

# **CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS**

## **BOARD OF ALDERMAN REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

### **IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE**

#### **HIDEAWAY LIKE CLUB, INC.**

#### **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020 @ 4:00PM**

The regular public meeting of May 5, 2020 was called to order at 4:00 PM by Mayor Ray Hutcheson. In addition to the Mayor, Aldermen Peacock, Bonds, and Samples were present. The guests were Jerry Mullins, George Reed, Doug Hoffman, Dr. Sue Royappa, Tara Good, and Rob James. Mayor Hutcheson asked Alderman Peacock to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. This was followed by a prayer by Alderman Bonds.

Mayor Hutcheson asked for the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held February 18, 2020 and the two special/emergency meetings. These had been received electronically by the Aldermen. Aldermen Bonds moved that they be accepted. Aldermen Samples seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the introduction of Dr. Sue Royappa as the city's Chief Health Office and she was asked to tell the Council about herself. The Mayor then ask for a vote of confirmation from the Council. Alderman Samples so moved and Alderman Bonds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. .

The next item was a discussion on rescinding Amended Ordinance 39-20-3-31. This ordinance is now null & void per the fovernor's order. Alderman Peacock so moved and Alderman bonds seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hutcheson then acknowledged Alderman Demers for his many years of service to the city. He was not in attendance due to the recent passing of his wife.

The Mayor then introduced the applicants for the vacated seat on the Board of Aldermen. George Reed was asked to go first and to tell the Council about himself and why he felt he was fit to serve. Then Doug Hoffman was asked to do the same. Several questions were asked and answered by both candidates. Then all the guests were asked to step outside so the Board could have a private meeting. These minutes are attached.

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After the private meeting was adjourned, the guests returned and were told that Doug Hoffman would be the next Aldermen. Seconded it.

Next the Secretary, Judy Blossom, swore in Carol Ann Samples, Richard Peacock, Jerry Mullins and Doug Hoffman as the New Aldermen for the city of Hideaway.

The Assistant Treasurer Alderman Samples then gave the financial report. Aldermen Peacock moved that the report be accepted and Aldermen Bonds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Since the resignation of Aldermen Rumsch, the Council is in need of a Treasurer. A discussion followed and Alderman Samples nominated Alderman Mullins. This was seconded by Alderman Peacock. The motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the changeover from code Red to RAVE. The cost would be \$1,800 for a unique domain. Steven Self has agreed to train anyone that wants to be trained. All members agreed to this change.

report from the Secretary on the upcoming election. Ms. Blossom reported that Alderman Peacock and Samples had filed to run again and would be unopposed. Alderman Demers also filed to run again but he will be opposed by Jerry Mullins. Therefore an election will be held.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion as to joining Smith County in a switch from Code Red to RAVE. Alderman Bonds has looked into RAVE and found that it seems to be for emergency contacting by texting only. We have too **many** residents that don't depend on their cell phones and don't use texting. Hideaway also needs a facility that will contact residents in nonemergency situations also. Alderman Bonds volunteered to look into RAVE further before we commit to Smith County. It is the Mayor's understanding that if we want to sign up with RAVE with our own domain it is a \$1,800 onetime charge.

Next Mayor Hutcheson brought up items that do not need a vote from the Council. He asked for a volunteer to act as administrator for the city for the 2020 Census. Alderman Bonds did so. At this time Alderman Demers handed in a notarized letter withdrawing from the election. This changed our need to have an election, saving the city money. The next item is our Website. Jim Carras has volunteered to be our webmaster. Our city secretary has been asked to scan in all of our ordinances and send them to the Mayor. He will then forward them on to the webmaster.

The Mayor then adjourned the meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

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Respectively submitted,

Judy Blossom

City Secretary

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