

City of Hawkins
City Council Minutes
April 19, 2021

On this day April 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM, Mayor Stephen Lucas called a regular City Council meeting to order with council members Cody Jorgenson, Clara Kay, Wende Haney, Greg Branson and Eric Maloy present. The department heads present were: Norma Hallmark, Manfred Gilow, Dona Jordan, Mike Maberry, and Bucky Elkins.

Clara Kay gave the invocation.

Mayor Lucas stated in his comments that Norma Hallmark, Library Director, was selected as the Chamber of Commerce woman of the year for service to the citizens. Bucky Elkins was selected as the Fire Fighter of the year.

Patrick Woods with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott Law Firm briefed the Council on the current status of collection of delinquent property taxes. Mr. Woods stated that currently the City of Hawkins has about \$130,000 in delinquent property taxes.

Ann Reynolds, a Certified Master Gardener, gave an update to the Council regarding the flower beds on City properties. Ms. Reynolds stated that there was only one plant lost during the ice storm. Ms. Reynolds further stated that each master gardener is required to donate 50 hours of time each year. Ms. Reynolds also stated that the Mineola chapter of DAR and the Big Sandy Hawkins Journal had recognized the gardeners for their service to the City of Hawkins.

Greg Branson made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 15, 2021 Council Meeting; seconded by Eric Maloy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lucas stated that he was moving item 7J up the list for consideration. Mayor Lucas stated that Mike Maberry, utility director, had selected individual to fill a full time position as a utility worker. Mr. Maberry introduced Cameron Peek to the Council. Greg Branson made a motion to approve the hiring of Cameron Peek as a full time utility worker; seconded by Eric Maloy. The motion passed unanimously.

Clara Kay made a motion to approve the departmental reports; seconded by Cody Jorgenson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lucas stated that no representative could be at the meeting from the Hawkins Youth Sports Inc and he asked that the item be tabled until June. Wende Haney made a motion to table the item until June; seconded by Greg Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

Wende Haney made a motion to approve a building permit for Jorgenson Investments LLC for 128 David Street; seconded by Clara Kay. Clara Kay, Eric Maloy, Wende Haney, and Greg Branson voted for the permit. Cody Jorgenson did not vote. The motion so carried.

Greg Branson made a motion to approve a building permit for J & S Joint Ventures LLC for 128 Loye Lane Quad Plex #2; seconded by Eric Maloy. Clara Kay, Eric Maloy, Wende Haney, and Greg Branson voted for the permit. Cody Jorgenson did not vote. The motion so carried.

Wende Haney made a motion to approve a building permit for J & S Joint Ventures LLC for 126 Loyal Lane Quad Plex #3; seconded by Greg Branson. Clara Kay, Eric Maloy, Wende Haney, and Greg Branson voted for the permit. Cody Jorgenson did not vote. The motion so carried.

Eric Maloy made a motion to approve Ordinance 91.06 establishing and implementing a program to charge mitigation rates for the deployment of the City of Hawkins Volunteer Fire Department; seconded by Cody Jorgenson. The motion passed unanimously.


Eric Maloy made a motion to approve an agreement with EmergiFire, LLC and City of Hawkins Volunteer Fire Department for billing services for deployment of said department; seconded by Cody Jorgenson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lucas called the Council into executive session per 551.074 GC to discuss City Personnel issues at 6:49pm. Mayor Lucas called the meeting back into open session at 8:29pm.

Greg Branson made a motion to approve the Investment Report for the Quarter Ending 3-31-2021; seconded by Clara Kay. The motion passed unanimously.

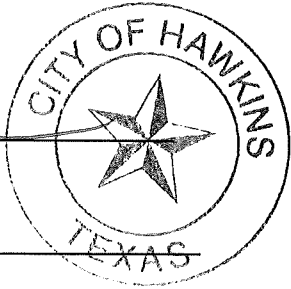
Mayor Lucas read a proclamation declaring April as child abuse month.

Wende Haney made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Greg Branson. The motion passed unanimously.



Stephen Lucas, Mayor
4/22/2021

Date



Attest:



Dona R. Jordan, City Secretary