

CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS
BOARD OF ALDERMAN
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE
HIDEAWAY LAKE CLUB, INC.
CONFERENCE ROOM MEMBER SERVICES BLDG.
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 @ 4:00 PM

The regular public meeting of July 13, 2021 was called to order at 4:00 PM by Mayor Ray Hutcheson. In addition to the Mayor, Aldermen Mullins, Peacock, Ferrell, and Hoffman were present. Alderman Sample was present by phone. The Mayor led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Then Alderman Peacock said a short prayer.

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

The Mayor then asked Dr. Sue Royappa to give her report on Covid-19. She reported that in the last 30 days there have been only 3 cases here. In Hideaway there are about 55% of residents that will share, that they have been vaccinated. She doesn't feel that we will have to get a booster shot for this variant. She volunteered to answer any questions from those that haven't gotten their vaccine might have.

Alderman Ferrell was asked to give her report on wastewater. She said she has talked to a lawyer, from Austin, to assist in filling out all the paperwork for

Hideaway to become a Registered Agent with an Ordinance. She thought it would cost about \$5,000. He will be sending the Mayor a contract to sign. She also visited with Mike Pledger about enforcement. He said that when he found any systems with problems they passed them off to the County Health Department.

The next item on the agenda was for an update from Steve Johnston on Emergency Management issues. He has found no past information on purchasing a tornado system. He thinks it would cost around \$100,000 to put in a warning system. The Mayor would like him to talk to a company to find out the costs of doing a survey and anything else that could give us the true information on the costs. Steve said he just got an email about a Covid Relief Fund for municipalities that we could get funding from. The system that we have now, RAVE, is not sufficient to protect the residents of Hideaway for weather related issues. Alderman Peacock said that the city needs to take responsibility to protect the citizens. It costs money and the city needs to pursue the property tax to fund the needs of the city. He feels that the city needs to form a Vision Plan for the things that need to be done and how the city can get it all done. These things need to be presented to the residents.

The Mayor then asked Alderman Hoffman to give us an update from his report on how to pay for the increasing cost of Fire Protection. He reviewed the information that he had passed out in a previous meeting. The costs of Fire Protection is going to continue to rise and the city can't afford that. He feels our options are to raise the fee that the club collects for fire protection or to collect a property tax to cover each house by the percent of the value of the property, or do nothing and the city will eventually go bankrupt. The Mayor asked to call a special meeting for August to discuss and vote on alternative funding for Fire Protection. A working meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 25 at 10 am.

Alderman Peacock announced that he was submitting his resignation to the Mayor. He is moving out of Hideaway. He thanked the people that had helped him and wished the best for Hideaway. The city is now looking for a replacement for Alderman Peacock.

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

Respectively submitted,

Judy Blossom, City Secretary

