

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

January 18, 2022

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: First United Methodist Church Youth Pastor Joshua Wardle gave the Invocation and Mayor Fullen led the Pledges.

Staff members that joined the Council Meeting were City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, City Attorney Joe Shumate, Police Chief Chad Taylor, Fire Chief Rusty Chote, Deputy Fire Chief Sonny Ybarra, Public Utilities Director Randy Boyd, Parks Director Kirk Kimbrell, Finance Director Karen Arnall, Animal Center Director Charissa Pool, Community Development Manager Billy Hughes, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Phedra Johnson, HEDCO Director John Clary and Tourism Coordinator Suzanne Cross.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ronnie Gray submitted a Public Participation Form to speak to Council about helping the poor people in Henderson.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Fullen read and presented a 20-year proclamation to Chief Executive Officer Peggy McAllister with the Boys and Girls Club of Rusk County.

Deputy Fire Chief Sonny Ybarra acknowledged and awarded Fire Fighters Lance Ellis, Larry Thomas, Phil Stanley, and Rusty Chote plaques for their many years of service with the Henderson Fire Department.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and possible action upon minutes of: (Jimerson)
December 21, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting
January 7, 2022 – Special Council Meeting
2. Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO Financials of November 2021. (Clary)
3. Consideration and possible action upon street closures for the Mardi Gras event February 26, 2022. (Taylor)

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion approving the consent agenda items, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy. Vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

4. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 2022-01-01 on amendment #1 to the 2021-2022 budget. (Arnall)
Finance Director Karen Arnall recommended Council approve amendment #1 to the 2021-2022 budget for items ordered but not yet received or projects started but not yet completed in 2021. The budget amendment addresses needed changes to the following funds: General Fund Miscellaneous Department, General Construction, Equipment Replacement and 2018 Bond Series Funds.
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01-01 budget amendment #1, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace, vote was unanimous.
5. Consideration upon the First reading of Ordinance 2022-01-01 amending the text in Article 2 Section 2.31 of the Henderson Zoning Ordinance adding “Club or Lodge” to the list of Special Exception Uses. (Hughes)
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve first reading as written, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy. Vote was unanimous.
6. Consideration and possible action upon a Minor Plat application submitted by Charlie Floyd on behalf of the VFW Post 8535. The property is located at 2325 State HWY 64W and is currently part of a 3.76-acre tract formerly known as Southwest Tank Co. (Hughes)
Community Development Manager Billy Hughes recommended Council approve subdividing 1.297-acres out of a 3.76-acre tract of property known as 2325 State Hwy 64 W for the VFW.
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve a minor plat subdividing 1.297-acres out of a 3.76-acre tract, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy. Vote was unanimous.
7. Consideration and possible action upon a recommendation to amend the Henderson Zoning Map, changing the zoning of four lots that are currently zoned Urban Commercial (UC) and one lot zoned Local Commercial (C1) to a Medium Density Single Family Residential (R2) zone. (Hughes)
Upon a recommendation from the City Manager Jay Abercrombie item 7 was dropped from the agenda because it is duplicated on item 8.
8. Consideration upon the First reading of Ordinance 2022-01-02 amending the Henderson Zoning Map, changing the zoning of four lots that are currently zoned Urban Commercial (UC) and one lot zoned Local Commercial (C1) to a Medium Density Single Family Residential (R2) zone. (Hughes)
Community Development Manager Billy Hughes recommended Council approve the change to the zoning map allowing for two residential structures to be built within this neighborhood.
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion approving the first reading of ordinance 2022-01-02 amending the Henderson Zoning Ordinance, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy. Vote was unanimous.

9. Consideration and possible action upon a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the Henderson Zoning Map, changing the zone from General Commercial District (C2) to Manufactured Home District (R4) located on the east side of Oliver Street between Pope Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. (Hughes)
Upon a recommendation from the City Manager Jay Abercrombie item 9 was dropped from the agenda due to the ordinance supporting the zoning map change was not ready for Council to consider.
10. Consideration and possible action upon a workorder from Stokes and Associates to extend water service down loop 571 from HWY 64 W. (Boyd/Holland)
Public Utilities Randy Boyd recommended Council approved engineering services to extend water service down Loop 571. The 12-inch water line will furnish water and Fire protection to the New Center Point Building and New TXDOT Facilities. Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve workorder #010-2203 for engineering services extending water service from HWY 64 onto Loop 571, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. Vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

11. The City Council may deliberate and make inquiry into any item listed in the Departmental Reports.
There were no questions on any of the reports.

- A. City Manager
- B. Fire Department
- C. Police Department
- D. Animal Center
- E. Community Development
- F. Public Services Department
- G. Parks and Recreation
- H. Public Utilities
- I. Finance Department
- J. City Secretary
- K. Communications and Marketing
- L. HEDCO

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

12. Executive Session to consult with City Attorney discussing real property located at 300 W. Main, 400 W. Main and 113 E. Main Streets in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Section 072.
Mayor Fullen convened into executive session at 6:46 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION:

13. Reconvene into Regular Session and take any action necessary as a result of the Closed Session.
Mayor Fullen reconvened into regular session stating there was no action to take from closed session at 7:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

14. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, upon a motion by Council Member Henry Pace, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; with a unanimous vote of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


John (Buzz) Fullen Mayor