TONY CLEMISHIRE, MAYOR



Minutes for July 11, 2023 Council Meeting

The Howardwick City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:00pm in City Hall with the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council members, City Secretary and 6 guests.

- 1. Call to order: Mayor called meeting to order at 6pm.
- 2. Invocation: Johnny Floyd gave the invocation.
- 3. Pledge of allegiance: Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Approve minutes for 6-13-23: Del made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jada seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.
- 5. Approve bills due: After discussion, WTG gas cards now under Quarles and about invoice for Floyds, Del made a motion to pay the bills. Johnny seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.
- 6. Mayors comments: Mayor reminded everyone about the Hoedown and raffle tickets still available. Also asked people to not approach city equipment or employees while in equipment if they are running for everyones safety.
- 7. 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: Wes Little had turned in a request for council to consider changing street name from Mitzie to Little Ln., Mr. Little not present. Susie Dale addressed the council regarding the property behind her house and requested it be cleaned up and wanted a time line. Susie Dale was updated on status of clean up. She then expressed that Sandy was rude and wanted an apology.

- 8. Sandy to go over Mayor's Budget for 23-24 with council for next months public hearing. No action required: Sandy provided council with Mayors proposed budget for 2023-2024 so council may review prior to public hearing in August. No action taken.
- 9. Sandy inform council on potential change in trash service, take action if needed: Sandy updated council on the sale of Diversified and that Waste Connections Lone Star had taken over our account, as well as Claude and Clarendon. Went over impact of price increases and options for changing if need be. Goal being to not raise the price of trash for our residents. After discussion, Jada made a motion for Sandy to work on negotiating pricing or other service provider. Terry seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.
- 10. Discuss order to repair, remove or demolish for Parcel #9047, time has expired. Take action: Sandy presented history of Parcel #9047, 102 Dawn, Joleen Williams. Property was under order for repair, remove or demolish from April 2021. Since that date there had been extensions granted and the work promised to be completed by April 2022 has not been done. There are continued complaints about the condition as well as people being in or on the property that are not authorized. Sheriff's have been called out on more than one occasion. Current pictures where proved to council to show condition. Sandy had also tried to contact Joleen to inform her that the city was going to be evaluating this property again and did not hear back from her. After discussion, Terry made a motion for Sandy to move forward with original order. Johnny seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.

11. With no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Approved and signed this 8th day of August, 2023

Sandra Childress

City Secretary

Tony Clemishire

Mayor