

CITY OF HOOKS

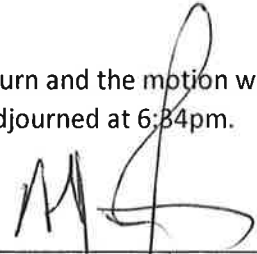
January 24, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

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, Marc Reiter at 6:00 PM and all members were present
2. The Invocation was led by Judge Les Colley and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fire Chief Brandon Whitehurst.
3. Consent Agenda Items-Motion was made by Councilperson Phillips and seconded by Councilperson Felty to approve the consent agenda items as presented.
4. Open Forum/Public Comments. N/A
5. Recommend and Approving the City to pay unused vacation leave to Officer Ogden and Whitney Hale, under Chapter 3.43 of the City of Hooks Personnel Policy. Mayor Reiter explained to Council that due to staffing shortages that he recommends the Council to approve paying leave. Chief Woodard also spoke about how we are down 2 Police Officers and that he and the Sgt are working patrol helping cover shifts. Motion was made by Councilperson Phillips and seconded by Councilperson Murchison. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
6. Resolution NO 1-24-22A American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA) Listened to Fire Chief Whitehurst explain the need for purchasing Air Packs for his department. He explained that they only have 7 out of 14 working Air Packs and how those will expire in 2024. He has quoted 15 new Air Packs along with 30 Cylinders for and estimated price of \$122,835.00. Mayor Reiter explained how we are getting a second deposit from ARPA and how we will be adjusting from the Main St. project and allocate that with the second deposit from ARPA. Councilperson Cannon made the motion and Councilperson Phillips seconded. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
7. Resolution NO1-24-22B Consider and take action on approving the repairs that need to be completed on the Water Tower using the American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA). Mayor Reiter explained that we have a small leak inside the Tower that needs attention. We had the Company 413 come out and give an estimate of the repairs for the leak along with cleaning, flushing, and sanitizing the inside, replace insulation as needed, interior coating maintenance, and some safety upgrades, with the optional exterior cleaning of the Tower. Council agreed that the exterior cleaning was not necessary and Motion was made by Council Person Phillips and seconded by Councilperson Felty. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
8. Recommend and approve the Hooks IDC to sell back the 10 acres they have to TexAmericas. Mayor Reiter explained that when the road was built it was in the contract that TexAmericas could buy back the land for the same price they sold it. They have big plans for the use of that land. Councilperson Phillips made a motion to sell the land back to TexAmericas, Councilperson Cannon seconded it. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
9. Councilperson Phillips had a few follow-up questions on the Wastewater treatment plant and where we were with the start of that project. Mayor Reiter explained that we are in a full go and that the project should start end of April beginning of May. Councilperson Phillips also asked about the Testing of the Manholes and sewer

lines, Mayor Reiter explained that they just finished that project up two weeks ago and should be starting the Gps mapping of them. We are expecting a report anytime now. Councilperson Phillips last question was about the Planning and Zoning committee meeting up about the Mobile Home agenda item and City Secretary Whitney explained that she will be contacting them this week to see if she can't get something organized for that.

10. Adjournment-With nothing further Councilperson Felty made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Councilperson Wright. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.



Mayor, Marc Reiter



City Secretary, Whitney Hale