

**CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMAN**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE**  
**HIDEAWAY LAKE CLUB, INC.**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**Thursday, May 23, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**

The public meeting of May 23, 2024, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Red Brown. The Aldermen in attendance were Kashouty, Sailors, Hackstaff, Horn and Demers. Pat Fengler, the director of the city website was also in attendance along with several citizens. Mayor Red Brown led the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a short prayer.

The Minutes of the January 30 and January 11, 2024 City meetings were read and unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Alderman Sailors. Alderman Demers made a motion to accept the financial statements, it was seconded by Alderman Horn and approved unanimously. It was noted in the report that the \$15,000 taken from the money market account was returned to that account upon the receipt of income.

Alderman Kashouty has spoken to Oncor regarding their decreased payments to the City of Hideaway. This decrease was explained by the fact that our usage has greatly decreased due to more energy efficiency by the residents. Our rate has remained the same but the city literally has used less power.

The Investment report was presented by Alderman Kashouty as follows: As of April 20, 2024, our investments are currently valued at \$292,981.29, broken down as follows:

1. Money market at \$3,297.83 with a yield of 5.23%.
2. A \$100,000 CD maturing in September with a yield of 5.4%.
3. A \$100,000 CD maturing in March 2025 at 5.25%.
4. A \$90,000 Treasury maturing in September 2025 with a yield of 5%.

The two CD's and the Treasury note are currently below their maturity value due to marked to market by a total amount of \$260.29 due to increased interest rates. Our average yield is 5.23%. Alderman Horn made a motion to accept the investment report, with a second by Alderman Demers. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no old business to discuss. New business discussed, for conversation only and not a vote, was the replacement of the city flag pole located at the north entrance of Hideaway, along with a bronze plaque on the base of the flag pole stating when the city was established. It was noted that there is no structure or sign actually stating that Hideaway is an incorporated city. The cost of a 25 foot flag pole, with all supporting structures, and lighting would be approximately \$7,000. The cost of a plaque commemorating the city's incorporation date would be approximately \$2,000. This project will be put out to three companies to bid. Aldermen Demers and Horn volunteered to follow up on this flag pole and plaque project. The Board of Aldermen was supportive of this idea.

The contract with the Lindale Fire Department, which took effect in 2009 and was amended in 2015, was discussed. Mayor Brown has had continuing meetings and discussions with the Lindale Fire Chief regarding the lack of personnel to man the fire station #2 which protects Hideaway residents. It was noted that in the City's contract that the Lindale Fire Station #2 would be

manned Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with two people. Station #2 has not been properly manned according to our contract. It was also noted by Mayor Brown that in one instance, other fire protection districts arrived in Hideaway before the Lindale Fire Department.

Mayor Brown will work with an attorney to seek restitution for the days that this station has not been properly manned and further seek to renegotiate the contract to be able to include damages. One of the concerned citizens of Hideaway, Trevor Bassinger, who is an insurance agency owner, spoke on the importance of proper fire protection as the issue relates to insurance costs for the residents of Hideaway.

The recent buy-out of Crystal Waters by Undine was discussed. It was noted that even though there were several articles in the newspaper and held public meetings, it wasn't until residents received their first water bills from Undine that there was a general uproar throughout Hideaway about the new water rates. Mayor Brown has prepared a statement that will be published in the Hideaway newspaper regarding this issue. The Board of Aldermen had nothing to do with the sale of Crystal Waters and had no jurisdiction in setting the water rates, just as the Board has nothing to do with setting electric or gas rates. Our thanks go to Alderman Kashouty, who spent many hours negotiating a graduating rate of increase over three years instead of an immediate rate increase.

The City of Hideaway website now includes a tab to click on which covers Undine issues. The article written by Mayor Brown will be published in the newspaper and on the website.

Tom Trimble from Oncor spoke about our decreased income due to using 1,000,000 kilowatt hours less than last year even though there are more homes in Hideaway. This is due to weather conditions, and energy efficiency.

Martin Robinson was installed as alderman to replace retiring Alderman Melinda Hackstaff. Aldermen Horn and Sailors, who are staying on the Board, also repeated their oaths of office.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Brown at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Vander Giessen

Secretary