

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to order.

Mayor Danner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Quorum check.

Mayor James W. Danner, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem John McAnelly, Councilman Eric Torres, Councilman John E. Villa, Councilwoman Ann-Michelle Long, Councilman Bobby Vela, City Attorney Frank Garza, City Manager Kim Davis, City Secretary Miguel Cantu

Staff: Assistant Finance Director Dee Willman, Director of Aviation Ryan Elder, Economic Development Director Genevieve Flores, Public Works Director Michael Schmidt, Police Chief Brian Valenzuela, Lieutenant Rick Garza, Water Superintendent William "Buddy" Stewart, Library Director Elsie Purcell, Community Projects and Programs Coordinator Debbie Krueger

3. Invocation by Pastor DR Powell, Cowboy Church in God's Country

4. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Danner.

5. Citizens'/Public Comments:

Mr. Chavel Lopez, 1401 14th Street, said he stated at the last City Council meeting that he addressed confederate heritage and that it only promotes hate, violence, and murder. He pointed out the recent shootings in El Paso, Texas by a white supremacist. He asks that City Council not promote or work with white supremacist groups. He also stated that he understood that some city workers were working without any breaks or lunch breaks and that is against the law. Mr. Lopez stated that the workers have a process for grievances. It appears that the City discourages grievances and that the City Manager should not have the final say so. Regarding the City Manager's proposed pay increase policy he stated that it is not fair and the city should get away from its use. He feels that the merit system only promotes favoritism and an employee's raise should be based on tenure.

6. City Manager Report(s)

a. Living Healthy in God's Country Wellness Fair

Mrs. Davis reported that the event was well attended and the City partnered with Medina Regional Hospital, Hondo ISD and the Hondo Education Foundation for the wellness fair event. She shared that there were over 300 people attend, 6 people registered to vote, 10 people signed up to be organ donors and there were other various other opportunities for the public. There were several guest speakers that presented topics that included women's health issues, general diet, heart transplant recipien, and several fitness agencies. Mrs. Davis said she hopes that this will be an annual event and thanked all the staff and the community for their support.

b. Back to School Safety

She wanted to remind the community to be sure to watch for school safety zones as the new school year begins.

7. Discuss and consider the proposed city property tax rate for FY 2019-2020 and record the vote for publication of notice of public hearings.

Mrs. Willman stated that the proposed tax rate is \$0.5105, the preceding year's tax rate was \$0.5109, the effective tax rate is \$0.4819, and the rollback tax rate is \$0.5105 per \$100. The City is looking to having the public hearings on Monday, August 19, 2019 and Monday, August 26, 2019. Mayor Pro Tem McAnelly moved to approve the tax rate. Motion seconded by Councilman Vela.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Torres	Aye
Councilman Vela	Aye

Mayor Pro Tem McAnelly Aye
Councilwoman Long Aye
Councilman Villa Aye

8. **Discuss and consider the following dates for tax rate public hearings, budget public hearings, and council meeting to adopt the budget and tax rate for FY 2019-2020. (Dee Willman)**
- a. **Monday, August 19, 2019 City Council Special Meeting and Budget Workshop at 6:00 p.m.**
Hold 1st public hearing on proposed tax rate
Hold 1st public hearing on proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget
 - b. **Monday, August 26, 2019, regular City Council Meeting at 6:00 pm.**
Hold 2nd public hearing on proposed tax rate
 - c. **Monday, September 9, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**
Hold 2nd public hearing on proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget; adopt budget; adopt tax rate

Mrs. Willman read the meeting dates for the Budget Hearings.

Councilwoman Long moved to approve the budget hearing dates. Motion seconded by Councilman Vela. Motion carried 5-0.

9. **Discuss and consider Interlocal Agreement for Governmental Services with the City of Devine, Texas.**

Mr. Cantu stated that the City of Devine was seeking to negotiate into an interlocal agreement with the City of Hondo. On April 16, 2019 the City of Devine passed and initiated an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Hondo for the mutual use and exchange of equipment, materials, and services. He said the staff's understanding the services that have previously been requested from the City of Devine are animal care assistance, police services, and K-9 services. Staff had no knowledge of the adoption of an interlocal agreement by the City of Devine and so the agreement was forwarded to the City Attorney. The attorney then reviewed and recreated an updated agreement that is in the best interest of the city. City Attorney Frank Garza stated that in such an instance, that if the City of Devine requires assistance or if the City of Hondo requires assistance this agreement will allow the exchange of services. Mayor Danner asked how the city would be compensated for the use of services. Attorney Garza stated that each city would compensate their own employees. He added that if there is an imbalance in services, the City of Hondo could request compensation after conducting a yearly review. Mayor Pro Tem McAnelly asked if the city could document the amount of services the City provides. Attorney Garza stated that the staff could review the agreement in a year and determine the amount of services that had been exchanged. Attorney Garza stated that typically, the agreements favored smaller cities because they have limited resources. He further offered that the interlocal agreement is simply on an as needed basis. Chief Valenzuela stated that the City of Devine's request for assistance has not been frequent and they have only called the City of Hondo for K9 services in the past along with animal control.

Mayor Pro Tem McAnelly moved to approve the interlocal agreement with the City of Devine. Motion seconded by Councilman Vela. Motion carried 5-0.

10. **Discuss and consider recommendation for additional appointees to Charter Review Commission.**

Mayor Danner recommended appointing additional citizens to the Charter Review Commission Mr. George Adams and Mrs. Cynthia Stanukinos. He said he was also notified by Jackie Muennink that she would be moving out of town. Mayor Danner contacted Katie Haby and she has agreed to take Mrs. Muennink's place on the Commission. Mayor Danner asked that City Council approve his two recommendations and Mrs. Muennink's replacement. Councilwoman Long moved to approve the recommendations. Motion seconded by Councilman Vela. Motion carried 5-0.

11. **Executive Session:** The City Council of the City of Hondo convened into Executive Session at 6:13 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 7:52 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code,

Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney) on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly requires discussion in closed session); Pending or contemplated litigation;

Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property);

Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations)

- a. Discussion regarding potential lease, purchase or value of real property.
- b. Discussion regarding potential lease/sale of property located at the South Texas Regional Airport.
- c. Personnel discussion regarding performance evaluation of City Manager.

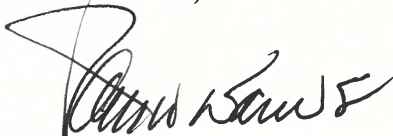
12. Discuss and consider appropriate action resulting from Executive Session.

Motion by Councilman Vela and seconded by Councilman Villa to extend City Manager Kim Davis' employment contract to July 1, 2022 and increase her salary compensation to \$126,000 per year. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Adjourn.


Councilman Villa moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela. Motion carried 5-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.



JAMES W. DANNER, SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:



Miguel Cantu, City Secretary

