

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

September 10, 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 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, and HEDCO Director John Clary.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Tommy Goode gave the Invocation and Mayor Fullen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

There were none

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On behalf of Sgt. David Roberts; Council Member Steve Higginbotham ask Council Members or Department Heads if they were interested in being a Taste Testing Judge for East Texas Oilfield Angel BBQ on September 21st; if you are the City Secretary has contact information.

Council Member Higginbotham also invited everyone to attend the Lions Club meeting to hear their guest speaker Senator Bryan Hughes.

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1. **Consideration and possible action on the following Minutes: (Jimerson)**
 - ❖ September 3, 2019 – Special Council Meeting
2. **Consideration and possible action moving the October Regular Council Meeting from October 8 to October 15, 2019 due to the TML Conference. (Jimerson)**
3. **Consideration and possible action upon the 2019-2020 Holiday Calendar. (Jimerson)**
4. **Consideration and possible action upon Resolution #19-09-01 designating the official newspaper for the City for the fiscal year 2019-2020. (Jimerson)**
5. **Consideration and possible action upon the appointment the annual banking position to the HEDCO Board of Directors with term to expire September 30, 2020. (Clary)**
6. **Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO Financials for July 2018. (Clary)**
7. **Consideration and possible action upon the Texas Eastern 9-1-1 Network Budget. (Chote)**
8. **Consideration and possible action upon a partnership with the City of Henderson for a production, broadcast & distribution of Thought Leadership film at the ICMA 2019 Annual Conference. (Abercrombie)**

Mayor Fullen introduced the Consent Agenda.
Council Member Michael Searcy asked to pull item #7 from the consent agenda.

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to pull item #7 and approve the consent agenda, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

9. **Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of Ordinance No. 19-09-37 adopting the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget. (Abercrombie)**
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 19-09-37 adopting the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget; duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous
10. **Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of Ordinance No. 19-09-38 levying an ad valorem tax of fifty-five and seventeen one hundred cents (\$.5517) based upon one hundred percent (100%) appraised value of all real and personal property for tax year 2019. (Abercrombie)**
Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 19-09-38 adopting the 2019-2020 levying an ad valorem tax of .5517; duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous
11. **Consideration and possible action upon Resolution No. 19-09-02 for City's 2018-2019 Budget Amendment #6. (Vaughn)**
Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve Budget amendment #6 for the General, Water/Sewer and Animal Center Funds; duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous
12. **Consider and act upon accepting the Thomas Ward Annex Project as complete, authorizing final payment to the contractor and setting a warranty date. (Brown)**
Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve the final payment of the Thomas Ward Annex with a warrantee date as of September 10, 2019; duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous
13. **Consideration and possible action upon Resolution #19-09-03 amending the Master Fee Schedule. (Abercrombie)**
Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to approve the Master Fee Schedule; duly seconded by Council Member Steve Higginbotham, with a correction to the word Resolution; vote was unanimous.
14. **Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Utility Service Partners Private Label, d/b/a Services Warranties of America.**
City Manager Jay Abercrombie asked Council to pull this item until more information could be gathered.
Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to table item #14; duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

Item 7 pulled from the consent agenda

Consideration and possible action upon the Texas Eastern 9-1-1 Network Budget. (Chote)

Fire Chief Rusty Chote turned the floor over to Pam Allen with the Texas Eastern 9-1-1 Network; she asked if there were any specific questions Council may have on the 9-1-1 Budget? Council Member Michael Searcy stated ETCOG provides text to 911 service to the surrounding area except for the Texas Eastern 9-1-1 Network. He asked if that is something Texas Eastern is planning on rolling out anytime soon? Pam stated it is up and running and they were going to wait to announce it when everyone else released their information on the program.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve the budget for the Texas Eastern 9-1-1- Network Budget; duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

15. 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. City Secretary
 - I. Communications and Marketing
 - J. HEDCO
 - K. City Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

16. **Executive session to discuss possible sale of real property located at 113 E. Main Street and the corner of Redbud & N. Mill; in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Section 072.**
Mayor Fullen adjourned into executive session at 6:28 p.m.
17. **Reconvene into open session and, if necessary, consider taking appropriate action as a result of the executive session.**
Mayor Fullen reconvened into open session at 6:51 p.m.
Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion allowing the City Manager and City Attorney to structure a three-year lease agreement for the lessee; allowing an option to purchase 113 E. Main Street if bought the first 12 months at \$60,000; the second 12 months at \$65,000 and last 12 months at \$70,000. Duly seconded by Council Member Tommy Goode; vote was unanimous.
There was no action to take on the property located on the corner of Redbud & N. Mill street.

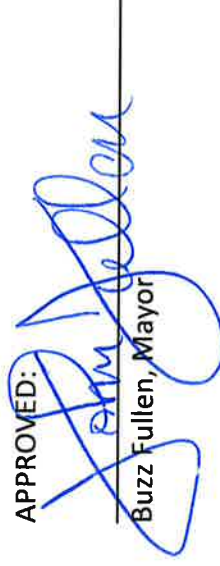
ADJOURNMENT:

18. **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 Tommy Goode; with a unanimous vote of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Buzz Fullen, Mayor