City of Hooks

City Council Regular Business Meeting

October 16, 2023

***Councilpersons Present:*** Patterson, Wright, Stoker, Felty, O’Neal

***Councilpersons Absent:*** None

***Mayor Present:*** Mayor Reiter

***Quorum Established***

1.The meeting was called to order by Mayor Reiter @ 6:00 p.m.

2.The Invocation was led by Judge Les Colley and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by

Councilperson Patterson.

3.Open Forum - Casey Hanes of 301 E Ave A spoke about the easement between 301 E Ave A and 207 E Ave A. Council suggested he put in a request to abandon the easement.

4.The Mayor asked for concerns or questions about the consent agenda items “a–e” listed below. No questions or concerns were raised. Councilperson Felty moved to accept the consent agenda items as presented in the council packet. Councilperson Stoker seconded the motion and the vote to accept was unanimous.

1. Minutes of Regular Business Meeting held September 18, 2023

b) Departmental Reports for September 2023

c) Financial Reports and Checks/Invoices for September 2023

**OLD Business**

None

**New Business**

5. Consider and take action on accepting the quote from Hart Construction for the repair of twin Oaks with a quote of $49,738.00. The council viewed on google maps and discussed flow. Councilperson Wright moved to accept the action and Councilperson Patterson seconded the motion. All five council persons voted in favor of the repair.

6. Discuss, take action, and approve to declare the structures located at(1) 207 E Ave A, East Hooks, Texas, Ball & Smith SUBD, Lot S50’6,BLK/TRACT 3, 0.46(2) 107 Arnold, Hooks(East Courts, Lot 16,3492/034, 05/30/01/ BLK/TRACR 5, 0.1 Acres to be substandard and dangerous buildings as defined by Hooks City Code of Ordinances 150.55 and deem the properties to be demolished by the City of Hooks if proper action is not taken by the Owners of said property within 30 days. Councilperson O’Neal made the motion to approve the demolition and Councilperson Stoker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider and take action on a request for a variance on the ordinance requiring mobile homes to be 1000 sq dt or more from Dawns Grams Horak. Mrs. Horak would like to purchase NEW 2/bedroom- 2/bathroom mobiles that are approximately 840sqft. Dawn Grams Horak spoke about how her grandparents originally owned the mobile home park and then her parents bought it, so it has been in the family for many years. She would like to be able to bring it back to the nice family place it used to be. She has found a manufacturer that will give her a significant discount on a new mobile home if she purchases the smaller 840 sqft. If she purchases 5 homes at a time. The variance would only allow for the smaller homes to be placed in a mobile home park. The council stated that they will need to check with the city attorney before making a decision. Councilperson Wright made the motion to table the item until speaking to the city attorney and Councilperson Stoker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider and take action on Resolution 23-10-16 requiring accounts to be paid by the end of business day on the 15th of the month instead of the current policy stating payments must be made by 10:00 the following business day after the 15thday of the month. The effective date of this change would be January 15th, 2024. Councilperson O’Neal made the motion to approve the demolition and councilperson Felty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Council adjourn for executive session pursuant to personnel matters.

10. Councilperson Felty made the motion reconvene into open session and Councilperson Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Council reviewed all regular employees for pay rate increase except Ron McDaniel delayed review as he is still in his 6-month probationary period. At 6 months of employment, he will receive a review.

Adjourn - Councilperson Wright moved to adjourn, Councilperson Felty seconded the motion and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

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*Mayor, Marc Reiter City Secretary, Jodie Dye*