

Good day Hideaway! Summer is upon us full throttle and we are just praying for some relief come Fall. However, in Texas, you never know what you will get from one minute to the next. So stay hydrated, indoors if possible, or enjoy the pool, pickle ball courts, and the golf course early in the day if you can.

Its been a bit busy this summer. Several weeks ago, I reached out to inquire about how to have the City of Hideaway designated as a Purple Heart City to honor our purple heart recipients and their surviving spouses. Within short order, Ambassador Lisa Holmes-Lunkwicz, with the Military Order of the Purple Heart, DFW Mid-Cities Chapter #1513, Military Order of the Purple Heart, called me back and got the ball rolling. The group came to our meeting and a proclamation read and a unanimous vote to approve the City of Hideaway as a designated Purple Heart City, to be included on the national register as such in Washington DC. A beautiful sign was placed at the entrance of Hideaway for all to see as they come in the front gate.

This month, August, also marks the 25th Anniversary of the City of Hideaway! In 2001, the residents of the city voted to incorporate, and it was effective that August. There will be a series of articles in the Hideaway News for the next few months regarding this! Your “do nothing city” has been holding the line without any taxes for 25 years! If that’s not something to celebrate, I don’t know what is! I am asking the Smith County Commissioners Court to do a proclamation in Court recognizing the 25 birthday of the City!

Also, another presentation by another fiber optics company was heard so that we can get the best deal and service for the residents here. We hope to have it going and installed by end of year with a company.

Discussion was had about modernizing the city’s capabilities regarding software and document storage. This would include city emails and document sharing capabilities. We are doing the homework on this to see what the costs might be and to ensure it fits into our current budget.

Officer positions on the board were voted upon. Alderman Melissa Sailors was named Mayor Pro Tem, Clark Kaufman Treasurer, and Melissa Sailors who was the Treasurer will assist Clark with those functions during the transition.

That's the highlights of the meeting and what's going on in the city at the moment. National Night Out is coming up again in October. And what has been referred to as the second largest religion in East Texas, Football, is right around the corner. Go Eagles!

Chet Thomas, Mayor