

CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS

BOARD OF ALDERMAN

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

HIDEAWAY LAKE CLUB, INC.

MEMBER SERVICES BLDG.

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

The regular public meeting of December 1, 2021, was called to order at 2:00 PM by Mayor Ray Hutcheson. Those aldermen in attendance were Mullins, Sample, Hoffman, and Ferrell. The Mayor led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor then said a prayer. Others in attendance were Pat Fengler, our new webmaster, Dr. Sue Royappa, and Pat Bonds.

The Mayor then asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the last meeting on 9/14/21 and 11/19/21. There were none and Aldermen Mullins moved that they be accepted. Aldermen Sample seconded it. The motion was unanimously passed.

Alderman Hoffman then presented the financials. Alderman Hoffman moved that the financials be accepted as printed and Alderman Mullins seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

The Aldermen were then asked for a motion to appoint Steve Johnson as a replacement to fill Richard Peacock's vacant seat. Alderman Mullins so moved and Alderman Hoffman seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. He was then sworn in by the secretary.

Dr. Sue Royappa then gave her report on COVID-19 in Hideaway and local hospitals. She said that cases were down in Hideaway. There have only been two cases in the last two weeks. There may be an increase due to Thanksgiving. An increase usually follows holiday gatherings by 2 weeks.

The Mayor then asked Alderman Johnson to give his report on Emergency Management issues with a focus on storm sirens. He brought everyone's attention to his handout of information on the sirens system. There were two options. There is a difference of \$117,000 between the options. Aldermen Mullins said that he saw no way the City could afford the sirens system at this time due to monetary issues.

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 recently visited with an official from the city of Burnet. He told her that they had set their system up with exceptions by way of an Ordinance. She also asked him what he would have added that hadn't been. He said that he wished he had included inspection requirements. She asked how they carried out their inspections and he said they used "Sniff and See". Sniff to see if any odors can be detected and See if there are any confluents running on the property or the adjacent property. The Mayor then asked where we stood with the paperwork. She said that she was told that it is up to the City to decide what restrictions would be used and what an inspection would cost. Pat Bonds said that maybe we are not ready to vote on this. Alderman Mullins spoke about a proposal that he has been working on to implement this plan. This is not on the agenda so we can't talk about it at this meeting. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Next on the agenda is the Mayor leading a discussion on Doug Hoffman's recommendations. The Mayor reviewed the October 2021 Town Hall meeting and some of the questions that were asked by the members concerning the Wastewater Proposal. He also went over several pages of information on

proposed property taxes that he has presented at other meetings that members attended. The Mayor then asked that the council have a special meeting on January 7, 2022, at 2:00 pm to talk about these items.

Pat Bonds ended the meeting with a quote from a Wastewater consultant who said, "There is no such thing as a do-nothing city".

Respectively submitted,

Judy Blossom

Secretary

