

MINUTES OF THE
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Scheduled Meeting

August 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: *The Mayor will call the meeting to order, declare a quorum if present, and declare notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.*

Mayor Fullen called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Council members present were Wes Breitenberg, Reggie Weatherton, Henry Pace, Melissa Morton, and Gina Juarez.

Staff members present were City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, City Attorney Joe Shumate, Chief of Police Chad Taylor, Fire Chief Rusty Chote, Director of Operations Davis Brown, Director of Public Services Kirk Kimbrell, Director of Utilities Randy Boyd, Finance Director Karen Arnall, Animal Center Director Charissa Pool, Civic Center Manager Stephanie Kimbrell, and Communications and Marketing Coordinator Phedra Johnson.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Wes Breitenberg gave the invocation, Mayor Fullen led the Pledges.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no presentations.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION

1. Discussion of the 2023-2024 proposed budget. (Abercrombie)

The only changes in the Proposed Budget being presented were those that were presented and discussed in the budget workshop from the draft presented on July 6th. The General Fund is balanced. The Water Sewer Enterprise fund is also balanced.

The Budget Workshop changes from comments were:

General Fund:

General Fund Revenue – Sparklight lease added \$10,400

Administrative salaries and benefits – City Manager 5% increase per contract added \$2,632 total for salary, Social Security and Retirement

Administrative internet service – Added \$2,600

Water/Sewer Fund:

Water Production Plant salary and benefits – Added \$12,428 total for labor operations, Social Security and Retirement – adjustment needed to plan on trainees getting certified and moving to a different pay scale

Waste Water Plant salary and benefits – Added \$6,215 total for labor operations, Social Security and Retirement – adjustment needed to plan on trainees getting certified and moving to a different pay scale

Also, updating the pay groups so they match both departments. Waste Water Plant had two pay groups ahead of Water Plant for each position.

2. Discussion of the 2023-2024 proposed tax rate. (Abercrombie)

City Manager Jay Abercrombie mentioned at the budget workshop staying at the same tax rate as last year. Discussions of a tax note for \$500,000 for the streets included keeping the tax rate the same as last year.

Reggie asked if there were any streets left from the past bond that needed to be done. Davis stated all the streets from the bond were completed. Jay, the reason for the tax note is that we will not be waiting two years for the next bond to work on any streets.

3. Consideration and possible action upon scheduling two (2) public hearings on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be held on August 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. during a regular rescheduled meeting and on September 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. during a regular rescheduled meeting. (Abercrombie)

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve scheduling two (2) public hearings on August 22 and September 5, 2023 at 6 p.m. on the proposed budget, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. The vote was unanimous.

4. Consideration and possible action upon scheduling a (1) public hearing (see S.B.2 or Texas Tax Code 26.05(d)) on the 2023 property tax rate to be held on September 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. during a regular rescheduled meeting. (Abercrombie)

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to approve scheduling one (1) public hearing on September 5, 2023 at 6 p.m. on the proposed tax rate, duly seconded by Council Member Wes Breitenberg. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

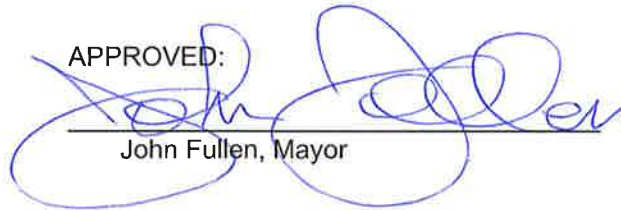
5. Adjourn

Council Member Reggie Weatherton made a motion to adjourn at 6:11 p.m., duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


John Fullen, Mayor