

CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS

Comment [RH1]:

BOARD OF ALDERMAN

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

HIDEAWAY LAKE CLUB, INC.

CONFERENCE ROOM

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 2:00 PM

The special public meeting of May 11, 2022, was called to order at 2:00 PM by Mayor Ray Hutcheson. Those Aldermen in attendance were, Hoffman, Johnston, Hackstaff and Ferrell. Alderman Mullins was not in attendance. The Mayor led the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and then said a short prayer. There was a large group of visitors in attendance.

The Mayor then asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the last meeting of 2/18/22. There were none and Aldermen Hoffman moved that they be accepted. Aldermen Johnston seconded it. The motion was unanimously passed.

Alderman Hoffman then presented the financials. He mentioned that the computer needs to be replaced. It is outdated. The audit has been received and there was a question about payments to the Lindale Fire Department. The city is waiting to hear from the fire department. Aldermen Hackstaff had several questions that were answered. Alderman Hoffman said that the city has a balanced budget. He then moved that the financials be accepted as printed. The approval was unanimously postponed due to the questions.

The Mayor then asked Alderman Johnston to give an update on the emergency management issues with focus on storm sirens. The Mayor said that Steven Johnston, although not elected to the council, has said that he would stay on as the emergency management coordinator. Bill Kashouty asked to speak about the \$422,000 that shows as assets. He stated that when the city first started, they set aside as much of the franchise fees as possible in case a time came when the city wasn't collecting the fees. These fees are paid by the utilities for the right of way. This would enable the city to operate on a minimal basis and be able to pay for elections, legal fees, and audits. He said that the legislature in Austin is not particularly in favor of municipalities. The TML, Texas Municipal League, is our only lobbyist and the utilities have numerous lobbyist. If the situation changes and we are not getting this income the city will be in trouble.

The Mayor then asked Alderman Ferrell to give an update on our seeking to be certified as an "Authorized Agent" by the TCEQ for septic system regulation. She told everyone that she is dealing with some family issues and needs to step back from the TCEQ issue. The Mayor asked Pat Bonds to take over this issue since he has been involved since its conception. Alderman Ferrell was asked to get our retainer back from the law firm and then they can bill us when needed.

Then the Mayor asked the secretary to swear in the new Alderman.

The Mayor then adjourned the meeting at 3:15 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Judy Blossom

Secretary

