

CITY OF HOOKS

May 17, 2022 Regular Business Meeting Minutes

Mayor Reiter	Present	Councilperson Wright	Present
Councilperson Felty	Present	Councilperson Cannon	Present
Council Cochran	Present	Councilperson Murchison	Present

1. The regular Business Meeting was Called to order by Mayor Reiter at 6:00pm.
2. The Invocation was led by Citizen Judy Cochran and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Citizen Grant Sutton.
3. Consent Agenda Items- Motion was made by Councilperson Felty and seconded by Councilperson Wright to approve the consent agenda items as presented, the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
4. Open Forum/Public Comments- N/A
5. Consent agenda item on appointing Gary Wright as Councilperson for Council Place 3-Motion was made by Councilperson Cochran and seconded by Councilperson Felty. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
6. Consent agenda item on accepting Janet Stoker's resignation on the Planning and Zoning committee- Ms. Stoker decided to stay on the committee for now, no action was taken.
7. Consent agenda item-considering the Planning and Zoning committee to change the MH-1 to Residential 1- Mayor explains that considering this would be to the benefit of the City and the Citizens of Hooks. That mobile homes would essentially be only allowed to be brought in if this would pass, to Mobile Home parks only and that the current ones, would be grandfathered in. Consideration was made by Councilperson Felty and seconded by Councilperson Wright.
8. Consent agenda item on replacing the shoulder on HWY 82 going through the City of Hooks-Mayor Reiter explains how he spoke to the State and that the Value of a shoulder would be safer for pedestrians and First Responders. Councilperson Cochran expressed his concerns with the School Buses turning on and off HWY 82 at the High School and how they need the center lane to help with the flow of traffic due to the bus entrance being off of HWY 82. We also heard from Chief Woodard who expressed his concerns with the Pedestrians walking with the flow of traffic being a violation of the law. Councilperson Felty asked about Grants from the State to add sidewalks for a safer commute for pedestrians. Councilperson Wright asked about keeping the Center turn lane up to the Highschool to help with the flow of traffic for the School Busses to load and unload and place the shoulders on the other side of the High School Property. With nothing further, a motion was made by Councilperson Wright to leave the turn lane to the High School and then to add the Shoulder back on HWY 82 and seconded by Councilperson Felty. With no other discussion the Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
9. Consent agenda item on Listening to Mrs. Juanita Beauford speak about the Firework issue in the City during New Year's Eve and July 4th holiday. She expressed her concern about the noise and how citizens light them off until all hours of the night and it is against City Ordinance to ignite Fire Works inside the City Limits. Mayor Reiter understood her concern and turned it over to Police Chief Woodard. Chief explained that during those specific Holidays, Dispatch can be overwhelmed with calls and with our staff being limited, on duty officers wouldn't be able to respond to all the calls that were made to 911. These specific calls have to be prioritized and

it is up to the officers discretion if the issues a citation or not. Mayor Reiter then stated that the Council wouldn't be able to accomplish anything at this time, but he would look into it with Chief Woodard and see if they can come up with a solution. No action was taken.

10. Consent agenda item on approving Resolution No. 2022-05-17 on the Canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 7, 2022 General Election of the City of Hooks, Texas. Councilperson Felty motions to accept the Resolution No. 2022-05-17 Canvassing of the votes and Councilperson Cochran seconded. With nothing further the motion passed by a unanimous vote.
11. Judge Les Colley administered Oaths of Office to Councilperson Janet Stoker, Councilperson Gary Wright, and Mayor Marc Reiter.
12. Remarks from the Mayor-Mayor Reiter praised Councilperson Murchison on her 15 years to the City and how lucky we, as the City, were to have her dedication. She was a big asset to the City and we all Thank her for her service. Mayor Reiter also gave updates on the work we had done with the Water Tower and how there are just a couple of things that need to be done to get that project completed. He also gave an update on the Home Grant houses that we have in the City and where they all were in the process. Mayor Reiter informed the Citizens that the City has heard their concerns and was proud to announce the new position that was filled for the City's new Compliance Officer / Animal Control officer.
13. Adjournment- With nothing further Councilperson Stoker made a motion to adjourn, Councilperson Wright seconded. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

Mayor, Marc Reiter

City Secretary, Whitney Hale