

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to order.

Mayor Danner called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Quorum check.

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

Staff present: Director of Aviation Ryan Elder, Assistant Finance Director Dee Willman, Economic Development Director Genevieve Flores, Public Works Director Michael Schmidt, Water Superintendent William “Buddy” Stewart, Street Foreman Adam Zapata, Lieutenant Rick Garza, City Planner II Lora Robbins, Code Enforcement Supervisor/Fire Marshal Joe Ramon, and Intern Michael Garcia

3. Invocation by Pastor Mike Vasquez, First Baptist Church Hondo.

4. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Danner.

5. Citizens’ Comments

Doug Smith, 722 Stratus Path, of Texas Disposal Systems introduced himself and wanted to inform City Council that if they sought a bid for waste disposal, they would be interested in being a part of the process. Texas Disposal Systems services over 180 cities and 45 counties in Texas. He added that the company knew how to take care of cities. Again, his main reason for public comment was to introduce himself and Texas Disposal Systems.

6. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from City Council meeting January 28, 2019 regular meeting.

Councilman Vela moved to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Villa.
Motion carried 5-0.

7. City Manager Report(s)

a. Carhartt’s and Cocktails

Mrs. Davis reported that the City of Hondo was recognized by the Hondo Chamber of Commerce as the Outstanding Member of the Year at its Carhartt’s and Cocktails event. She thanked staff for their participation in many of the Chamber’s events such as the Red White and Boom and Christmas in God’s Country.

b. Introduction of City Planner II Lora Robbins

Mrs. Davis introduced Ms. Robbins to the City Council. Ms. Robbins has almost 5 years of experience in planning and was born and raised in Medina County. Ms. Robbins added that she had been working in the City of Castroville for almost 5 years and attended Texas A&M.

Mrs. Davis also introduced Mr. Michael Garcia who is doing an internship with the City of Hondo. He graduated from Our Lady of the Lake University with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration in Management and is currently working on his Master’s Degree. Mrs. Davis was very pleased to have received Mr. Garcia’s email stating of his interest in doing an internship with the City of Hondo, give back to the City, and learn about city government. He is on a voluntary internship. Additionally, Mr. Garcia graduated from Hondo High School and has won the United States President’s Volunteer Award in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018. He has applied for the 2019 award. Mr. Garcia introduced himself and stated he has interned at the city for three weeks and is excited about volunteering. His goal is to learn more about the City by working in every department. In his first three weeks, he

has spent time working with Human Resources and the City Secretary's Office. He stated he looks forward to working with the Economic Development Department, Airport, and Public Works Department. He added that he is passionate about volunteering for his community. His career goal is to work in a municipality.

8. **Discuss and consider Ordinance 1189-02-19 authorizing assignment of an exclusive franchise contract within the City of Hondo from ACI Recycling and Disposal (formerly Alamo1) to BFI Waste Services of Texas, LP D/B/A Republic Services for the collection, hauling and disposal of residential, commercial and industrial waste; authorizing the City Manager of the City of Hondo to execute documents for assignment of the contract and to establish an effective date.**

Mr. Schmidt stated that ACI Recycling and Disposal is being acquired by BFI Waste Services of Texas, LP D/B/A Republic Services. As part of the acquisition, Republic is requesting an assignment of the current agreement between ACI Recycling and Disposal and the City of Hondo. There will be no change to the current services as provided to the City and our customers. Additionally, there will be no cost increase with this assignment. The current agreement between the City and ACI requires City Council authorization for the assignment to take place. There is no financial impact at this time. Motion to pass Ordinance 1189-02-19 authorizing assignment of an exclusive franchise contract within the City of Hondo from ACI Recycling and Disposal (Formerly Alamo1) to BFI Waste Services of Texas, LP D/B/A Republic Services for the collection, hauling and disposal of Residential, Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste; Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Hondo to Execute Documents for Assignment of the Contract and to Establish an Effective Date. Mr. Schmidt added that all current residents and employees will have the opportunity to continue employment with BFI Waste Services. Mayor Danner stated that he was very comfortable that Mr. Blake Caesar would remain with BFI/Republic. Mr. Caesar has been working with the City for almost 12 years to the week. He thanked the City Council for the opportunity to build a business; however his company has been acquired. He stated that there will be some improvements to the current office space he rented 12 years ago and services will remain the same. Newer trucks and containers will be replaced with blue ones. He will be employed with the new company as the Municipal Marketing Manager. Republic Services Ryan Whiteside stated that their company had mainly been operating on the west side of San Antonio and looked forward to working in the Hondo area. He emphasized that the current employees would remain and would be paid more than they had been making with the previous company. Mr. Whiteside stated the company is a national company and in Puerto Rico. In the area they are currently providing service to areas including City of Nixon and City of Floresville. There would be no significant changes except the containers would be blue. Mayor Danner asked there were any concerns regarding the brush pick up and there was an indication at the previous meeting the service was not working well. Mr. Caesar stated there was only one concern where the location was and the address was incorrect. He informed City Council the concern was immediately addressed on 10th Street. Mayor Danner asked how staff felt about the service. Mrs. Davis stated that residents are learning there is a work order process and Mr. Caesar has been very responsive.

Councilman McAnelly moved to approve Ordinance 1189-02-19. Motion seconded by Councilman Vela. Motion carried 5-0.

9. **Discuss and consider Resolution 326-19, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Hondo, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund; and authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.**

Mr. Schmidt stated that the City of Hondo, Texas will be applying for a 2019 Texas Community Development Block Grant award to provide wastewater improvements. As part of the application process, the City has already procured the services of a grant management firm and engineering firm to submit our application. Further requirements of the program are for the City Council to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of the grant application on the City's behalf. The requested action tonight is to adopt said resolution. The application will request a grant to assist

with funding wastewater line replacement in an economically challenged area of our town (11th through 13th Streets at Avenues N through P). There is no financial impact at this time. If awarded, the grant will be \$330,000 with the City portion of the project being approximately \$26,500. Staff recommends a motion to pass Resolution 326-19 authorizing the submission of Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund; and authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Mayor Danner stated that in the past the City would ask for an amount of \$250,000 to \$275,000 and asked if this was the amount the City would receive or if it was the total amount. Mrs. Davis clarified the City is asking for the total amount of \$330,000 and includes the match. Councilman McAnelly asked if the area had wastewater lines. Mr. Schmidt stated the lines were located in the center of the road. Mayor Danner informed Council this type of grant funds would have to be utilized in an economically disadvantaged area. Mayor Danner called for a motion.

Councilman Villa moved to approve Resolution 326-19. Motion seconded by Councilman Vela.

Motion carried 5-0.

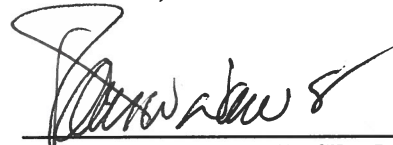
10. Workshop: Streets and Drainage

Mr. Schmidt stated he first wanted to clarify some definitions regarding his presentation. He defined "public right of way" which is typically from property line to property line. This is also a strip of land used or intended to be used wholly or in part, as a public street, alley, crosswalk, pedestrian path, drainage way or other public way. Street is typically a paved area for a primary use for vehicular access to adjacent land. Alleyways are usually located at the rear of a property and is also defined as a minor public right of way which is used primarily for vehicular service access to the back, front, or the side of a property. Mr. Schmidt explained that road maintenance and repairs could be categorized by major or minor types of repair; whereas curing serves a dual purpose to hold the streets together and channels the water. These areas are mainly handled by the Streets Division. Importantly, he added, is the importance of the skill levels. Many of the positions that were unfilled are currently filled with the exception of one. There are 9 operators and 1 Superintendent. At this time there is 1 - Street Superintendent (unfilled), 1 - Street Foreman, 1 - Equipment Operator II, 4 - Equipment Operators I, 3 - Street Laborers, all full-time workers. Mr. Schmidt would like to see all staff at Operator II Level. Councilman Torres asked if it would be advantageous to have more Level II Operators. Mr. Schmidt stated that training would take time but would have to be done while the weather permits for the ability to demonstrate how the equipment works. The current maintenance model is to be reactive and provides for a short term repair which is typical of a small town approach. He would like to transition into a more proactive approach since the city purchased new equipment; however, training at this time of the year cannot be provided unless the temperature cooperates and allows for a proper repair. The street survey that was performed internally provided some good assessment, but did not detail the width and address drainage on the streets. Some of the challenges that have been identified are the differing in curb widths, differing paved widths, and block to block curbing. A more compressive approach needs to take place to be sure the drainage is properly corrected in the city. Councilman McAnelly requested a clearer definition of what a pit run construction is. Mr. Schmidt stated that a pit run construction is a street that has been previously filled with caliche or river rock. These type of roads can be found in many of the small towns. City Staff has received training on some of the equipment near the James Avery facility. Mr. Schmidt stated that the City could do two blocks at this time on Avenue N between 10th and 12th Streets with a cost for material in an amount of \$28,834.54. Currently there is an approximate amount of \$340,000 that would equate to approximately 11 times or 22 City blocks or 7,000 linear feet or 1.5 miles. In 2019, Mr. Schmidt would like to slow down rather than the perception that staff should speed up. Slowing down includes a recommended street and drainage survey, and provide training to the Street Department. Councilman McAnelly asked if would be a good idea to hire temporary to assist with road repair. Mr. Schmidt stated it would be possible to have part time labor and would need to budget; however, he could not answer the question without providing empirical data. He added he wanted to provide a realistic picture rather than paint a pretty picture. Mayor inquired as to how long it would take to repair the streets of the City of Hondo? In response to the question, Mr. Schmidt said the repair of streets can vary

depending on the type of repair that is required and cannot be determined in a statement without knowing the scope of work. Mrs. Davis added that more information and options would be provided during a scheduled workshop on March 5, 2019 (Leadership Training). Councilman McAnelly asked if there was a drainage survey, but Mr. Schmidt stated he would like to have a drainage study to be able to determine how to properly repair city streets. Councilman Torres stated that a drainage study has been discussed for quite some time but has never been completed. Mrs. Davis acknowledged the need for the study and staff would look at a long term plan. The information pertaining to the cost of a drainage study would not be ready for the workshop in March; however, staff would look to provide City Council with a cost estimate during the budget season. Mrs. Davis concluded by stating that there were several options for hiring; yet, at this time encourages everyone to look at 14th Street and look at the difference between Avenue M and Avenue U and see the various types of street repair required. Additionally look at the varying widths of the streets. Mayor Danner concluded that more information would be provided at the workshop on March 5, 2019.

11. **Executive Session: The City Council of the City of Hondo may convene in Executive Session 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.
12. **Discuss and consider appropriate action resulting from Executive Session.**
No executive session held.
13. **Adjourn.**
Councilman Vela moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilman McAnelly. Motion carried 5-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019.



JAMES W. DANNER, SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:



Miguel Cantu, City Secretary

