

CITY OF HOOKS

May 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

1. The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Marc Reiter at 6:00 PM and all Council Members were present.
2. The Invocation was led by Judge Lester Colley and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Business Owner, Patrick James.
3. Consent Agenda Items-Motion was made by Councilperson Murchison and seconded by Councilperson Wright to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.
4. Open Forum/Public Comments- Mrs. Karla Hughes wanted to speak about the safety of Main Street to see if anything could be completed to widen the road. She also wanted to know if we could patch some holes around town. Mrs. Denise Cantrell also wanted to know if we could seal the asphalt work on Lacey that was completed two years ago.
5. EDA update- Kiron Browning gave an update on the EDA project on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated the design has been submitted and approved by TCEQ but currently waiting on approval from EDA. Mrs. Sherri asked about how long would it take to be review by the EDA. Kiron suggested approximately 30-45 days and after those days we could start advertising for bids. No action was taken with this matter.
6. CES (Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey Contract)- Kiron Browning explained how the process occurred in scoring the bids that were presented to the City for the Sanitary Sewer Evaluation. The City had two turn in bids. CES and RJM. Between the two, it came down to the price. CES was 115K to RJM 150K. CES scored 100 and RJM scored 80. Kiron recommended to the Council to have CES (Compliance EnviroSystems, LLC) as the company who completes the Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey Contract. Motion was made by Councilperson Phillips and seconded by Councilperson Felty to accept and award the Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey Contract to CES. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.
7. Oaths of Offices- Judge Lester Colley administered the oaths of offices to Council Place 1, Bill Felty and Council Place 2, Sherry Phillips. No action was taken.
8. Ordinance 17-05-21 (Deposits)-Mayor Reiter explained the need to increase the deposits for new customers coming in. He stated we are losing money if we do not raise the deposits. With questions still in the air, the Council wanted to discuss in more depth. Motion was made by Councilperson Phillips and seconded by Councilperson Wright to table this Ordinance. Motion to table was made by unanimous vote.
9. Resolution 17-05-21 (Ad Valorem Taxation)- Mayor Reiter explained the reasoning behind the need to freeze taxes for the elderly and disabled. With no questions, the Council chose to make a motion. Motion was made by Councilperson Phillips and seconded by Councilperson Felty to approve the Resolution 17-05-21 establishing a limitation to the total amount of ad valorem taxation for the elderly or disable individuals in the City of Hooks. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

10. Council Member Place- The Council had people speak to them concerning the open Council Place and why they would want to be on Council. Janell Cannon, Janet Stoker, Jeff Parker, and LaTasha Harris all showed interest. Each one had great points to be on Council. All current members were excited to have interest in being on Council. No motion was taken on this matter.
11. Adjournment- With no further discussion, Mayor Reiter considers adjournment. Motion was made by Councilperson Phillips and seconded by Councilperson Murchison to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM

Mayor, Marc Reiter

City Secretary, Andria Whitehurst