

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

March 19, 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, Melissa Morton and Steve Higginbotham. Henry Pace was not able to attend.

Staff members present included City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, City Attorney Joe Shumate, Fire Chief Rusty Chote, Deputy Police Chief Randall Hudman, Detective Findley, Public Services Director Davis Brown, Public Utilities Director Randy Boyd, Community Development Manager Billy Hughes, Finance Director Karen Vaughn, HEDCO Director John Clary, Judge Ricky Turner, Civic Center Manager Laura Wilkerson, Tourism Coordinator Suzanne Cross and Deputy City Secretary Pam Simon.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Don Everly with the Toastmasters Club publicly thanked the Mayor for the presentation of a proclamation presented to the club March 8, 2019.

Leon Harris with Keep Henderson Beautiful (KHB) and Neal Holland with Stokes and Associates wanted to update the City Council on the Fund Raising and construction of the Lake Forest Park Plaza. The KHB Board members and volunteers have raised enough funds to hire and go forward with the construction of the Plaza; with the proposed ground breaking to be scheduled for 4th of July.

Kelly Ballenger with Rusk County Pets Alive asked the City Council for their help in trying to resolve issues at the Animal Center.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Fullen introduced the new City Manager, Jay Abercrombie and thanked Interim City Manager and Fire Chief Rusty Chote for stepping up and leading the City while the Council was getting a City Manager in place.

Kevin Cashin with Gollob Morgan Peddy Certified Public Accounts presented the 2017-2018 annual audit. Kevin went over the audit asking if any one had any questions; there were none.

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 Any item requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda by the Mayor, Councilmember or City Manager, and acted upon separately.*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:

- ❖ February 7, 2019 – Special Meeting
- ❖ February 12, 2019 – Regular Meeting
- ❖ Presentation of 2017-2018 Annual Audit

2. Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO financials for January 2019. (Clary)

3. Consideration and possible action on Resolution #19-03-03 for a FY18 Grant Application to receive Tactical Team Body Armor. (Taylor)

4. Consideration and possible action on Resolution #19-03-04 for a FY18 Grant Application to receive Tactical Team Communications, Gas Mask, and Shields. (Taylor)

5. Consideration and possible action adopting Resolution number 19-03-05 authorizing Signatories for the Texas Block Grant Program (TxCDBG)contract number 7218209. (Chote)

6. Consideration and possible action adopting Resolution number 19-03-06 Regarding Civil Rights for the Texas Block Grant Program (TxCDBG)contract number 7218209. (Chote)

7. **Consideration and possible action of a Proclamation designating April 2019 as Fair Housing Month. (Chote)**

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

8. **Consideration and possible action for the Henderson Boys Baseball requests funding to replace stadium lights at the baseball park in the amount of \$200,000 in October 2019. (Kirk Greenhouse)**

Kirk Greenhouse with the Henderson Baseball Association informed the City Council on the progress made to replace of the stadium lights at the Henderson Sports Complex. He stated funds had been received from donations and a grant in the amount of \$200,000 and the project would move forward. The company known as Musco Lighting will install the lights with the city's portion of said lighting of \$200,000 will have a due date of October 2019. Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to approve said payment for the lighting, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; the motion passed unanimously.

9. **Consideration and possible action on an agreement for Engineer Services of Street Improvements on the Certificates of Obligation, Series 2019. (Brown)**

Public Services Director Davis Brown explained the engineering services required to develop, bid, and perform construction engineering for the 2019 Street Resurfacing Project. Davis introduced Neal Holland with Stokes and Associates and turned the floor over to him. Neal explained the process and the fee of said services will be in the amount of \$435,000.

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve said Engineering Services Agreement, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; the motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

10. **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:

11. **Executive Session to discuss Consultation with Attorney, Animal Center Contract, in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, 551.074.**

Mayor Fullen moved Council into executive session at 6:45 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION:

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

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:33 p.m.

Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to appoint City Manager Jay Abercrombie as the person to make contact with the County Representatives in order to improve the circumstances at the Animal Center. He will report back to Council within three weeks or before with a plan of progress; duly seconded by Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

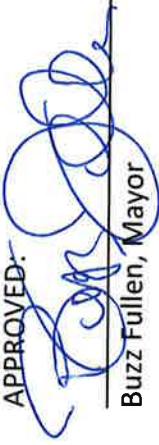
- 13. Adjourn.**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Council Member Michal Searcy, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; with a unanimous vote of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Buzz Fullen, Mayor

