

CITY OF HOOKS

June 20, 2022 Regular Business Meeting Minutes

Mayor Reiter	Present	Councilperson Wright	Present
Councilperson Felty	Present	Councilperson Cannon	Absent
Council Cochran	Present	Councilperson Stoker	Present

1. The regular Business Meeting was Called to order by Mayor Reiter at 6:00pm.
2. The Invocation was led by Judge Les Colley and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilperson Cochran.
3. Consent Agenda Items- Motion was made by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Felty to approve the consent agenda items as presented, the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
4. Open Forum/Public Comments- Judge Les Colley spoke in open forum and commended Jason Stokes who works in the maintenance department for going above and beyond during the bulk drop off that the City held at the beginning of the month. He also stated that Mr. Stokes is a great representative of the City. He commended Ms. Mercer, the water/court clerk, for her outstanding performance last week being in the office by herself while the City Secretary was on vacation. He informed Council that the office is in good hands and the girls are doing a fantastic job keeping things running smoothly.
5. Consent agenda item on presenting Ms. Vicki Murchison a plaque for her 15 years of service to the City. Mayor Reiter explained that her dedication to the City did not go unnoticed and that she was a blessing to the City and Citizens of Hooks.
6. Consent agenda item-consider and take action on the Interlocal Agreement between Bowie County and the City of Hooks for the Detention Service Contract. Councilperson Felty made the motion, Councilperson Stoker seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
7. Consent agenda item on listening to Chief Woodard brief the Council on the newly created Animal Control/Ordinance Officer and he Monthly Departmental report changes. Chief Woodard explained since the hire date of May 16, Mr. McGee has already completed Animal Control training as of last week. He has also been called out on 8 animal impounds, which 6 were returned to their owners and fines were paid. Chief explained that they have gotten the pens in working order. There is a need for a cage for in the back of Mr. McGee's patrol unit. The patrol unit he is using has been outfitted to show he is a Code Enforcement officer, and he does have plans to be Certified as a Code Enforcement Officer. This class will be scheduled for August. Chief Woodard gave the Council two folders showing the Cases Mr. McGee has been working on with the Citizens that are in violation of City yard Ordinances. Council was very pleased with the progress and the decision made to have an Animal Control/ Code Enforcement Officer working for the city. No action was taken.
8. Consent agenda item on Listening to Chief Whitehurst's proposal on surplus the 2018 F550 Rescue Truck, using the funds from this sale to purchase a different Fire Apparatus-Chief Whitehurst explained the reasoning behind purchasing the F550 was originally intended to respond to EMS calls, since then they have received the new Brush Truck that will run on those calls along with the Squad. Chief explained that the need for a different apparatus is a higher priority at this time due to the number of accidents they are running on the Interstate

having all their tools in one place and if the to have to put a fire out on the Interstate, they would have enough water from a different apparatus. Councilperson Cochran motions and Councilperson Felty seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

9. Consent agenda item on listening to Chief Whitehurst on the proposal of using the funds from the F550 to purchase an Engine. Chief explained to Council this Engine would be a 2005 or newer and would be used as a rescue truck and or a backup engine. This would be a great multipurpose truck. Motion was made by Councilperson Felty and seconded by Councilperson Cochran. Mayor Reiter explains to the Council that they have been responding to Tex-America's and by having a second Engine would protect them along with the Citizens of Hooks. Councilperson Felty stated that he feels not only is it important to have a different apparatus, but it will be safer for the Fireman having a bigger truck especially with the traffic on the Interstate. Councilperson asks Chief Whitehurst if there will be a difference in response time by having an Engine responding. Chief stated that the response time to the Interstate might be 30 to 60 seconds slower, but the response time inside the City, would not be any different. With no further discussion, the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
10. Consent agenda item on scheduling Budget Workshops- Workshops have been scheduled for Monday, June 27th and Monday, July 11th at 6:00pm. Motion was made by Councilperson Stoker and seconded by Councilperson Felty. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.
11. Remarks from the Mayor-Mayor Reiter states that he feels the City is moving in the right direction and that we are heading to a good place especially with the Fire Department and Police Department, even though the Police Department is short handed, they are doing a great job. The need for maintenance workers is high for the City and he mentions that we are looking for a few High school students to work this summer to help get things caught up. The first stage of the Home Grant properties have framing going up and how that this project is such a great thing for our Community. Materials have been dropped off at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and construction should be starting in July.
12. Adjournment- With nothing further Councilperson Wright made a motion to adjourn, Councilperson Stoker seconded. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm

Mayor, Marc Reiter

City Secretary, Whitney Hale