

**MINUTES OF THE
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR RESCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING**

March 17, 2020

The City Council met on this date at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor John (Buzz) Fullen presiding. Council Members present included Tommy Goode, Michael Searcy, Henry Pace, Melissa Morton and Steve Higginbotham.

Staff members present included City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, City Attorney Joe Shumate, Police Chief Chad Taylor, Public Services Director Davis Brown, Public Utilities Director Randy Boyd, Community Development Manager Billy Hughes and Municipal Judge Rickey Turner.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: One of Henderson's previous Mayor's Foy Brown gave the Invocation and Council Member Tommy Goode led the Pledges.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

There were none.

PRESENTATION'S:

City Manager Jay Abercrombie explained the City Facilities closing to public access. City staff will be present taking payments over the phone and citizens will be able to utilize the night drop box as a drive thru during regular working hours and as a night drop box for after hour payments. Citizens will also be able to make payments online; this will be in place until the Governor and/or CDC announces otherwise.

Kevin Cashion with Gollob Morgan Peddy, PC gave a brief overview of the City's audit for the 2018-2019 Budget. There were no questions from Council on the presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA: *Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine in nature and may be acted upon in one motion. Any item requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda by the Mayor, Councilmember or City Manager, and acted upon separately.*

1. Consideration and possible action on the following Minutes: **(Jimerson)**
 - ❖ February 11, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting
 - ❖ March 5, 2020 – Special Meeting & Workshop
2. Consideration and possible action evaluating the Board members and appointments or re-appointments to the Housing Authority Board of Directors with terms to expire on December 1, 2019. **(Mayor)**
3. Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO financials for January 2020. **(Clary)**
4. Consideration and possible action on Resolution #2020-03-01 for a FY21 Grant application to receive School Resource Officer (SRO) K9 equipment. **(Taylor)**
5. Consideration and possible action on Resolution #2020-03-02 for a FY21 Grant application to receive patrol rifle rated body armor. **(Taylor)**
6. Consideration and possible action for a proclamation declaring the Month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). **(Mayor)**

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made to a motion to approve the consent agenda items, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

7. Consideration and possible action upon a Minor Plat subdividing a property located at 1103 East Main Street.
Community Development Manager Billy Hughes recommended Council approve a minor plat subdividing the property located at 1103 E. Main Street to build a residential structure on the empty lot if approved.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve subdividing the property located at 1103 E. Main Street; duly seconded by Council Member Tommy Goode, vote was unanimous.
8. Consideration and possible action for an emergency repair on Well 7.

Public Utilities Director Randy Boyd asked Council to approve an emergency repair on Well #7. Well #7 pumps 480,000 gallons a day which pumps directly into a 1,500,000-gallon storage tank on Van Buren Street that feeds the downtown area and supplies the splash pad at Fair Park. The Henderson/Kilgore pump station on the Sabine River is under reconstruction. The City of Henderson's Reservoir is at a critical level and the Sabine pump station will not be back online for another six weeks.

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve the emergency repair to Well #7; duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy, vote was unanimous.

9. Consideration and possible action regarding the HWY 64 Sewer Main Extension. City Manager Jay Abercrombie recommended Council approve the extension of the Sewer Main. Wastewater infrastructure is needed along Hwy 64 west of the "Star" intersection for commercial business opportunities. The new owners of the properties along the south side of Hwy 64 are asking for assistance in providing the infrastructure for wastewater. The proposed infrastructure would be constructed in a manner where a cost share between the property owner and the City is possible. The City can extend a sewer main approximately 600 ft. to a point where the property owner would connect with another 600 ft of the service line. The estimated cost of the City of Henderson's portion of the project is \$48,900. HEDCO has agreed to split the cost of the City's portion for this construction 50/50 as long as HEDCO's 50% portion doesn't exceed \$30,000.

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve the extension of the Sewer Main; duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace, vote was unanimous.

10. **Departmental Reports**

City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson added to the Municipal Court report. She stated stimulus week successfully collected \$30,778.88 in 195 transactions on outstanding citations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

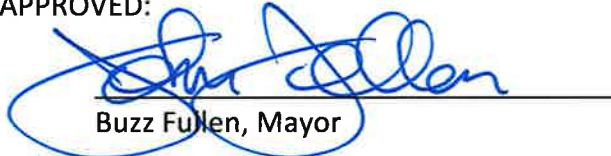
11. Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (Municipal Judge). Consult with attorney in the creation of an Administrative position. Consult with City Attorney discussing litigations; in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Sections 071 and 074. Mayor Fullen adjourned into executive session at 6:31 p.m.
12. Reconvene in open session and, if necessary, consider taking appropriate action as a result of the executive session. Mayor Fullen reconvened into regular session at 7:35 p.m. Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to make the Municipal Court, a Court of Record and in doing this the Municipal Judge must be an Attorney; he made a motion to appoint James Holmes as the Municipal Judge for a two-year term beginning in April. Duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

13. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon a motion by Council Member Melissa Morton, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; with a unanimous vote of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

APPROVED:


Buzz Fullen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary