



603 E Ave A
Hooks, Texas 75561

City of Hooks
City Council Regular Business Meeting
September 18, 2023

Councilpersons Present: Patterson, Wright, Stoker, Felty, O'Neal
Councilpersons Absent: None
Mayor Present: **Quorum Established**

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

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

Open Forum - None

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.

- a) Minutes of Regular Business Meeting held August 21, 2023
- b) Minutes of Special Meeting held on August 28, 2023
- c) Minutes of Special Meeting held on September 5, 2023
- d) Departmental Reports for August 2023
- e) Financial Reports and Checks/Invoices for August 2023

OLD Business

None

New Business

Discuss and Approve Resolution 23-09-18 – to adopt "23-24 Tax Rate of at .638428/\$100. The Maintenance and Operating Rate of .570029/\$100. The Interest and Sinking Rate of .068399/\$100". Councilperson Felty moved to accept the resolution 23-09-18, Councilperson O'Neal seconded the motion. All five council persons voted in favor of adopting the tax rate presented in the resolution.

Discuss and Adopt Proposed Budget for FY 2023/2024. Councilperson Stoker made a motion to accept the FY 23-24 as filed with City Secretary. Councilperson Wright seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consider, take action and Approve KBB Consulting as the 23-24 Texas Department of Housing and Community affairs Home Grant Administrative Services Management Consultant based on reviews and Ratings by selection Committee. Councilperson Felty moved to accept, councilperson Patterson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Consider, take action, and approve a call for Public Hearing to be held on 10/16/23 @ 5:30 pm to declare two properties located in the city as dangerous and substandard buildings. Information was presented to the council by Chief Woodard in Officer McGee's absence. Councilperson O'Neal moved to approve the Public Hearing request, councilperson Wright seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- a. **207 E Ave A** (b) **107 Arnold**



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Consider, take action and Approve Resolution 23-09-18B to enter into a Municipal Maintenance Agreement with TXDot and the City of Hooks. Councilperson Wright made a motion to approve resolution 23-09-19b, Councilperson Felty seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Consider, take action and Approve Resolution 23-09-18C to accept Interlocal Agreement between the City of New Boston as "Terminal Agency" and Hooks the Non-Terminal Agency with access to Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications systems, Texas Crime Information Center, and National Crime Information Center and associated Systems on a 24-Hour, 7-Day per week basis at a cost of \$300 per month. Chief Woodard summarized the agreement and the need for such agreement. Councilperson O'Neal made a motion to approve the resolution, Councilperson Stoker seconded the motion and the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Hooks, Texas adjourned into executive session on matters pursuant to Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters @ 6:15 p.m.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Hooks, Texas reconvened into open session at 6:36 p.m. to consider and take official action, if any, on matters pursuant to Government Code §551.074 Personnel matters as discussed in Executive Session. Councilperson Stoker made a motion to approve the work schedule proposal from Cynthia Norton. Councilperson O'Neal seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayors Comments - The Mayor advised the council of the ongoing street and drainage issues on Twin Oaks street. He commented that the city had requested a grant for repair of this street but the grant was denied for use in that area due to the income of the residents. The grant money was then awarded to the McMichael Trailer Park project. He advised that Kiron from A.L. Franks engineering had provided a proposal to repair the street for approximately \$150,000. He then commented that Hart Construction had verbally proposed to repair the road, which included putting a crown on the road to help the water flow for approximately \$40,000. The Mayor had discussed this with Billy Tidwell, and he felt like that Harts proposal combined with the work that had been done on Browning Street by placing a new pipe in the ground to help with the water flow, would be sufficient to get 10-15 years out of the street. He commented that the total cost would fall under his approval limits but that he would like for the council to approve. He also advised that this process had been done on Mockingbird and it was still in good shape after approximately 10-15 years. Councilperson O'Neal asked if it would include Rex and the mayor advised it would include part of Camelia just to the other side of Rex. Mayor recommended getting this information on the agenda for further discussion and possible approval.

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

Mayor, Marc Reiter

City Secretary, Cynthia Norton