



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY MAY 14, 2019
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City Council ("Council") of the Village of The Hills ("the Village") was held at the Village Offices at 102 Trophy Drive, The Hills, Texas 78738. Mayor Ovlen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Council to wit:

Eric B. Ovlen, Mayor
Hilda Potsavich, Mayor Pro Tem
Robert Smith, Councilmember, Secretary

Jim Nelson, Councilmember, Treasurer
George Spencer, Councilmember
Zac Carroll, Councilmember

and all said persons were present except Zac Carroll thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Wendy Smith May and Linda Lunney representing general management for The Hills; and Tom Stiles representing the POA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ovlen led the pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of April 9, 2019 Regular and March 26, 2019 Special Meeting.

Councilmember Spencer moved approval of the minutes of April 9, 2019 Regular Meeting; Treasurer Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Spencer moved approval of the minutes of March 26, 2019 Special Meeting; Treasurer Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Law Enforcement

The written report was reviewed showing 3 citations, and 5 warnings of which 3 were residents, 2 visitors and 3 contractors.

2. Security Committee Liaison

Have not met since last meeting.

3. Hills Club Liaison

James Walsh will be on the June agenda to report on Club projects.

4. Youth Advisory Commission Liaison

Wendy Smith May reported two commissioners will be leaving for college in the fall and commissioners were encouraged to recruit new members. Splash Fest will be held on July 27, 2019.

5. POA Liaison

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich reported on the POA meeting including the following points of discussion:

- The Board discussed various ways of alerting drivers to stop and allow the arms to go down before proceeding
- A 10-year financial plan was proposed
- Short-term rentals were discussed
- Short-term storage containers can only remain at a residence for seven days
- Neighborhood quadrants were assigned to each Board member for observation
- New standardized signs were approved, but Oak Wilt info will have to go on MUD signage
- Roof cleaning criteria was discussed

It was suggested that residents should be made aware that the new directional signage at Lohman's gate is enforceable by the Constable. This will be put on the agenda should there be a joint meeting with the POA.

6. Park Liaison

The following was discussed at the May meeting:

- Clean up will be rescheduled
- Yappy Hour has been rescheduled for June 13 and may become a monthly event
- There is a possibility of getting a \$100,000 grant to build an amphitheater
- A discussion on how to improve Jazz Fest – different musicians; adding food; shortening the length of the event
- Movie Night is on June 1
- New Park permit is being finalized and should be presented to the Council next meeting
- An Ordinance to change the Park Commission to Parks and Recreation will be prepared for the next meeting. The Mayor suggested revisiting the Ordinance and its definitions, considering paid events and expanding the type of events permitted. A committee to review the Ordinance consists of the Mayor, Secretary Smith, Wendy Smith May and two members for the Park Commission.
- The electrical plugs at the pavilion will be color coded for the correct usage.

7. Press Liaison

Treasurer Nelson had nothing to report.

8. Finance Report/Treasurer's Report

Wendy Smith May reviewed the written report.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved approval of the Finance Report; Secretary Smith seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

9. Hurst Creek MUD

Hurst Creek MUD is investigating setting up a pension plan for district employees.

10. City Manager

Wendy Smith May discussed preparations for the 2019-2020 budget. Preparation will begin after the current legislative session is over since the Tax Reform bill may affect the budget.

11. Mayor's Report

Mayor Ovlen reported on the following:

- The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem will be out of town from May 25 to June 6. Councilmember Nelson will be acting mayor during that time.
- The joint meeting with the POA has been postponed as a common date cannot be reached.
- The Outline for the TML presentation is progressing

12. Park and Youth Advisory Commission appointments

There currently are no appointments.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Hold Public Hearing regarding a proposed Fireworks Ordinance.

Mayor Ovlen opened the Public Hearing. No one from the public attended. Ms. May will discuss the permitting process with the Lake Travis Fire Department and will work together to simplify the process. The Ordinance will be re-presented at the June meeting if everyone is satisfied with any changes.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved to close the Public Hearing; Councilmember Spencer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Spencer moved approval of the staff presenting a Fireworks Ordinance once all provisions are met; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2. Walking Trail update

Wendy Smith May reported striping is finished. Top soil and sod need to be laid depending on the weather. Letters have gone out to residents along the next sections of the trail informing them about surveying that area.

It was suggested that the road be striped to indicate the turn at Hayden Ridge and The Hills Drive.

3. Consideration and possible action on a logo for The Hills

Wendy Smith May presented the top logo designs out of 53 submissions. Discussion ensued, picking out a logo with possible modifications.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved the city manager have the option to decide on the final design with suggested modifications chosen by the Council; Councilmember Spencer seconded the motion which carried unanimously

4. Consideration and possible action regarding the service contract with Progressive Waste Connections

Councilmember Spencer and Ms. May presented proposed changes to the Waste Connections contract based on mapping Lakeway services.

Secretary Smith moved approval to open negotiations with Progressive Waste Connections based on the proposed changes to the contract; Treasurer Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. Discussion of Hotel Occupancy Tax and Short-Term Rentals

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich the Hotel Occupancy tax and short-term rentals were discussed. Only 2-4 rentals have been detected and the paperwork involved would far outweigh any benefits to charging a tax as well as the restrictions on where the tax can be used.

6. Consideration and approval of a Resolution relating to Travis Central Appraisal District Real Estate Acquisitions

Travis Central Appraisal District wishes to acquire a property located at 850E Anderson Lane for future expansion of the Districts facilities. There are sufficient budgeted reserves, so no additional funds will be needed from tax payers.

Secretary Smith moved approval the Resolution approving of the acquisition of real estate by the Travis Central Appraisal District; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS

- There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ATTENDING VISITORS AND GUEST

- There were no visitors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor and City Council may adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to, Sections §441.071 (Consultation with attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), §551.087 (Economic Development), §418.183 (Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues), and as authorized by the Texas Tax Code including, but not limited to Section 321.3022 (Sales Tax Information).

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved to adjourn at 10:56 am; Secretary Smith seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Signed this 11th day of June 2019.



Eric B. Ovlen, Mayor

(Seal)



Linda Lunney, City Secretary