

CITY OF HOOKS

June 15, 2020 Regular Business Meeting Minutes

Mayor		Councilperson Wright	Present
Councilperson Little	Absent	Councilperson Reiter	Present
Councilperson Phillips	Present	Councilperson Murchison	Present via Zoom

1. The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Reiter at 6:00 PM
2. The Invocation was led by Judge Les Colley and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilperson Wright.
3. Consent Agenda Items – Motion was made by Councilperson Phillips and seconded by Councilperson Wright to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
4. Open forum/Public Comments.
Ms. Janet Stoker spoke regarding accountability.
5. Resignation-Motion was made by Councilperson Phillips and seconded by Councilperson Wright to accept the resignation from Jimmy Cochran as Mayor. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
6. Community Development Board-Motion was made by Councilperson Phillips and seconded by Councilperson Murchison to appoint Councilperson Wright to the Community Development Corporation Board. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
7. Resolution 20-06-15-Motion was made by Councilperson Murchison and seconded by Councilperson Phillips to approve the Resolution 20-06-15; adopting and approving the Water Supply and Distribution Contact with Riverbend Water Resource District. Councilperson Phillips did question if the attorney had glanced over well and was ready for signing in his eye. Mayor Pro Tempore advised that Jason Hill did glance over the final draft and felt it was ready for all Cities to sign if Texarkana signed first. With no other discussion, the motion carried with a unanimous vote.
8. Stacy Watt-Ms. Watt had a concerned with a welfare call from the end of December. She advised the welfare was of a lady pushing a stroller down Highway 82. When she reported it to the Police Officers outside the Police Station, no one moved. She wondered if they move and went to another area to watch and see. Nothing ever happened. Mayor Pro Tempore Reiter handed it off to Chief Woodard when she was finished. Chief Woodard explained the situation and advised everyone; the Bowie County Sheriff Officers had been out on her that day. He was advised this by one of his officers who also went to the call. After hearing that information, he did state to the officer there was no need to respond and have her detained again. After Chief Woodard was finished speaking, Ms. Stacy Watt stated she wanted to know how a normal welfare check is rendered and if it happened again, what did she need to do. Mayor Pro Tempore Reiter advised to call the Police Department and let them complete their job. We have to work together as a community he stated. She also asked the council to ask the questions from the reports given not just to simply approve them because they are in front of them. She stated it was the only way our City will get better, to ask hard questions and render the answers. No action was taken.

9. Budget Workshop-Mayor Pro Tempore explained it was time to start working on the budget again and needed to set the first date. He suggested a Tuesday or Thursday and asked if July 16, 2020 will be fine for everyone for the first workshop. All council agreed. Motion was made by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Murchison to have the first workshop as Thursday July 16, 2020 at 6PM. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

10. With no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tempore considers adjournment. Motion was made by Councilperson Phillips and seconded by Councilperson Wright to adjourn. Motion was carried by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:41PM

Mayor Pro Tempore, Marc Reiter

City Secretary, Andria Whitehurst