

CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS
BOARD OF ALDERMAN
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AND
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE
HIDEAWAY LAKE CLUB, INC.
MEMBER SERVICES BUILDING-CONFERENCE ROOM
Tuesday, September 15, 2020 @ 4:00 PM

The public budget hearing of September 15, 2020 was called to order at 4:00 PM by Mayor Ray Hutcheson. In addition to the Mayor, Aldermen Mullins, Bonds, Sample were present and Alderman Hoffman was on the phone. Guests were Nancy Pfeifle, Elaine Yenne, Gwyn Horn, Deb Byerly, Bill Rumsch, Bob Evans, Steve Johnston, Carla Clay, Wanda Pomeroy, and Patricia Cooper. There were other guests but they were not introduced. The Mayor asked Alderman Bonds to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Then the Mayor said a short prayer.

Jerry Mullins, Treasurer, presented the budget for 2020-2021. The budget was handed out to the Aldermen. An explanation of some of the changes was presented. Comments were asked by the citizens on the budget. There were none.

The public budget hearing was then adjourned.

Then the open regular public meeting was called to order.

The Mayor asked for the approval of the minutes from the July 21, 2020 meeting. Alderman Bonds moved that the minutes be approved and Alderman Sample seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Royappa was not in attendance to give a report on the COVID-19 serology testing, but the Mayor reported that everything seemed to have gone well. It was well organized with no waiting, no problems with lines, and no issues with parking.

The Mayor then asked for discussion and vote on the 2020-2021 fiscal budget and to adopt the ordinance. Alderman Bonds moved that the budget be adopted. It was seconded by Alderman Mullins. The vote passed unanimously. The Ordinance was signed by those present and would be signed by the others upon their return.

The next item on the agenda was to ratify the 2020-2021 budget of Smith County 9-1-1 Communication District. Alderman Sample moved to ratify this budget for Smith County and Alderman Bonds seconded it. The vote passed unanimously.

The next item was the resolution confirming the mayor's appointment of Steve Johnston as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the city. Alderman Mullins moved that the resolution be accepted and Alderman Bonds seconded it. The vote passed unanimously. The mayor asked him to introduce himself and say a few words about his background.

The last item was a discussion of a possible property tax for the City of Hideaway to cover the cost of Fire Protection that continues to rise. The Mayor brought everyone's attention to several pages in the agenda packet. These pages showed what the taxes would be for a tax rate of \$.10 and \$.20 per \$100 of home value. This was only an idea being put out there for discussion by the Alderman. Alderman Bonds brought it to everyone's attention of the inequity of what the smaller home owner now pays compared to the larger home owner.

This tax would make it more equitable. A tax would also be used to begin building a cash reserve to help pay for a future sewer system for Hideaway. A discussion followed by the Alderman and the guests in attendance. It was explained that an open member meeting will be planned for the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Judy Blossom

City Secretary