

CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS
BOARD OF ALDERMAN
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE
HIDEAWAY LAKE CLUB, INC.
COMMUNITY BLDG.
Wednesday, August 24, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

The regular public meeting of August 24, 2022, was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mayor Ray Hutcheson. The Aldermen in attendance were Sailers, Hackstaff, Horn and Ferrell. The Emergency Preparedness Advisor, Steve Johnston and Jeanine Franck, Financial Consultant, were also in attendance. Mayor Hutcheson led the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and then said a short prayer. There was a small group of visitors in attendance.

Mayor Hutcheson then asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the last meeting of 07/13/22. There were none and Aldermen Ferrell moved that they be accepted. Aldermen Sailers seconded it. The motion was unanimously passed.

Alderman Sailers, treasurer, then presented the financials and said that the proper accounting procedure of triple review of each invoice and payment is being followed. The audit of the financial statement highlighted two payments to the Lindale Fire Department which need to be moved to previous years. At the suggestion of Alderman Hackstaff, the financial statement for the fiscal year 2021-2022 needs to be corrected before approval. The corrected financial

statement will be presented at the September meeting. Mayor Hutcheson thanked the financial team for all their hard work.

It was moved by Alderman Horn, and seconded by Alderman Sailers to approve the audited financial statements for the years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, prepared by the certified accounting firm of George, Morgan, Sneed. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hutcheson then presented the three candidates for the open alderman position. They are Bill Kashouty, Steve Smith and Pat Bonds. Each candidate was allowed three minutes to present themselves and their vision for the City of Hideaway. Paper ballots were distributed and Bill Kashouty was selected to be the new city alderman. Bill Kashouty then took the Oath of Office and was nominated by Alderman Hackstaff and approved to be the Mayor Pro-tem.

Because of the dramatic increase in the cost of our last Smith County/City of Hideaway election, alternative voting scenarios were presented by Alderman Hackstaff. She recommended that the city change to the least expensive option which is a paper ballot with a physical tally done by volunteers paid \$8.00 to \$9.00 per hour. A local election judge and assistant would need to be found and attend training classes in Austin in November. It was noted that an ADA voting machine is required by State of Texas law and would need to be rented for all elections. This voting option will be studied further before implementation.

The marina storage area was then discussed. Alderman Sailers and Alderman Hackstaff were thanked for the many hours of hard work necessary to empty the storage room before the cleaning can begin. The Club has sprayed the room for insects and termites and will replace the baseboards, threshold and door which have been damaged by water. The Club will also contribute to the City the amount of \$150 for the cost of carpet removal and paint. Alderman Ferrell will contribute the use of her air cleaning equipment to remove mold spores from the storage area.

Discussion was held on retaining the current financial auditor or finding an alternative. It was the general agreement of the aldermen that we should continue using the same Certified Accounting firm in Weatherford as they specialize in municipality accounting and are cost effective.

The approximately one-acre property owned by Fair Oil within the City of Hideaway located behind the 7-11 was discussed. Mayor Hutcheson is pursuing a trade with the City of Lindale that would move Hideaway's city limits to allow all of Fair's planned development to be within the Lindale city limits. This would allow the new development to have sewer connection (which is required for any commercial development). In exchange for Hideaway agreeing to relocate our city limits, we have asked that Lindale provide sewer services for the clubhouse, cart barn and administration building. Aldermen discussion followed but no decision was made as this issue is still in the discussion phase with the City of Lindale.

Discussion was held on access to Highway 849. There is ongoing discussion between Mayor Hutcheson on behalf of the City of Hideaway, Hideaway Club and TXDOT as to the location and possibility of an entrance/exit on to Highway 849. Alderman Horn advised that the City is in need of an emergency exit.

A brief discussion was led by Mayor Hutcheson about the future use of the corner of Highway 16 where it intersects Highway 49. This property is located in the City of Hideaway's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

Centerpoint advised us of a rate change. No action was needed by the board of aldermen.

Smith County 911 District submitted their budget to the City. It was moved to approve by Alderman Kashouty, seconded by Alderman Ferrell and voted unanimously to approve.

Mayor Hutcheson adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Vander Giessen

Secretary