



## **Minutes for December 12, 2023**

### **Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting**

The Howardwick City Council met on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:00pm in City Hall for a Public Hearing followed by a regular council meeting with the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council members, City Secretary and 18 guests.

**Call Public Hearing to order:** Mayor opened public hearing.

Public Hearing, Council to hear from owners of Parcel ID #'s R8075, R8082 and R7373 if in attendance. Sandy to present Texas Community's Group findings. Discuss and make decision on if the property is to be abated, repaired, demolished, removed or renovated and set the time frame allowed:

Sandy called for anyone present for Parcel 8075. Mr. Padilla was present. Two other owners listed on the deed were not present. Mr. Padilla addressed the council and Sandy presented the finding by TCG on the structure and property. After discussion, Del made a motion to table this for 60 days so Sandy can reach Bush and Fretwell in order to clear up deed for Mr. Padilla and for a final decision to be made. Johnny seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.

Sandy called for anyone present for Parcel 8082. No-one representing Chad Austin was present. Sandy went over hearing packet for this property and proceeded to inform the council of the the TCG findings, notices and condition of the structure. After review, Terry made a motion to demolish the structure. Jada seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.

Sandy called for anyone present for Parcel 7373. No-one representing Kelly Tuttle was present. Sandy went over hearing packet for this property and proceeded to inform the council of the TCG findings, notices and condition of the structure. After discussion, Del made a motion to demolish the structure. Terry seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.

Regular meeting to follow:

1. Call to order: Mayor called regular session to order at 6:15pm
2. Invocation: Johnny Floyd gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of allegiance: Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Approve minutes for November 14, 2023: Del made a motion to approve minutes as written. Johnny seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.
5. Approve bills due: After discussion, Del made a motion to pay the bills. Jada seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.
6. Mayors comments: Mayor reminded everyone of the CHVFD Christmas for kids party Saturday and to be prepared for the cold that is coming.
7. Judge Howard and Sheriff Blackburn to address council and guests about development of County Assistance Districts for the purpose of aiding law enforcement: Mayor Tony Clemishire introduced our guests, Judge Howard and Sheriff Blackburn explained the reasoning behind the development of the County Assistance Districts. The council and public asked questions and voiced concerns over some of the topics about the governing board and funding. Both the Sheriff and Judge were happy to answer all questions satisfying most concerns. The main objective was to leave it in the hands of the voters of each precinct to decide if they want to raise the sales tax legally available in their district to help offset the cost of law enforcement.
8. Council to consider resolution #181 in support of proposed County Assistance Districts and allowing it to be added to our municipal ballot. Take action: After Judge Howard and Sheriff Blackburn finished, Del made a motion to approve Resolution 181 in favor of adding the measure to our next municipal election in May so the voters could decide. Johnny seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.
9. Citizens comments and/or Public comments on Agenda items: At this time any citizen who has filled out an appearance card prior to meeting will be heard in order that card was turned in and as time allows. Each person will have 3 minutes. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council may not deliberate or vote on any matter raised regarding Citizens comments. In order to complete City Business this portion of the meeting will be limited to 15 minutes. Moved to item #10.

10. Council to consider selling TCG Bid lots 9250, 9409, 9410 and 6892. Take action: Del made a motion to accept the bids from TCG and sell the properties. Jada seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.

11. Convene into executive session in accordance with the Tex. Gov't Code 551.074 to discuss employee reviews: Mayor Clemishire announced the council would now move into a closed executive session at 7:20pm.

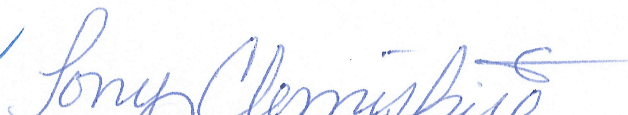
12. Reconvene into Open Session to take action: At 7:30pm the council returned to the open session. Jada made a motion to approve the decision made in closed session regarding two employees, Eddie Chavira and Guy Maggi. Del seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.

13. Adjourn: With no further business. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm

Approved and signed this 9th day of January 2024



Sandra Childress  
City Secretary



Tony Clemishire  
Mayor