

CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS

BOARD OF ALDERMAN

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

HIDEAWAY LAKE CLUB, INC.

MEMBER SERVICES BLDG.

Friday, January 7, 2022 @ 2:00 PM

The special public meeting of January 7, 2022, was called to order at 2:00 PM by Mayor Ray Hutcheson. Those aldermen in attendance were Mullins, Hoffman, Johnson, and Ferrell. As there was no flag in the meeting room, Mayor Hutcheson dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance and then led the group in a prayer. There were 18 others in attendance as visitors.

The Mayor then asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the last meeting on 12/1/21. There were none and Aldermen Hoffman moved that they be accepted. Aldermen Mullins seconded it. The motion was unanimously passed.

Alderman Hoffman then presented the financials. Alderman Hoffman moved that the City of Hideaway invoice the Board for \$14,000, which was budgeted, for fire protection. Alderman Mullins seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. Then Alderman Hoffman moved that the financials be accepted as written. Aldermen Mullins seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Then Aldermen Mullins moved that his and Alderman Hoffman reverse their assignments of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Aldermen Hoffman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Ferrell was then asked to give an update on our seeking to be certified as an “Authorized Agent” by the TECQ for septic system regulation. She gave an overview of where the City had been and where we are now for the visitors. Aldermen Ferrell said she felt that Alderman Mullins proposal that he has been working on to implement this plan was excellent. She said that she had heard some people say that their septic systems were grandfathered in. per Smith County that is not so. When a septic system fails, it must be replaced.

The Mayor then asked if all the Aldermen had reviewed the resolution that was sent out on Hideaway pursuing the steps required by TECQ to becoming an Authorized Agent for onsite septic facilities. The purpose of this is to protect our property values, our lakes, and the public health of our citizens. The concentration of septic systems in our city is the largest in the state. After some discussion Aldermen Mullins moved to accept the Resolution #2022-01 as stated. Aldermen Ferrell seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. The vote was three in favor and one against. (Hoffman)

The Mayor then asked if the Aldermen had reviewed the resolution for adoption of a property tax for the City of Hideaway. Aldermen Mullins moved that the resolution be adopted as written and Aldermen Johnson seconded the motion. The Mayor then called for discussion. Aldermen Mullins reminded the Aldermen that this tax would be used for any monetary needs that came about as a Registered Agent, used as a history of money management in order to get grants, for an emergency alert system, for the city to take over the fire protection fees, and/or for a possible sewer system. Aldermen Mullins moved that the voting on this resolution be postponed until the next city meeting February 18<sup>th</sup>, Aldermen Hoffman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Judy Blossom

Secretary