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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 17, 2018**

The Hollywood Park City Council met in a regular session on April 17, 2018 at 7:00p.m. in Town Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Laws.

Mayor Chris Fails called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Mike Howe, Debbie Trueman, Scott Bailey, Oscar Villarreal and Chris Murphy. Also present: Fire Chief-John Butrico, Police Chief-Shad Prichard, Public Works Director-Kelly Cowan, City Treasurer-Anita Moreno Navarro, City Attorney-Mike Brenan and City Secretary-Janice Alamia. Absent: None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ MAYOR AND CITY EMPLOYEES:**

1. Fire Report: Chief Butrico presented his report for the month to the Council.
2. Police Report: Chief Prichard presented his report for the month and swore in his two new officers; Officer Heavenly Reyes and Officer Sam Shields.
3. Public Works Report: Public Works Director, Kelly Cowan spoke about the up and coming mosquito season and the new gate being installed in the parking lot at Voigt Park. Code Compliance has a new employee that will be introduced next month.
4. Financial Report: City Treasurer, Anita Navarro stated the City has completed 50% of the budget year with revenues listed at 76.62% and expenditures at 42.04%.
5. City Secretary Report: City Secretary, Janice Alamia announced The Dog House as the Business of the Month and we still have Fiesta Medals left.
6. City Attorney Report: Nothing to report.
7. Mayors report: Nothing to report.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approve the Minutes of a regular Council Meeting on 3/20/2018.
2. Approve the Minutes of a Council Meeting Workshop on 4/3/2018.
3. Accept the Financial Statements as of 3/31/2018.

Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Councilman Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

- Tonya Cumming/129 Grand Oak: Ms. Cummings announced the next Hollywood Park Humane Society vaccination clinic.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 1. Discuss/Take Possible Action on amending Hollywood Park Ordinance 10-175(d) [Deer Committee] to add coyote management and removal into the deer manager duties.

#### a. Citizen Comments:

- Will Shilling/420 Meadowbrook: He agreed with Mr. Tomasini and stated there was a lot of information on the web about this sort of thing.

b. Discussion: Deer Manager Randi Tomasini spoke to the Council concerning the increase in the coyote population and this should be overseen by the Deer Committee since they oversee wildlife in the community. Councilman Howe asked if we knew how many pets have been lost to coyote attacks. Mayor Fails and Mr. Tomasini stated there are no numbers available at this time but several residents have been contacting them regarding missing pets and deer being seen after coyote attacks. Councilwoman Trueman stated this was discussed at the last Deer Committee meeting, and that it made sense to have the Deer Manager take over those duties but that it was not appropriate for him to have to come to the Deer Committee on guidance on how many to move and how to do it. She stated she felt Mr. Tomasini needs to work with animal control on that issue and not the Deer Committee. Mayor Fails it could be done either way. The Deer Committee could oversee this and then recommend help from animal control. Councilman Howe suggested however this is going to be handled; everyone should know concerning coyote control. Mayor Fails asked for anymore discussion or a motion. There was no more discussion and no motion was made.

### 2. Discuss/Take Possible Action to approve an Ordinance adopting a residential homestead tax exemption of the appraised value of the residence homestead of a married or unmarried adult, including one living alone, as authorized by Article 8, Section 1-b(e) of the Texas Constitution and Section 11.13(n) of the Texas Tax Code.

#### a. Citizen Comments:

- Anne Clark/205 El Cerritto: Our tax rate is the highest of most cities. The condition of unmaintained homes is awful and some cases must go through great expense and paperwork before homes are properly maintained.
- Charles Purkess/112 Ridge Trail: I appreciate tax breaks but I don't think we can afford it at this time.
- Tonya Cummings/129 Grand Oak: I agree with Mr. Purkess. I think the loss to the city would be huge.
- Steve Phillips/7 Ashford Glen: We have over 20 million dollars in liability in our roads. Don't cut any taxes or give any exemptions. We cannot afford it.

b. Discussion: Mayor Fails stated the City Attorney found that this value must be a percentage and not a set dollar amount. Councilwoman Trueman stated she does not want to do anything against her better judgement and she is not in favor of giving the seniors an exemption because it is not worth the hit. She feels the people under 65 need the take break because their taxes are not frozen. People are being eaten alive because of school taxes. Councilwoman Trueman is not in favor of a tax break or exemption. Councilman Bailey stated many people are getting quite a savings with exemptions right now. Our funds are limited right now and the funds not coming to Hollywood Park could pay for a police officer. Councilman Murphy stated we still have vacancies in the Galleria Oaks and although we do have new businesses that have come in he

feels we need to wait and see what kind of revenues we are receiving. Councilman Villarreal stated we need the money for the streets. Councilman Howe stated we should be able to give some sort of tax break to the residents or lower the tax rate for everyone. Councilman Fails asked for the motion. No motion was made.

3. Discuss/Take Possible Action to approve an Ordinance setting the over 65 tax exemption amount.

a. Citizen Comments:

b. Discussion: Since there was no motion made on the previous topic, this was tabled.

4. Discuss/Take Possible Action to approve a Resolution adopting a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Hollywood Park.

a. Citizen Comments:

- Steve Phillips/7 Ashford Glen: Mr. Phillips asked about the costs.

b. Discussion: Chief Butrico stated we were asked last year to be a part of this plan. We want to prepare a plan dealing with any hazard that might occur in Hollywood Park. We would like to get funding for this in the future but the first step is to adopt this plan. Chief Butrico stated there was not cost just to adopt the plan. Councilman Murphy made the motion to approve and Councilman Bailey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss/Take Possible Action to approve 2018 Budget Calendar.

a. Citizen Comments: None

b. Discussion: Mayor Fails stated the budget calendar was presented for Council to plan for this years budget sessions. Councilwoman Trueman made the motion and Councilman Murphy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss/Take Possible Action to approve RFP for Pool Management.

a. Citizen Comments: None

b. Discussion: Public Works Director, Kelly Cowan brought documentation from Aquatica, SA Pool Management and USA Management. Sean from SA Pool Mgmt. spoke to the Council about his company. Because of a lack of information the Council decided to table this.

7. Discuss/Take Possible Action to approve a lease agreement with North East ISD for winter pool usage.

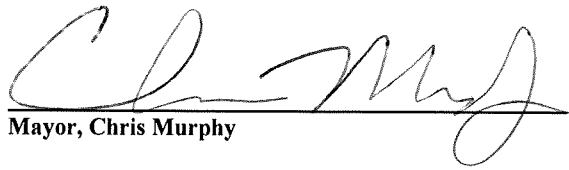
a. Citizen Comments:

- Sudie Sartor/505 El Portal: How can you make this decision when you don't know how much it costs to maintain it.
- Will Shilling/420 Meadowbrook: I agree with Sudie

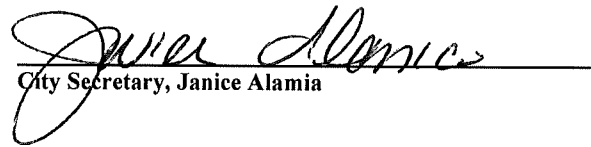
b. Discussion: Because of lack of information this topic was tabled.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, Mayor Fails adjourned the meeting at 8:19pm.

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED (  )  
CORRECTED ( ) THIS 15 DAY OF MAY, 2018.

  
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Mayor, Chris Murphy

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary, Janice Alamia