

DECEMBER 2017

Mayor's Minute

The Christmas holidays give us the opportunity to, first, cherish the gift God has given to us with his only son our savior and second, to enjoy the blessing we all have to enjoy our friends and relatives during the joyous

ordinances governing Hondo's cemeteries. First, council members addressed the irrigation systems in the cemeteries, approving new rules and regulations concerning these systems. The biggest concern addressed was a Texas Commission and Environmental Quality violation whereas backflow prevention devices had to be installed in all irrigation systems in the city. Now these devices have to be installed in the cemeteries and throughout the

"Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day." ~Helen S. Rice

season. To each and every one of our citizens, I, on behalf of your City Council and your city staff, wish a reverent, festive and safe Christmas and a productive and Happy 2018. As we are all aware, some of our fellow citizens unfortunately do not possess the resources enabling them to enjoy the same pleasures we have during the holidays. Once again, there are several "agencies" that give of their talents and fund raising abilities to help those in need during this time of the year. Just some of the agencies that work tirelessly during the season to make sure that many of the unfortunate are helped are the city police department's Blue Santa project, the Medina County Sheriff's Brown Santa endeavor, HANK's children's placement gift drive and the Hondo/D'Hanis Rotary Club's family assistance project. There is no doubt that I have left out some other groups' helping hand projects but I ask that all citizens support and help these agencies and give with generous hearts.

In November, acting on the advice of the members of the Parks and Recreation and Cemetery Advisory boards, the City Council approved some changes to the

city. Also, there were other requirements about the cemetery irrigation systems which were approved. Second, the ordinance governing the cemeteries was amended to establish new and additional rules for the new annex to Oakwood Cemetery. These changes and additions were made after city staff researched the rules governing neighboring cemeteries. Some of these rule changes also affect the current cemeteries. If you have interest, please visit the City Secretary's office to review the amended ordinances.

Last but certainly not least, the Council, again upon the advice of the Cemetery Advisory Board, designated the new eight acre cemetery adjoining the current cemeteries to be named "Oakwood Cemetery Annex". City staff will be coordinating a dedication day around the first week of January, 2018, to present the opening of the new annex. At that time, sales will commence for new gravesites in the new annex.

~Mayor James W. Danner, Sr.



Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings

December 11th at 6:00PM

Boards & Commissions

Planning & Zoning Meeting
December 18th at 6:00pm

Board of Adjustment Meeting
December 19th at 6:00pm

Airport Advisory Board
December 20th at 3:00pm



City of Hondo office will be closed on the following days:

Monday, December 25th

Monday, January 1st

If you have any questions please call City Hall at 830-426-3378.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Need to do some Christmas shopping? Clean House? Relax? Have a Date Night!

Enjoy an evening out while the kids have a night of fun. The Rec. staff is here to help.

Friday, December 15

5pm ~ 11pm

Ages 6 – 12

\$10.00 per child

Contact the Rec. Center at 830-426-2475 for more information or swing by to register.

Limited space



Greeting Cards

“Tis the Season to be Merry” this is evident by the Holiday Greeting Cards you will see along Hwy 90. Greeting Cards are permitted by the City’s Code of Ordinances, Article 25.1604.22. Placement of the Greeting Cards is coordinated through the Hondo Chamber of Commerce Office. The Greeting Cards spaces are assigned and placed along our Hwy 90 Parkway between Ave. E and Ave. U. They are erected prior to the annual “Christmas in God’s Country” event. The cards stay in place and greet all travelers until mid-January of each year. They are illuminated and display a holiday greeting message from a variety of local businesses from the Hondo area. They add a special holiday touch to our town and represent why it is considered to be “God’s Country”.

Happy Holidays from the Code Compliance staff of the City of Hondo.

Code Compliance/Building Inspection Division at 830-426-4737.



Toy Drive

Hondo PD will be holding a toy drive in support of their Blue Santa program.

Toys or monetary donations may be left at Hondo PD office or City Hall.

Drop off is Dec. 1st- Dec. 18th

Toys will be delivered to the children of Hondo.



From the Desk of the City Manager

One of the areas that we receive a lot of questions about is how do we get an issue addressed. For example, if you know about a pot hole and want to report it how does that work? Here are a few tips for notifying the City about your concern/issue:

- 1) How do I report a utility related emergency like an outage or major water leak? The best way to report a utility outage is to call our dispatch line, 741-5077. We created this one central number to report all of your service issues/concerns. It even works after hours! It is important to note that calling the division directly often leaves people frustrated because those phone numbers aren’t manned regularly as the crews are out in the field. This central number provides access to a person to report your outage!
- 2) How do I report a non-emergency concern like a pot hole, street sign needing replacing, light at a facility not working, etc.? We have a couple of ways you can achieve this. You can call the dispatch line (741-5077) and a work order will be created and the work scheduled. You can also visit the City website www.hondo-tx.org and click on the report a problem link. Please refrain from using this link as a way to report an outage. We don’t want to delay a response to you or getting your issue in the queue, so please don’t call the division directly as often they are in the field and not available to take phone calls.
- 3) If I have a utility billing question, where do I go? You can address utility billing questions by calling City Hall at 426-3378 or by visiting our office and speaking to a utility billing clerk directly.

I hope this information is helpful! If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to call our offices and we will work to assist you.

~Kim Davis