

**Minutes for Regular Session Council Meeting
City of Hillcrest Village
Monday, September 13, 2021**

Mayor Wilson called the Regular Session Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Wilson, Alderman Mondragon, Alderman McGilvray, Alderwoman Simoneaux, Alderwoman Izard and Alderman Smith

Pledge

Public Forum:

N/A

Reports/Recommendations from Contractors/Employees:

- A. Austin Muse – MUNICIPAL DISTRICT SERVICES – Austin gave his monthly report. Mayor Wilson let Austin know that we have received half of our grant money that can only be used for sewer and water upgrades, repairs, etc. He will be meeting with Austin soon to map out how the money should be used. Austin will get with his whole MDS team to put together a priority project list. Clerk let Austin know that we will be getting a Verizon Home Connect hot spot in place of the auto-dialer line at the plant. He said to let him know when we get it, and he will have his team or subcontractor install it.
- B. Shohn Davison – MARSHAL’S OFFICE – Marshal Davison gave his monthly report. Mayor Wilson asked him questions regarding issuing notices for junk vehicle violations.
- C. Travis Hobbs – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR – Travis went over the incoming tropical storm. He said he had been out in the Village preparing as best as he could for it. Mayor Wilson let Council know that Hillcrest will be receiving some old grant money from Hurricane Ike in the amount of \$6,000. He said he would like to use it to buy a gas generator for the City Municipal Building. Mayor Wilson also let Council know that he has visited residents that back up to the bayou. He let them know that the City will be cutting down trees and cleaning up overgrowth along bayou.
- D. John Patterson – OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR – John gave his monthly report.

Minutes:

Alderwoman Simoneaux and Alderman McGilvray motioned to approve the minutes with a correction under Marshal Davison’s reports for the Regular Session Council Meeting August 9, 2021. All approved and the motion carried.

Monthly Financial Statements:

Alderwoman Simoneaux and Alderman McGilvray motioned to approve the July 2021 Financial Statements. All approved and the motion carried.

New Business:

1) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING A NEW VENDOR FOR SLUDGE REMOVAL.

Jerry Crawford with K3-BMI spoke at this meeting about his company. He said their prices for sludge removal would be the same as we are paying now, but his company is TCEQ certified Class A for sludge removal. Mayor Wilson expressed his concern with switching to K3-BMI because Hillcrest Village use to use them, and they dropped us a customer when oil field fracking was booming. Council asked Jerry questions and expressed interest in maybe using K3-BMI for sludge removal but only if they were willing to present a contract. Mr. Crawford wasn't sure if they would be able to offer a contract or not. Alderman Mondragon and Alderwoman Simoneaux motioned to table this topic until the next Regular Session Council Meeting. All approved and the motion carried.

2) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 1-2021, SETTING TAX RATE TO SUPPORT MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

Alderman McGilvray and Alderwoman Simoneaux motioned to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1-2021. All approved and the motion carried.

3) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 35-2021, ADOPTING 2021/2022 BUDGET.

Alderwoman Simoneaux and Alderwoman Iazard motioned to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 35-2021. All approved and the motion carried.

4) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 37-2021, SETTING REVISED UTILITY RATES AND FEES TO SUPPORT THE ENTERPRISE FUND OF CITY BUDGET.

Alderman McGilvray and Alderman Smith motioned to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 37-2021. All approved and the motion carried

5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTING A HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE.

Alderman Smith and Alderwoman Simoneaux motioned to appoint Alderman Mondragon as the H-GAC representative and Alderman McGilvray as an alternate. All approved and the motion carried.

Follow-Up Business:

1) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVIEWING PROPOSALS TO HAVE THE WATER METER RECOMMISSIONED THAT CONNECTS HILLCREST VILLAGE TO CITY OF ALVIN TO USE ALVIN'S WATER IN AN EMERGENCY.

Alderwoman Simoneaux and Alderman Mondragon motioned to table this topic so that research on our new grant can be done. All approved and the motion carried.

Correspondence/Announcements:

ALDERMAN MCGILVRAY – Updated Council on a resident that needed gate valves replaced.

ALDERMAN MONDRAGON – No Comment.

ALDERWOMAN SIMONEAUX – No Comment.

ALDERMAN SMITH – No Comment.

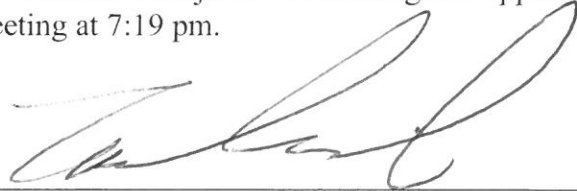
ALDERWOMAN IZARD – Updated Council on upcoming food truck events. She also asked Clerk about Christmas Candles and asked Council about having a Christmas Decorating contest.

CITY CLERK – Let Council know that we need to update the Animal Ordinance.

MAYOR WILSON – Let Council know he has been researching adding a city sales tax to online ordering. He also updated them about drainage issues and that several culverts need to be jettied. John Patterson and Mayor Wilson are making a point to contact realtors, that have houses on the market in Hillcrest, when they have an ordinance violation.

Adjournment:

Alderwoman Simoneaux and Alderman McGilvray motioned to adjourn the meeting. All approved and the motion carried. Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.



Tom Wilson, Mayor

Attest:



Rashelle Casas, City Clerk