

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

November 17, 2020

The City Council met on this date at 6:13 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, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Letti Goodrich, Police Chief Chad Taylor. Joining the meeting virtually, Director of Public Services Davis Brown, Director of Public Utilities Randy Boyd, Director of Finance Karen Arnall, Community Development Manager Billy Hughes, Fire Chief Rusty Chote, Parks and Recreation Director Kirk Kimbrell and HEDCO Director John Clary.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Tommy Goode gave the Invocation and Council Member Michael Searcy led the Pledges.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Presentation and update from UT Ambulance Service
Roy Langford with UT-EMS gave an annual report of the EMS Service, he stated there were a total of 2,757 calls P1 thru P8 for Henderson over a 12-month period; of those 1,218 were classified as P1 and P2 (emergency calls-lights and sirens) with the balance of the calls falling into the P3 thru P8 category of non-emergency calls. Mr. Langford stated 3 trucks are assigned to Henderson 2 are 24-hours shifts and 1 is a 12-hour shift. There is also a helicopter assigned to this area which made 104 interfacility transports from Henderson to Tyler. Mr. Langford answered several questions from Mayor and Council Members.
- Rusk County Sports Complex Annual Presentation
City Manager Jay Abercrombie went over the financial summary for Kirk Greenhouse, girls softball was cancelled and reimbursements were made back to the registrants. Jay asked if Council had any questions from the financials booklet sent electronically to them. There were no questions asked.
- ❖ Mayor Fullen pulled item one from the consent agenda
 1. Issue oath of office to persons in the uncontested offices of: Mayor, Council Member District Two and Council Member District Three.
City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson swore in and issued the oath of office to Mayor John (Buzz) Fullen, District two Council Member Michael Searcy, and District three Council Member Henry Pace each for a two-year term.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Consideration and possible action upon the following minutes **(Jimerson)**
October 20, 2020 – Workshop and Regular Council Meeting
October 27, 2020 – Special Council Meeting
November 5, 2020 – Special Council Meeting
3. Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO financials from October 2020. **(Clary)**
4. Consideration and possible action upon street closure for the Annual Christmas Parade held downtown on December 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
5. Consideration and possible action upon a contract with MPA Fireworks for the July 4th Fireworks Display for 2021. **(Chote)**
6. Consideration and possible action accepting a land donation of three Parcels from David Velvin located at Van Sickle and Mill Streets.
7. Consideration and possible action accepting a land donation of four lots from Kathy Fetter located off N. Oak Street (behind Yates Park).

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion approving the consent agenda; duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

8. Consideration and possible action upon Ordinance 2020-10-49 for a street name change from Webster Street to Martin Luther King Street. **Tabled (Abercrombie)**
Mayor Fullen stated we believe there is a consensus on this item and asked if there were any discussions. City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson asked if she could speak; Mayor Fullen gave permission allowing her to explain why the item is worded the way it is. When an item is tabled it must go back on the agenda with the same verbiage. In this case the ordinance actually states there will be an overlay or secondary street name, not a name change.
Council Member Michael Searcy stated that is what was agreed upon from a meeting with Council Member Henry Pace, Mayor, Willie Alexander and others.
Mayor Fullen asked if anyone wanted to speak on this item; no one spoke.
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve the first reading of ordinance 2020-10-49 allowing a secondary street name on Webster Drive. Duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.
9. Consideration and possible action upon awarding the bid on phase two of the East Side Sewer Main project. **(Holland)**
City Manager Jay Abercrombie presented for Neal Holland of Stokes and Associates stating there were three bids submitted with John Wright Construction the low bidder and is recommending the City Council approve them to construct the East Side Sewer Replacement Project – Phase II.
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to award the bid to John Wright Construction, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.
10. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 2020-11-01 on a grant for the Police Department. **(Taylor)**
Police Chief Chad Taylor recommended Council approve a body armor grant for full payment of patrol rifle rated ballistic vest. Council Member Steve Higginbotham asked if this would be enough vest to cover all officers. Chief Taylor stated yes, it will be enough to provide vests for the patrol officers, school resource officers and detectives.
Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-11-01 for a body armor grant of \$11,625.00, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.
11. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 2020-11-02 on a grant for the Police Department. **(Taylor)**
Police Chief Chad Taylor recommended Council approve an Interoperable Communications Repeater grant match just under \$12,000; the balance for this repeater is in this year's budget.
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-11-02 for a communications repeater, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.
12. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of Ordinance #2020-10-48 establishing a Contractor Registration requirement. **(Hughes)**
City Manager Jay Abercrombie reiterated the ordinance would require every contractor that does work in the City to register allowing the permitting office to gather information about the contractor that will help protect citizens from fraudulent misrepresentation of contractors.
Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-10-48, duly seconded by Council Member Tommy Goode; vote was unanimous.
13. Consideration and possible action upon a date change for the December Council Meeting. **(Abercrombie)**
City Manager Jay Abercrombie stated December 15 he will be out of town and will not be able to make the regular scheduled Council meeting and asked Council if they wanted him present would they considered moving the meeting to December 8 at 10 a.m.? The evening of December 8th will be the employee appreciation dinner for the Police Department.
City Attorney Joe Shumate stated he would be available for the December 8th 10 a.m. meeting.
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to move the December Council meeting to the 8th at 10 a.m., duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.

14. Consideration and possible action evaluating the Board members and appointments or re-appointments to the Housing Authority Board of Directors with terms to expire on December 1, 2020. **(Mayor)**
Mayor Fullen stated there are two places on the Housing Authority Board that needs to be filled and asked Council to consider Yuli Elizondo and Jesus Reyes as the board members for a two-year term.
Michael Searcy made a motion to appoint both members listed above for a two-year term on the Housing Authority Board, 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 - **Follow up on back taxes owed to the City from the Days Inn Hotel sell. Karen Arnall stated there were no Hotel/Motel tax owed to the City but she could not answer if the were back property taxes owed on the property**
 - B. Fire Department
 - C. Police Department
 - D. Animal Center
 - E. Community Development – **City Works program for permitting is up and running, Jay showed Council where the GIS program has been installed on the City Website with continued updating adding additional layers be added.**
 - F. Public Services Department
 - G. Parks and Recreation Department
 - H. Public Utilities
 - I. Finance Department – **Incode is up and running just tweaking the software to be personalized for the City of Henderson in different areas. Continued updating within the system preparing the program so the Council can have access to the expenses within the city is underway.**
 - J. City Secretary
 - K. Communications and Marketing
 - L. HEDCO

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

16. Executive Session to Consult with City Attorney discussing litigations, real property located on W. Fordall, W. Main, Katherine Streets and Henderson Sports Complex; in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Sections 071, 072 and 073.
Mayor Fullen convened to executive session at 7:24 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION:

17. Mayor Fullen Reconvene into Regular Session at 8:07 p.m. asking Council what action they want to take from the results of executive session.
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to accept a 1/3 undivided interest from Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mann for the property located at 300 W. Main Street, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.

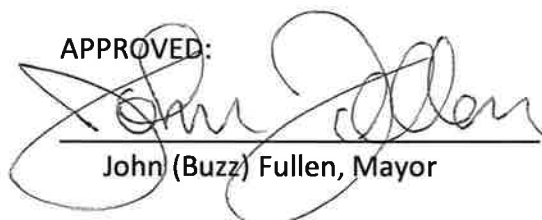
ADJOURNMENT:

18. Adjourn.
There being no further business to come before Council at this time, upon a motion by Council Member Michael Searcy, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; with a unanimous vote of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


John (Buzz) Fullen, Mayor