

**CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMAN**  
**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE**  
**HIDEAWAY LAKE CLUB, INC.**  
**MARINA BUILDING**  
**Wednesday, May 12, 2021 @ 4:00 PM**

The regular public meeting of May 12, 2021 was called to order at 4:00 PM by Mayor Ray Hutcheson. In addition to the Mayor, Aldermen Mullins, Bonds, Sample, and Hoffman were present. Steve Johnston and Dr. Sue Rapa were also present. Guests were Ron Strickland, Katrina Cockran, Steve Smith, Bob Evans, Sandy McRoberts, Elaine Yenee, and Omar Adams. The Mayor led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Then Mayor Hutcheson said a short prayer.

The Mayor then asked if there were any changes to minutes from the last meeting. Since there were none Alderman Sample moved that they be approved and Alderman Bonds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to certify the recent election. Alderman Mullins so moved and Alderman Bonds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor asked Judy Blossom to swear in the newly elected Mayor Hutcheson and Alderman Hoffman and Alderman Ferrell. Mrs. Blossom did so.

Then the Treasurer, Alderman Mullins gave the present financial report. Alderman Mullins moved that they be approved as presented. Alderman Sample seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Mayor then asked that the Alderman elect a new treasurer, assistant treasurer and mayor pro-tem. Alderman Sample nominated Alderman Mullins to be the city treasurer. Alderman Hoffman seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously. Alderman Mullins nominated Alderman Hoffman to be the assistant treasurer. The nomination was seconded by Alderman Sample and the nomination passed unanimously. Then Alderman Mullins nominated Alderman Sample to be mayor pro-tem. Alderman Ferrell seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously. The Mayor thanked Alderman Bonds for all his hard work during the last several years.

The Mayor asked Steve Johnston to give any updates on Emergency Management. We are now totaled tied in to the State and he gets all the emergency updates. Steve will be taking an online course on how to apply for grants from FEMA.

The Mayor then asked Dr. Royappa to give an update on COVID-19 in Hideaway. She said that all the numbers were down. We had only had one case reported last week and only two the week before. There had been no cases reported in the two months prior to May. She is going to be sending out messages, through social media and newspaper, trying to get everyone, that can, to get there vaccination. Dr. Royappa reminded everyone of the terrible condition that India is in right now. She is asking anyone interested, to write some uplifting messages, to the people of India. She is working on a website to send these messages. Right now you can send anything to her email address.

Next on the agenda was a report from Alderman Hoffman on alternative ways for Hideaway residents to pay for fire protection. His alternatives are: 1) placing a City of Hideaway tax, based on each individual property value, on the yearly

bill Smith County sends which would be a pass through to Lindale Fire, 2) an increase in monthly dues paid to the club for fire protection, or 3) we can leave the system in place and not make any change and see what happens.

Alderman Bonds reminded everyone that only in Hideaway does everyone pay the same amount, no matter the appraised value of their property, for their fire protection. This doesn't seem fair. The Mayor thanked Alderman Hoffman for his work on this report. This subject will continue to be discussed.

Former Alderman Bonds was then asked to brief the council on the recent discussion with Bob Garrett regarding sewer right of way. During past discussions we were told that the City of Hideaway must own a portion of any sewer system, in order to require the citizens to connect to it. During this recent meeting, Bob Garrett said that Fair has to own and operate it all. The Mayor reminded the Council of a meeting he had previously with Gary Barber, the county tax collector, when Mr. Barber said he would be happy to collect any tax the council decided on, and pay us as it is collected.

The Mayor asked that this issue of a property tax be tabled until another meeting because we don't have enough time today. A possible date of June 8<sup>th</sup> for our next meeting was set.

The meeting was then adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Blossom, City Secretary

