

CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS
BOARD OF ALDERMAN
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE
HIDEAWAY LAKE CLUB, INC.
MARINA SOUTH
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 @ 4:00 PM

The special public meeting of June 8, 2021 was called to order at 4:00 PM by Mayor Ray Hutcheson. In addition to the Mayor, Aldermen Mullins, Sample, Ferrell, and Hoffman were present. Guests were Elaine Yenne, Anita Anderson, Pat Bonds, and Mike Ragsdale. 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 Ferrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor then asked Treasurer Mullins to present the financial report summary. Alderman Hoffman moved to accept the financials as printed and Alderman Ferrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Then Alderman Mullins presented a resolution to update our information with Texpool. Alderman Mullins moved that the resolution be approved as presented. Alderman Sample seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Mayor then asked that all board members state that they have completed the on-line training regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act. All members present said that they had completed the training.

The Mayor then introduced the next item on the agenda. This was to discuss and vote on whether the board wants to pursue becoming an “authorized agent” under the TCEQ. Alderman Ferrell asked to make a comment. She felt that since the Wastewater Committee had recommended this after much study that the board should do so. She brought to everyone’s attention that as Hideaway grows there will be larger homes, for larger families, built on existing lots. She said that due to the drought issues that have moved into West Texas, that will continue to move this way, we will have less water in our lakes. The pollution will be in a smaller body of water. She said she was in favor of becoming an “authorized agent”. Alderman Hoffman spoke to the fact that he felt the board should talk with the authorized agent for Smith County to explain our concern over homes being approved that do not have adequate space for a septic system. He was not in favor of Hideaway becoming an “authorized agent”. Alderman Mullins expressed his concern of the monetary responsibility involved after becoming an “authorized agent”. Pat Bonds brought it to everyone’s attention that if we become an “authorized agent” we must then follow all the guideline of the TCEQ. Then if we want to make any changes to the guidelines, for issuing septic permits, it could be put in place for Hideaway with an ordinance. The state does not require a permit to be issued for every house sold. This could be a change that Hideaway could make, so that septic systems would be checked when they are sold. Alderman Hoffman asked what the procedure is for new homes. Mr. Bonds said that if a change needs to be made, the representative doing the inspection contacts an engineer who makes the decision. Alderman Sample expressed her concern about who is going to keep all the records and will inspection fees be enough to pay someone to do it. Mr. Bonds reminded the board that we don’t really know what the status is of the septic systems inside Hideaway. The only way for us to know how our septic

systems are doing, is to become an “authorized agent”. If we find out that our septic systems are in great shape, we won’t need to talk about a sewer system at this time. We need the data. Alderman Mullins moved “that the city of Hideaway initiate the process to become an authorized agent for local administration of the onsite septic systems (OSSF) as described by the Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC). Alderman Ferrell seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for a discussion and vote on whether the city should pay for new topo maps showing 2 ft. intervals at a cost of \$633.00. The 2 ft. topo maps have been recommended by Brannon Engineering for any planning for a future sewer system. The city is being asked to do this along with all the cities in the county. Alderman Mullins moved that the city pay Smith County for new 2 ft. topo maps. Alderman Ferrell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Mayor told everyone that he had gotten a notice from the agency that we applied to for the money for the serology study that our application was expiring. If we need to reapply, we can do it at no cost.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Blossom, City Secretary

