

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

Notice was given that a Special City Council Meeting of the governing body of the City of Hondo was held on September 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall at 1600 Avenue M, Hondo, Texas.

LIMITED PUBLIC ACCESS: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person access to the City Council Chamber was restricted to city council members and city staff. The public accessed the meeting remotely through telephone or video conference. The audio of the meeting was available by calling toll free: 1-877-309-2073 Access Code: 723-517-869. Access of the meeting was available through video conference from computer, tablet or smart phone at: <https://www.gotomeet.me/cityofhondotx> Meeting ID No. 723-517-869.

1. Call to order.

Mayor Danner called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Jessie Lopez, City Secretary Miguel Cantu

Staff: Police Chief Brian Valenzuela, Community Projects & Programs Coordinator Jamie Kindred, IT Network Administrator Josh Rodriguez, IT Network Administrator Eddie Cardenas

3. Citizens'/Public Comments

No comments made.

4. Discuss and consider approving "Helping God's Country Citizens Grant Program" in the maximum amount to be granted \$150,000.00 for grants to needy citizens with individual grants not to exceed \$1,000.00 upon receipt of proof of employment termination or furlough and establishing a Grant Review and Approval Committee.

Mayor Danner highlighted some of the contents of the grant application to include that the committee would consist of Mayor Pro Tem John McAnelly, City Attorney Frank Garza, Utility Billing Supervisor Misty Hernandez, Human Resources/Payroll Coordinator Sharon Garcia, Finance Assistant Judy Narezo and City of Hondo Economic Development Corporation Board Chairman Bobby Ainsley. City Attorney Garza is to serve to review documentation for legal compliance. Mayor Danner added that the \$150,000 grant funds was to come from the CARES Act Grant program. The City will be making the grants and then will request reimbursement for the amounts. Applications for this grant will be accepted and awarded as they are submitted. The applicants will have to provide a signed W-9 form and other supporting documentation that would demonstrate unemployment, decline in working hours, or furlough between March 16, 2020 and present due to COVID-19 shutdowns. The grant funds will help the applicant pay rent, mortgage, and utility payments and other expenses; however, the grant funds will be directly paid to the applicant and the City must trust the applicant will make those payments. Councilman Villa asked if the applicants could pick up an application at City Hall. Mayor Danner responded that the applications will be available at City Hall.

Councilman Vela moved to approve "Helping God's Country Citizens Grant Program". Motion seconded by Councilman Villa. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Discuss and consider authorizing the Mayor and Interim City Manager to sign checks drawn on the City's Depository the Broadway National Bank.

Mayor Danner stated that the signature cards currently allow himself and previous City Manager Kim Davis to sign checks. This motion would allow the Interim City Manager to be capable of signing checks at Broadway National Bank and will remove Kim Davis.

Councilman Vela moved to approve authorizing the Mayor and Interim City Manager to sign checks drawn on the City's Depository the Broadway National Bank. Motion seconded by Councilman Villa. Motion carried 5-0.

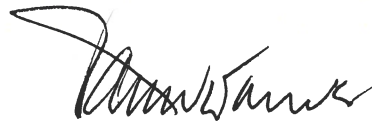
6. **Executive Session:** The City Council of the City of Hondo convened in Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 8:13 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, *Section 551.071* (Consultations with Attorney) on matters in which the duty of 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 551.074* (Personnel Matters);
 - a. Discussion regarding City Manager Resignation and Release of Claims.
 - b. Discussion about City of Hondo personnel, operation and administrative items.
 - c. Discussion regarding process for appointment of Interim City Manager.
 - d. Discussion as to procedure in search for new City of Hondo Manager.
7. **Discuss and consider appropriate action(s) resulting from Executive Session.**

Councilman Villa moved to accept the resignation of Kim Davis as City Manager for the City of Hondo and authorize the Mayor to execute the Separation Agreement and Release of All Claims with Kim Davis. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Long. Motion carried 4-1. Mayor ProTem McAnelly voted against.
8. **Discuss and consider appropriate action to appoint an Interim City Manager.**

Councilman Vela moved to direct the city attorney to assist the Mayor in identifying a consulting firm for the appointment of an Interim City Manager. Motion seconded by Mayor ProTem McAnelly. Motion carried 4-1. Councilman Villa voted against.
9. **Adjourn.**

Councilman Vela moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Long. Motion carried 5-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.



JAMES W. DANNER, SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:



Miguel Cantu, City Secretary

