

February 2018

Mayor's Minute

Last fall after your City Council approved the city's budget for the new fiscal year of 2017-18, I informed you in a monthly newsletter of some of the capital projects, either ongoing or planned for the new year which will provide important, needed improved infrastructure for our citizens. Please consider the following update on some of these projects.

1. Texas Water Development Projects

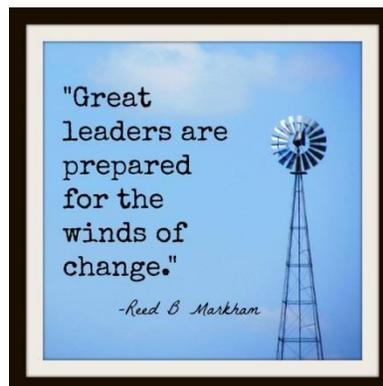
Two projects, funded by a Texas Water Development Loan, commenced last year to improve the hydrology of your city's water distribution system. These projects will greatly improve the water pressure across the system along with removing an aged elevated water storage tank. Maintenance will be able to be performed without affecting the pressure on the lines. The contractor engaged to perform this work has already installed 9,500 feet of PVC water pipe on Harper, 14th and 15th streets and has begun connecting the new water lines along 14th and 15th streets. In the coming weeks, the contractor plans to repair those two streets which construction has greatly inconvenienced many of our citizens. Similar work will commence on Avenue J between 16th and 20th streets in coming weeks. To accomplish the water lines improvements. The contractor has already bored under the railroad tracks and Highway 90 by the loading dock. For these system improvements, the city has already paid out \$609,641 of a contract for \$1,961,138.

Another water system improvement is the construction of a new west side elevated water storage tank for which the contractor has already installed the foundation and is now assembling the tank, which is located right behind the Medina County Jail just south of Harper

Street. This construction should be completed by this summer. The city has paid out already \$711,740 of the contact price for the tank, \$1,498,000.

2. Relocation of Public Works Facilities and Police Station: As you have already been informed, your City Council has approved the funding for relocating the city's Police Station along with establishing new consolidated working facilities for all of our Public Works departments i.e. streets, electric, water/sewer, facilities, parks, etc. To accomplish this, the city will build two new buildings on our airport land, an approximate 5,000 square foot building for the Public Works departments and an approximate 4,300 square foot building to house the Police Department. City staff engaged engineering services to prepare the plans for both buildings and site construction drawings during the next six months. City Staff will prepare the sites, including utilities, for the buildings once the construction drawings are completed. Modular buildings will be utilized for these entities and the manufacturers will erect the building, hopefully with a delivery date in early September. The completion of this project will provide much needed modernized space for both departments and greatly improve the operations of both.

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Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings

February 12th at 6:00pm

February 26th at 6:00pm

Boards and Commissions

Planning & Zoning
February 20th at 6:00pm

Airport Advisory Board
February 21st at 3:00pm

Board of Adjustment Meeting
February 21st at 6:00pm

Library Advisory Board
February 27th at 5:30pm



Last day to file for place on ballot is **February 16, 2018.**

Visit City Hall to pick up an application or contact City Secretary's office at 830-426-3370 for more information.



City Offices CLOSED:
Monday, February 19th

3. Tree Trimming Along Electrical Lines

Last month City Council approved an \$81,000 contract with Arbor Experts to trim trees affecting electrical lines south of Highway 90 primarily in the vicinity of 20th Street and a few other streets that run to 30th Street. This work should be completed in about a week. Later this year or next we will contract for trimming in some other needed areas. The last project which is non city but needed to replace aging gas pipe lines throughout the city has been ongoing in the city for several months by CenterPoint Energy. The next two phases of construction will primarily focus on 22nd Street between Avenues U and H and the other phase on Avenues I, J, and K south of 22nd Street. These phases should be completed by the end of the year. We at the city are all aware of some of the inconveniences these infrastructure projects are creating for many of our citizens, but can only promise that the end results will be a betterment of the quality of life in our community.

~Mayor James W. Danner, Sr.



A new program has been started by your Hondo Police Department. Coffee with Cops is your opportunity to converse with myself and other officers. Each month, a new topic is discussed and questions answered. (A print out of dates is available at the Hondo PD office or our website.)

Next meeting site:

February 22nd

El Charro's Restaurant

8:00am – 9:00am

Topic: City Ordinances and Animal Control Officer

We look forward to visiting with all guests and listening to concerns or suggestions. Anonymous tips cards will be available for those who would like to assist us in helping our neighborhoods become part of a safer community.

~Chief Brian Valenzuela

Hondo Rec. Center & Hondo Public Library present:



February 25th at 2 pm

Hondo Public Library

\$20.00 per person

\$30.00 per couple

12 & Under Free

Forms available at: Rick Taylor Rec. Center, Hondo Public Library, Hondo Gainz & Anytime Fitness

Top 2 prizes in each age division: 12 & under, 13-19, 20-29, 30 & Up

Proceeds benefit the Summer Rec. Camp to help with fees for under privileged families.

For any questions contact the Rec. staff at 830-426-2475 or Library staff at 830-426-5333.

From the Desk of the City Manager

The City of Hondo believes that communication is key to making our team run smoothly. That belief carries over to our citizens. We have multiple ways to cut down on confusion and keep you up to date on changes and projects going on in our city.

Q: What is the green door hanger?

A: These hangers are connected to our work order system, IWork. The notice will include a work order number and have a box checked off for which division left the notice.

Q: How do I know what work will be done?

A: Call the dispatch line, give them the work order number and they will provide details on the work.

Q: Will I be notified if services are interrupted?

A: Each work order has notes that are put for us to keep you in the loop. In emergency cases when possible, the employees will knock on the resident's door if interruption of service is required. Notifications are also sent out through I-Info since not all residents may be able to be reached. Signing up for this free service is the best way to know when services will be restored. You may register by visiting the link at www.hondo-tx.org and clicking on the ARC link on the bottom right.

We hope this helps cut down on any miscommunication and we are able to bridge the gap between the city and our residents. If you have any questions, please contact the Dispatch Line at 830-741-5077. ~Kim Davis