

APRIL 2017

### Mayor's Minute

By the time our citizens have the opportunity to read the contents of this month's city newsletter, the dedication and grand opening of our new City of Hondo Public Library will have been held (March 31<sup>st</sup>). I sincerely hope

current board members Chairperson Rosemary Mares, Vice Chairman J. A. Rios, Denise Aelvoet, Keri Dodson, Susan Freeman, Glen Klaus, Elva Miranda, David Perez, and Sherrod "Rod" Prewitt. Even this week I observed several of the board members participating in the moving and set up of the interior of the library. Three long time prior board members I want to especially thank for their dedicated

**"The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible."**

*~Winston Churchill*

that a large number of our citizens went to the ceremony and were able to see that the dreams of many have become a reality. These dreams were on exhibit as this brand new, modern library second to none in South Texas will now serve our people in "God's Country".

There have been so many individuals over the last twenty years who have worked tirelessly toward accomplishing what we all see today. Prior to I, former Mayors Jim Barden and Ed Fisher along with former City Managers Robert Herrera and Jeff Litchfield spent countless hours guided by several City Councils in the planning stages.

Much of the "vision" and efforts of former Library Director Dorothy Schorp stand out and are evident in what the library looks like today.

And, last but by no means least, the current and the many past members of the City of Hondo's Library Advisory Board never faltered in achieving their goals to bring a new "state of the art" new library to our community. With the risk I take of possibly leaving out some of these individuals, I sincerely thank

service to the library are Carol Calkins, Sarah Moss and Brenda Heilig.

And, in closing this appreciative tribute, I would be remiss if I did not mention and emphasize my thanks to the two current guiding forces behind the completion of the library. Along with bringing new ideas and visions to the contents, layout and appearance of the new library, City Manager Kim Davis and our new innovative, exuberant Library Director Rachael Greve have spent countless hours especially recently in finalizing the construction completion and the arrangements for a simply great event this week.

A great accomplishment for our community and a tremendous addition to the "quality of life" in Hondo!

*~Mayor James W. Danner*



### Upcoming Events

#### City Council Meetings

April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM

April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM

#### Boards & Commissions

Airport Advisory Board  
April 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm

Planning & Zoning Meeting  
April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Board of Adjustment  
April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Library Advisory Board  
April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

Parks/Rec Advisory Board  
April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Cemetery Advisory Board  
April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

**City Offices CLOSED on  
April 14<sup>th</sup> in observance of  
Good Friday**



Hondo's NEW Public Library is now open!!

Monday-Friday

10am-6pm

Saturday

10am-3pm

Closed on Sunday



Hop your way to the  
City of Hondo Recreation  
Department's 19<sup>th</sup>  
ANNUAL EGG HUNT!!

**WHEN:**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**WHERE:**

**SUNSET PARK (18<sup>TH</sup> ST.)**

**TIME:**

**9:00AM-SHARP**

**Ages 12 & under  
welcome!**

**Prizes, toys, face painting,  
candy, and the Easter  
Bunny will be stopping by  
for hugs, high fives &  
pictures!**



**Blue  
Pinwheels  
for KIDS**  
Help prevent child  
abuse and neglect

***Go Big Blue event!***

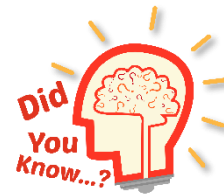
Join the Children's  
Bluebonnet Center and Hondo  
PD in this event to help bring  
awareness. April is Child  
Abuse prevention month.

**Stop by the lawn in front of  
the Police Department  
(1101 16<sup>th</sup> St.)**

**4:30pm-6:30pm**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**FREE hot dogs, children's  
activities, and more!**



Did you know

that solicitors and peddlers are required to have a permit in order to operate within the City of Hondo limits? (Ch. 4, Art. 4.04, Sect. 4.04.001-.040) Permits regulate the hours of operation, purpose of soliciting, orders for the furnishing of any services or for the sale of goods. Applications must be submitted to the City Secretary and have background checks completed by Hondo PD. Application fee must be paid prior to issuance of permit. All approved issued permits will be given a badge that must be worn while they engage in any soliciting or peddling with citizens. Badge must be presented if requested. For more information or questions regarding permits contact the staff with the City Secretary office at 830-426-3380. Code Compliance/Building Inspection Division at 830-426-4737.

***From the Desk of the City Manager***

In today's world, it is so easy to focus on all of the negative sound bites and messaging we are inundated with. I don't know about you, but I was tired of my social media feeds and emails being filled with those messages. So, I encouraged our team to join me in a challenge – 100 days happy. It is simple, just find something that makes you happy and share it with your friends and neighbors. Challenge them to join you. We have so many things to be happy about here in Hondo. We are moving forward with renovating our infrastructure to provide more reliable services to the public. We have a brand new library and senior activity center that provides us with a place to continue and enhance our lifelong learning. Our City is blessed with a trail system and parks that are beautiful. We have civic organizations that are engaged – not only beautifying our community like the Garden Club, but teaching our youth to be leaders like the Boy and Girl Scouts. I hope we can all start to focus on those things and I challenge you to even go a step further. Find something that makes you happy and volunteer! Help out at the library, assist with maintaining a trail in the Nature Trail, or find a local non-profit and give back. While you are giving them the gift of your time, I think you will find that the real gift is the gift of happiness you will feel in what can be such a negative world.

*-Kim Davis*