



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY AUGUST 13, 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 Orlen 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. Orlen, 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 George Spencer, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Wendy Smith May and Linda Lunney, Village of the Hills; Earl Wood, Hurst Creek MUD; Tom Stiles, Hills POA; and Constable DeLira

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich led the pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of July 9, 2019 regular meeting.

Secretary Smith moved approval of the minutes of the July 9, 2019 regular meeting; Treasurer Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCE/TREASURER'S REPORT

Wendy Smith May presented the written report showing a balance in the General Fund of \$745,743.05.

Secretary Smith moved approval of the Finance Report; Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

1. Law Enforcement

Constable DeLira reviewed the written report showing: 14 warnings and 4 citations of which 5 were residents, 4 visitors and 9 contractors. There were no reported property crimes.

2. Security Committee Liaison

The Mayor reported on the last meeting which comprised mostly of problems with the security gates. The POA is diligently working on a solution to the frequently damaged gates.

3. Hills Club Liaison

Mayor Ovlen reported that John Woodeshick is the new manager for the Club. Once Mr. Woodeshick is here permanently the Mayor will continue the good relations between the Village and the Club.

4. Youth Advisory Commission Liaison

Wendy Smith May reported on the most recent meeting where the YAC reviewed the Splash Fest event. They also discussed the advisory role to the Council on issues critical to their age group. The commissioners were asked to think about questions or concerns to the YAC and to keep open communication between the groups.

5. POA Liaison

The most recent meeting was held in the evening and with about 40 residents in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich reviewed her written report including:

- Tammy Hargett was introduced as the new Site Manager for Grand Manors/Real Manage.
- In the Open Forum residents asked about U-turns at Lohmanns Gate, mandatory club membership, and the stop sign inside Lohmanns Gate.
- Several board positions were appointed
- The POA will adopt the same Golf Cart Policies as the Village
- Fines will be levied in addition to replacement costs for gate/arm damage. If these assessments are not paid, RFID tags will be cut off.

6. Park Liaison

Secretary Smith reported the following:

- The Eagle Scout project park bulletin board is 95% complete.
- A list of previous sponsorships was distributed to commissioners to contact for upcoming events.
- The amphitheater was discussed.
- Gary Weldon will be on the Park-Use Committee.

7. Press Liaison

Treasurer Nelson and Wendy Smith May will contact new reporters at the Lake Travis View to familiarize them with the city.

8. Hurst Creek MUD Report

Hurst Creek MUD is working on the following:

- The developer of the new condominiums on Lohmanns Spur granted a temporary easement so the MUD can work on the access road to the effluent pond.
- Mr. Wood is working with the POA on new maps of The Hills.
- Conversion of gas to liquid chlorine is progressing.
- Lightning struck a tree outside the gates on The Hills Drive which damaged the irrigation on the medium.

9. City Manager Report

Wendy Smith May reported on the following:

- Described the many new requirements in effect September 1 for the City resulting from this year's legislative session.
- Ms. Smith will meet with Fire Chief of ES6 to work on a new Interlocal Agreement and Fireworks Ordinance.
- She is working with Earl Wood on clarifying the responsibilities of each entity in The Hills.
- Ms. Smith informed the Council that while video conference calling at meetings is available, the requirements to be compliant are prohibitive.

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Ovlen hopes to run through the City of The Year presentation for the TML Convention at September's meeting. He discussed the U-turn situation at the Lohmanns Gate with Lakeway's Mayor Cox. Lakeway is doing a traffic study of that area and will share the results with Mayor Ovlen.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Legislative Update by Representative Goodwin

Representative Vikki Goodwin appeared to give a legislative update:

- SB2 which puts a 3.5% cap on property tax in addition to many new notices and time lines.
- HB3, School Finance Reform which increases public education funding by \$6.5 billion. Representative Goodwin informed the Council that a Lake Travis High School student won a State Science Fair prize with a project on how to eliminate Zebra Mussels.
- Also passed were the Health Cost Bill, the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District and a Mental Health Bill. There will be several constitutional amendments on the November ballot.

The Representative is working on a highway safety bill and financial literacy program in schools for the next session. She also discussed the issue of public transportation in this part of the county and how-to bring service industry employees to the Lakeway area.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consider and adopt a Social Media Policy for City Employees

The mayor introduced a Social Media Policy for city employees with the idea of moving forward with a policy for elected and appointed officials.

It is a best practice for municipalities to have a social media policy. Such policies typically clarify first amendment rights, prohibited activities, records retention, and decorum.

Secretary Smith moved to adopt a Social Media Policy for City Employees; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2. Consider and discuss wireless coverage in The Hills

This item was tabled.

3. Discuss Possible Dates for the State of the City Address/Village Vision

Councilmember Carroll moved the State of The City Address occur on Thursday, October 17, 2019; Secretary Smith seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

4. Walking Trail Update

The initial design for the next phases should be finished within the next two weeks. The next step is to prioritize phases of construction. The intent is to have a tentative start date for the next phase at the State of the City meeting.

5. Consideration and possible action on the Vacation of Lot 814A, The Hills of Lakeway, Phase 9, the Amended Plat of Lots 814 and a portion of Lot 929, The Hills of Lakeway, Phase 9 and 721B re-subdivision of Lot 721A, Amended plat of Lots 721 and 722 The Hills of Lakeway Phase 8.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved approval of the Vacation pending the spouse's signature on the documents; Treasurer Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

FY 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Wendy Smith May reviewed the proposed budget. Certified Roles of Ad Valorem taxes are not expected until August 19. Final calculations can be made at that time. An increase in solid waste to residents is suggested at \$2.00 rather than \$1.50.

A Public Hearing on the budget and taxes will be September 26, 2019 and 9 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS

Suggested for next meeting:

- Strategic Plan review/update
- Ordinance to close the Street Maintenance Fund
- Fireworks Ordinance
- October annual meeting – close the transition period

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ATTENDING VISITORS AND GUEST

There were no comments.

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).

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved to go to Executive Session at 11:15 am; Councilmember Smith seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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

The City Council came out of Executive Session at 11:45 am and reconvened/adjourned regular meeting at 11:46 am

ADJOURNMENT

Signed this 10th day of September 2019.




Eric B. Ovlen, Mayor


Linda Lunney, City Secretary