty-six dollars and sixty cents (\$1,275,286.60), duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

15. Consideration and possible action upon award of contracts for Employee Insurance Benefits. (Vaughn/Abercrombie)

Finance Director Karen Vaughn presented to Council the bids that Benefits Seminar Plus went out and got for the City of Henderson. The low bid has a 6% increase with Blue Cross Blue Shield; this was the best rate out of 5 Health Insurance providers.

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to award the Health Insurance Benefits to Blue Cross Blue Shield, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.

16. Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Inter-Local Agreement with the City of Longview to provide GIS and City Works programs for the City of Henderson. (Abercrombie)

City Manager Jay Abercrombie had Justin Cure with the City of Longview explain what GIS and City Works programs are, how they work and the costs for them at the budget workshop. After the question and answer segment, Council was fully on board to purchase these programs, pending the approval of the Interlocal Agreement from the August 21, 2019 Longview Council Meeting.

Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into said Inter-Local Agreement with the City of Longview, duly seconded by Council Member Steve Higginbotham; vote was unanimous.

Mayor Fullen moved Addendum item #18 up

Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Tyler Technologies INC. (Incode) for the purchase of Municipal Software. (Abercrombie)

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion authorizing the City Manager to enter in an Inter-Local Agreement with Tyler Technologies for the Municipal Software called Incode, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.

17. Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO Spec Building to be constructed on Frisco Drive. (Clary)

HEDCO Director John Clary updated Council on a recommendation from the HEDCO Board to subdivide property HEDCO owns on Frisco Street. They also would like for Council to consider a recommendation to build a 20,000 square foot speculative industrial building pending the subdividing of the property.

Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to approve the subdivision of the Frisco Street property and a spec building for HEDCO, duly seconded by Council Member Steve Higginbotham; vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

18. The City Council may deliberate and make inquiry into any item listed in the Departmental Reports.

Fire Chief Rusty Chote updated Council on the units of blood that were donated at the Battle of the Badges Event. Donations more than doubled from last year and thanked everyone involved.

City Secretary asked Council to add a Special Meeting on September 3, 2019 so two readings of the Budget and Tax Rate Ordinances could be adopted during the required specified time frame allotted by the Government Codes.

HEDCO Director John Clary updated Council on what HEDCO has in the works. John spoke about a couple grants that have been submitted and what that means for the City of Henderson.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

19. Executive session to discuss possible real property purchase by the City and HEDCO possibly purchasing a share in real property; in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Sections 072.
Mayor Fullen adjourned into executive at 7:00 p.m.

20. Reconvene in open session and, if necessary, consider taking appropriate action as a result of the executive session.

Mayor Fullen reconvened into regular session at 7:45 p.m. and asked for a motion from the results of executive session.

Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion authorizing HEDCO to purchase a share of the Jim Allen Estate, duly seconded by Council Member Steve Higginbotham; vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

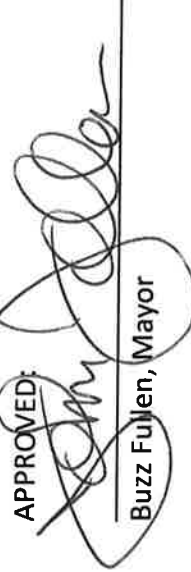
21. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Council Member Michael Searcy, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; with a unanimous vote of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Buzz Fullen, Mayor