CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS

BOARD OF ALDERMAN

REGULAR AND SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

HIDEAWAY LAKE CLUB, INC.

CONFERENCE ROOM

Friday, September 13, 2024 @ 3:30 PM

The public meeting of September 13, 2024, was called to order at 3:30 PM by Mayor Red Brown. The Aldermen in attendance were Kashouty, Horn, Robinson and Demers. Pat Fengler, Web Administrator was also in attendance. There was also a small group of residents in attendance. Mayor Brown led the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Mayor Brown saying a short prayer.

The Minutes of the May 23, 2024 Regular Public Meeting were approved.

Role was called and a quorum declared.

Mayor Brown called for the Open Public Hearing at 3:32 p.m. for the budget year October 2024 through September 2025, inviting the residents to speak to the budget items.

1. Alderman Horn has gone over all the numbers in the 2024-2025 budget and has verify the accuracy.
2. The fee income has decreased from last year because general usage of electricity is down on which the fee income is based. There are no numbers out of the ordinary on the budget.
3. There is an income line item in the budget of $20,000 which will be allocated from the savings accounts in the case of need.
4. It was noted that residents should protest their appraisals on which taxes are based, so that the entire tax base would be lower. This would, in turn, lower our fire protection costs. Mayor Brown will include this issue in his newspaper column.
5. A line item was deducted from the budget in the amount of $20,000 for animal control. Mayor Brown, on behalf of the City of Hideaway, investigated a contract with Smith County for animal control, and determined that this item would be handled by the Hideaway Club and was not included in this year’s budget.

Alderman Kashouty made a motion to accept the Proposed Mayor’s Budget for October 2024 through September 2025, seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Brown closed the regular public meeting at 3:44 p.m. and opened the regular session meeting.

The Investment Officer, Alderman Kashouty, gave the following assessment of the City of Hideaway investments:

1. We have two CDs with the value of $100,000 at maturing 6 months and one year.
2. We also have one Treasury Note currently valued at $90,608.20 earning 5% interest.

A letter of resignation from Alderman Kashouty was accepted with regret by Mayor Brown. A reception will be held on Thursday, January 16 to honor Alderman Kashouty.

It was noted that the City of Hideaway will need to hold an election to replace the following positions:

1. Mayor – Red Brown’s term is ending.
2. Alderman – Place 1 - Bernie Demers term is ending.
3. Alderman – Place 2 - Bill Kashouty is moving out of Hideaway.

Additional Items for Consideration:

Mayor Brown received notice from the City of Hideaway attorney that both the city and the Club are being sued for an injury that happened on a street in January 2023. As soon as we receive the documentation, it will be turned over to the insurance company (TML) to handle.

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Vander Giessen

Secretary