MINUTES OF THE
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR RESCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

November 12, 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 Coordinator Letti Goodrich, Finance Director Karen Arnall, Community Development Manager Billy Hughes, Civic Center Manager Laura Wilkerson, and Tourism Coordinator Suzanne Cross.

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

CITIZENS'COMMENTS:
Chris Wheeler congratulated Council Member Tommy Goode on the District one win and commented on issues citizens had while she was out campaigning.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:
City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson canvassed the Municipal Election stating the total votes for District one was 228 with 125 votes for incumbent Tommy Goode and 89 votes for opponent Chris Wheeler.
Council Members from District one Tommy Goode, District four Melissa Morton, and District Five Steve Higginbotham were sworn in by the City Secretary and they took their places for the meeting.

Kirk Greenhouse with the Henderson Boys Baseball Association from the Rusk County Sports Complex gave Council an update on the financials for the past year.

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 Any item requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda by the Mayor, Councilmember or City Manager, and acted upon separately.*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)**
    - October 15, 2019 – Regular Rescheduled Council Meeting

2. Consideration and possible action of the Board members and appointments or re-appointments to the Housing Authority Board of Directors with terms to expire on December 1, 2019. **(Mayor)**

3. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution No. 19-11-01 casting votes for the Rusk County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2019-2020 term.

4. Consideration and possible upon street closure for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christmas Parade held downtown on December 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. **(Taylor)**

5. Consideration and possible action upon a contract with MPA Fireworks for the July 4th Fireworks Display for 2020. **(Chote)**

6. Consideration and possible action upon a recommendation from the Cemetery Board for Resolution 19-10-04 revising the Rules and Regulations at Lakewood Cemetery. **(Tabled item) (Jimerson).**

7. Consideration and possible action on a recommendation from the Cemetery Board to build a Columbarium. **(Jimerson)**

8. Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO financials for September 2019. **(Clary)**

9. Consideration and possible action upon an agreement between Christus Health and the City of Henderson for services. **(Abercrombie)**

    Mayor Fullen made a recommendation to table item 2 on the Consent agenda until the December meeting.

Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to table item 2, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace, vote was unanimous.

City Manager Jay Abercrombie made a recommendation to pull items 3 and 9 from the consent agenda and move to regular session.

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made to a motion to pull items 3 and 9 from the consent agenda moving them to regular session and approve the remaining items, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

10. Consideration and possible action upon awarding the bid for the N. Mill Street Water line. **(Boyd/Holland)**

Public Utilities Director Randy Boyd and Neal Holland from Stokes and Associates recommended Council award the bid from October 3, 2019 to Duplichain Contractors, LLC of Alto, Texas for a bid of $217,164.30. The bid is for the second phase of a new 12-inch water main from Waskom Street to East Main Street. This water main will need to be completed before the reconstruction of the street.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to award the bid to Duplichain Contractors, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.

11. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 19-11-01 abandoning a Fire Hydrant Easement at 301 E. Ragley Street. **(Brown)**

Public Services Director Davis Brown made a recommendation that Council approve the abandonment of a fire hydrant easement from July 1, 2013(*the easement never received Council approval before being negotiated).* The easement was never used and the City has no need for another fire hydrant in this location.

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to abandoned the fire hydrant easement; duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy, vote was unanimous.

ADDENDUM AGENDA

Consideration and possible action upon awarding the bid for the N. Mill Street Master Street Improvements-Phase II of the Bond program. **(Brown/Holland)**

Public Services Director Davis Brown and Neal Holland from Stokes and Associates recommended Council award the bid from November 7, 2019 to Rayford's Truck and Tractor of Marshall, Texas for a bid of $1,613,161.10. The bid is for phase two of the Master Street program Bond and Rayford's Truck and Tractor was also awarded phase one of this project.

Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to award phase two of the Master Street Bond to Rayford's Truck and Tractor, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS MOVED TO REGULAR SESSION

3. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution No. 19-11-01 casting votes for the Rusk County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2019-2020 term.

City Manager Jay Abercrombie recommended Council cast all 255 votes for Denny Eby for the RCAD Board of Directors.

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to cast all 255 votes for Denny Eby, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy, vote was unanimous.

9. Consideration and possible action upon an agreement between Christus Health and the City of Henderson for services. **(Abercrombie)**

City Manager Jay Abercrombie explained the Christus Health agreement's only change from the existing contract is the Clinic would move from the Water plant located on State Highway 322 to the Christus Trinity Clinic located at 105 Zeid Blvd., Henderson, Texas.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve the contract with Christus Trinity Clinic moving the location to 105 Zeid Blvd., duly seconded by Council Member Tommy Goode; vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

12. 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. Animal Center
E. Community Development
F. Public Services Department
G. Public Utilities
H. Finance Department
I. City Secretary
J. Communications and Marketing
K. HEDCO
L. City Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There are no items to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT:

13. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon a motion by Council Member Tommy Goode, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; with a unanimous vote of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

APPROVED:

Buzz Fullen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary