

**MINUTES
CITY OF HONDO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 26, 2021 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 Bobby Vela, Councilman John E. Villa, Councilman Brett Williams, Councilman Jose "Porky" Ytuarte, City Manager Scott Albert, City Attorney Jessie Lopez, Interim City Secretary Megan Rodriguez.

Not present: Councilman Wes Huesser

Staff Present: IT Network Administrator Josh Rodriguez, IT Network Assistant Adolfo Tellez, STRTC Administrative Assistant Lillian Bales, Lieutenant Rick Garza, Chief Brian Valenzuela, Human Resources Director Sharon Garcia.

3. Invocation by Pastor Joyce McCormick, New Fountain United Methodist Church.

4. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Danner.

5. Citizens'/Public Comment.

Chavel Lopez stated that he believed the COVID ordinance should be put back in place due to the Delta variant. Mr. Lopez stated that the mayor should propose to the council that they implement the COVID ordinance because of the Delta variant that is spreading like wildfire, and it is important that the Council implement the mask rule and that they start taking the temperature of people to stop the spread of the Delta variant. Mr. Lopez also stated he wanted to speak on the budgets coming up the pay raises for the City employees, stating that City Council should consider across the board pay increase versus the merit pay system. Mr. Lopez stated if you give an across the board pay increase, then all the employees from the City would get the same amount of pay raise. It's not based on that merit pay system that you have right now. Mr. Lopez stated that the Hondo Empowerment Committee is proposing that you give City workers a 7% across the board pay increase because of the fact that the cost of living is going up, the rents going up, gasolines going up, clothing prices are going up, health services are going, everything is going up and the employees need to be paid.

6. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the City Council meeting on July 12, 2021.

This item was tabled.

7. Update Michael Blair, District Director for Congressman Tony Gonzales.

District Director Michael Blair gave an update on the district. Mr. Blair stated that appropriation funds would be used toward a new Senior Center pending its approval by congress. Mr. Blair stated that leadership in the City as well as the county, is be able to insert almost \$560,000 into this year's appropriations budget for building of a new Senior Center here in Hondo. Mr. Blair also stated the Congressman was working on new bills being on the appropriation committee. Mr. Blair touched on immigration and how it is affecting our area.

8. City Manager Report.

Mr. Albert stated that the budget work sessions would begin on July 27 at 6:00 p.m. and would close on Wednesday, July 28.

9. Discuss and consider Resolution No. 373-21, authorizing approval for the management contract award with Langford Community Management Services for the HOME

Program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the RSP HOME (HRA) agreement.

Ms. Kindred reported that recently the City of Hondo advertised for Requests for Proposals in accordance with all state and federal procurement laws for the administrative management of the recent Home Grant Program that we were awarded. Ms. Kindred stated the proposal deadline was 2pm on July 9, and there was one proposal received from Langford Community Management Services, and this evening Ms. Kindred is asking Council to approve Resolution 373-21, authorizing approval for the management contract award for the Home Program to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the RSP Home agreement to Langford Community Management Services.

Mr. Albert stated \$135,000 is designated per house and applicants have to qualify with a certain income level and have to have clear title on the house as well. Mr. Albert stated this includes some soft costs with a contribution somewhere around \$9000 to \$12,000 per home, but that can also include the building permits, in-kind. Mr. Albert stated there will be qualification criteria in order for that to work as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Vela moved to authorize approval for the management contract award with Langford Community Management Services for the HOME Program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the RSP HOME (HRA) agreement. Motion seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Discuss and consider the 3rd Quarter Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021, as presented. (Judy Narezo)

Ms. Narezo reported on the unaudited third quarter Financial report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021.

Councilman Villa moved to approve the 3rd Quarter Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021, as presented. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vela. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Discuss and consider the 3rd Quarter Investment Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021, as presented. (Judy Narezo)

Ms. Narezo reported unaudited third quarter Investment report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021.

Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021, as presented. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vela. Motion carried 4-0.

12. Discuss and consider authorizing the City Manager to enter in 3-year agreement with SHI (certified resell vendor) for Microsoft Office products.

Mr. Rodriguez reported that the City holds an agreement with Microsoft and that allows us through SHI, a certified reseller vendor, to license our Microsoft offer products and licenses to the City. Mr. Rodriguez stated the purpose of the licenses allow us to have our email addresses, our Exchange server, and Office products that Microsoft requires us to have licensing for. Mr. Rodriguez stated the agreement with Microsoft is up for renewal. Mr. Rodriguez recommended that Mayor and Council authorize the City Manager to renew the enterprise agreement with Microsoft for another three-year term and having SHI as a certified resale vendor.

Mayor Pro Tem Vela moved to authorize the City Manager to enter in 3-year agreement with SHI (certified resell vendor) for Microsoft Office products. Motion seconded by Councilman Ytuarte. Motion carried 4-0.

13. Discuss and consider an application from Sherri Ytuarte (J&R's – It's 5 O'clock Somewhere) for a variance to Hondo Code Section 5.03.004 prohibiting the selling of alcoholic beverages within 300 feet of any church, public hospital or public schools or day-care center or child-care facility.

Mr. Albert reported that at the last council meeting, an amendment was made to the previous ordinance prohibiting the sale of alcohol within 300 feet of a church. Mr. Albert stated that after approving the ordinance, specific criteria to provide a variance was outlined and that variance

would be based upon a said criteria. Mr. Albert stated that the City has received an application requesting a variance to sell alcohol at 1208 18th Street, which is within 207 feet of a church. Mr. Albert stated that attached to the application was a letter from the church granting support of the variance.

Councilman Villa moved to approve an application from Sherri Ytuarte (J&R's – It's 5 O'clock Somewhere) for a variance to Hondo Code Section 5.03.004 prohibiting the selling of alcoholic beverages within 300 feet of any church, public hospital or public schools or day-care center or child-care facility. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vela. Motion carried 4-0.

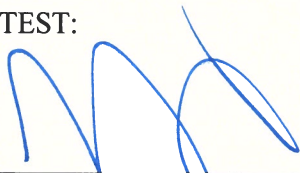
14. **Executive Session:** The City Council of the City of Hondo convened in Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 7:47 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, *Section 551.071* (Consultations with Attorney) on matters in which the duty of 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;
 - a. Discussion regarding violation of the City Charter. (Villa, Ytuarte)
 - b. Discussion regarding Indio Estates (22nd Street housing project) (Ytuarte)
 - c. Discussion regarding Acting City Manager. (Albert)
15. **Discuss and consider appropriate action resulting from Executive Session.**
No action was taken.
16. **Adjourn.**
Mayor Pro Tem Vela moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF AUGUST 2021.



JAMES W. DANNER SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:



Megan Rodriguez
Interim City Secretary

