

**MINUTES
OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Pearce

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council present: Mayor Sean Moore, and Councilmembers Chester Drash, Todd Kounse, Dale Randol, Wendy Gonzalez, and Glenna Pearce.

V. REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS [1:55]

1. Fire Department monthly report
 - Fire Chief Butrico reported 54 calls for service in August.
2. Police Department monthly report
 - Chief Prichard reported 481 calls for service and 736 total citations in August and promoted National Night Out.
3. Public Works Department monthly report
 - Kelly Cowan reported 24 Voigt Center rentals, 75 code enforcement cases, and an open position on his staff.
4. Finance monthly report by City Treasurer
 - City Treasurer Fred Timmons provided an overview of revenues and expenditures.
5. Administration Department monthly report by City Secretary
 - City Secretary Patrick Aten reported 13 open record requests, 81 defendants in Municipal Court, and 117 permits processed. He reported on Zoning Commission, new audio/visual equipment, the upcoming annual pool survey, volunteer open house on January 8, and introduced Rachel Taluban.
6. City Attorney monthly report
 - no update
7. Mayor's monthly report
 - Mayor Moore reported on the budget workshops and budget process.

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION [25:30]

- Gina Graham spoke about Delaine Hall's outburst during a budget workshop and the Public Works Director's salary.
- Tom Sims praised the City Council for the budget process.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA [30:02]

1. Approval of the Minutes for the August 15 City Council Meeting and the August 7, 8, 21 & 22 Special City Council Meetings.

2. Acceptance of the Financial Statements as of July 31, 2023.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Pearce moved to approve the revised minutes. Councilmember Drash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS [31:04]

1. Discuss and consider the nomination of David Swan and take action on his recognition at Memorial Park.
 - Patrick Aten read an email from Debbie Trueman in favor of the item.
 - Nancy Swan, Tonya Cummings, and Tom Sims spoke in favor of the item.
 - Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve the item. Councilmember Randol seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
2. Discuss and consider approval of the appointment of five individuals to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
 - Patrick Aten introduced the item.
 - Garrett Polhamus introduced himself and spoke in favor of his application for the at-large position.
 - Councilmembers provided their preference to fill the at-large position with the majority for Bart Pasini.
 - Councilmember Randol moved to appoint Kelly Cowan, Joan Zamagni, Lauren Gibbins, Bruce Graham, and Bart Pasini. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
3. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the FY 2023-24 Budget.
 - Fred Timmons presented the item.
 - Tonya Cummings spoke about her concern for Public Works in the budget process.
 - Mark Walker complimented the City Council on the budget process.
 - Councilmember Gonzalez moved that the Town of Hollywood Park adopt an ordinance approving and adopting a budget that will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by the amount of \$197,694.00, which is a 6.06% increase from last year's budget and the property tax revenue to be raised from the new property added to the tax roll this year is \$16,209.00. The proposed revenue increase will support maintenance and operations and interest and sinking funds for the Town of Hollywood Park. Councilmember Randol seconded the motion which passed unanimously via roll call vote.
4. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the FY 2023-24 Tax Rate.
 - Fred Timmons presented the item.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Pearce moved the Town of Hollywood Park adopt an ordinance adopting a tax rate of \$0.4617 per \$100 valuation for use and support of the municipal government of the Town of Hollywood Park, Texas for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Councilmember Drash seconded the motion which passed unanimously via roll call vote.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Pearce moved that out of tax rate of \$0.4617 per \$100 valuation, the rate that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose the total

amount of principal and interest that will be paid to pay the Town's debts in the next year from property tax revenue, including adjustments for collection, be adopted at \$0 since the Town's debts are paid through other sources but backed by property taxes. Councilmember Drash seconded the motion which passed unanimously via roll call vote.

- Mayor Pro Tem Pearce moved that out of a tax rate of \$0.4617 per \$100, that \$0.4617 per \$100 valuation, be the rate that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the City for the next year. Councilmember Randol seconded the motion which passed unanimously via roll call vote.

5. Discuss and consider approval of the FY 2023-24 Budget for the Economic Development Corporation.

- Fred Timmons presented the item.
- Mayor Pro Tem Pearce moved to approve the item. Councilmember Drash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution ratifying the FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget.

- Fred Timmons presented the item.
- Councilmember Randol moved adopt a resolution ratifying the vote adopting the FY 2023-2024 budget which includes a property tax rate that raises more revenue than the prior year's revenue. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion which passed unanimously via roll call vote.

7. Discuss and consider approval of the rescheduling of the regular November City Council meeting to November 14.

- Patrick Aten presented the item.
- Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve the item. Mayor Pro Tem Pearce seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION [1:09:05]

1. Deliberate the duties and responsibilities of fire chief, police chief, public works director, city secretary, and city treasurer in accordance with Section 551.074, of the Texas Government Code.
2. Deliberate on matters concerning privileged and unprivileged client information deemed confidential by Rule 1.05 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct in accordance with Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code, specifically: consultation with attorney regarding legal and ethical standards which are imposed on members of boards and commissions.

City Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. No action was taken.

The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 9:47 p.m. No action was taken.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were approved on October 17, 2023.

Sean Moore, Mayor

Attest:

Patrick Aten, City Secretary