

CITY OF HOOKS

September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Reiter	Present	Councilperson Wright	Present
Councilperson Felty	Present	Councilperson Cannon	Present
Councilperson Phillips	Present	Councilperson Murchison	Present

1. The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Reiter at 6:00 PM with all Council Members present, Vicki Murchison via Zoom.
2. The Invocation was led by Mayor Reiter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilperson Bill Felty.
3. Consent Agenda Items-Motion was made by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Felty to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.
4. Open Forum/Public Comments.

Ms. Hughes had questions about truck going down Main Street to TexAmericas. Mayor Reiter said he has made contact and acknowledges the issue. Ms. Hughes complained about people driving too fast before the Hooks Homecoming parade. Chief Woodard mentioned that the speed limit is set by the State at 40 mph. Ms. Hughes also inquired about the tax reduction, and when the tax freeze takes effect, Mayor Reiter explained the age for freezing of taxes is 65 and the tax rate will be discussed in this meeting.

5. Reducing the tax rate from .9109 to .650183/\$100. Mayor Reiter explains about .03 per \$1.00. All in favor, motion passes.
6. Councilperson Felty motions and Councilperson Wright seconds that act, if necessary, on updating the permit fee schedule. Councilperson Murchison questioned the dog reclaim fee of \$150.00. In addition, Councilperson Murchison questions who handles the city and electrical permit. Mayor Reiter explains licensed electrician is hired; jet machine (not city issue) is \$150/hour Mayor Reiter explained.
7. Ordinance no. 21-09-20 pertaining to the budget for October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, Councilperson Phillips motions and Councilperson Cannon seconds to start discussion. Councilperson Felty asks about line item for Parks and Recreation to be added for the budget October 2022-Fiscal year. All in favor, motion passes.
8. Councilperson Phillips motions and Councilperson Felty seconds to open discussion regarding Block Grant Planning. Mayor Reiter explains about planning for the city under the Resolution No 21-09-20 designating a planning service provider for the 2021 Texas Community Development Block Grant Planning and Capacity Building Fund application and project implementation, hiring Grant Works as coordinator. All in favor, motion passes.
9. Councilperson Phillips motions and Councilperson Cannon seconds for discussion for the HOME Program. Ms. Kathy Boyles speaks explaining the Bid tabulations/reference checks. Ms. Boyles recommends Graco Homes out of Atlanta, TX. Councilperson Phillips motions in favor of Graco Homes, Councilperson Cannon seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

10. Ms. Bonnie Lee spoke about her property located at 2409 E Ave A. She is in the process of refacing and replacing the roof. She asked for a six-month extension to get this completed. Ms. Lee is an artist, and this is used for personal space for a gallery. Councilperson Felty had some concerns regarding everything done that she wanted to within those six months. If she was moving forward in the right direction, Council was good with proceeding. Councilperson Phillips motions and Councilperson Wright seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

11. Regarding the condemning process for locations 101-103 E Ave A, 15 Meade, 705 E Ave D the decision was made to table 101-103 E Ave A due to new ownership, with Councilperson Phillips motioning and Councilperson Murchison seconding the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
 - a. Councilperson Felty motioned to continue the condemning process at 15 Meade and 705 E Ave D, with Councilperson Wright seconding the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

12. Appointing Kristy Patterson as the new City Secretary. Councilperson Phillips motioned with Councilperson Felty seconding the motion. All in favor, motion passes.

13. Adjournment- With nothing further, Councilperson Phillips considers adjournment, Councilperson Felty seconding the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Mayor, Marc Reiter

Deputy City Secretary, Whitney Hale