

**Minutes for Regular Session Council Meeting  
City of Hillcrest Village  
Monday, October 11, 2021**

Mayor Wilson called the Regular Session Council meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Present: Mayor Wilson, Alderman Mondragon, Alderman McGilvray, Alderwoman Simoneaux, and Alderwoman Iazard

Absent: Alderman Smith

**Pledge**

**Public Forum:**

N/A

**Reports/Recommendations from Contractors/Employees:**

- A. Austin Muse – MUNICIPAL DISTRICT SERVICES – Austin gave his monthly report. He let Council know that MDS needs to schedule the hydro-tank inspections. He asked if we plan to have the tanks recoated? They will cost approximately \$42,000 to recoat. Alderman McGilvray asked if we could have them inspected before we have them recoated and if they pass inspection, will we have more time to prepare to have them coated. Austin said yes, we could definitely do that. MDS is going to schedule the inspections. Alderwoman Iazard mentioned that this project would not be budgeted. She said that we need to have a running project list for 5 years.
- B. Shohn Davison – MARSHAL'S OFFICE – Marshal Davison gave his monthly report. He said that he would get with Alderwoman Iazard to coordinate having someone patrolling this Thursday for the last food truck event. He also said he will have two officers patrolling on Halloween night.
- C. Travis Hobbs – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR – Travis was not able to attend this meeting. Mayor Wilson let everyone know that Travis plans to have a meeting after hurricane season to recap the season and plan for next year.
- D. John Patterson – OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR – John gave his monthly report.

**Minutes:**

Alderwoman Simoneaux and Alderman McGilvray motioned to approve the minutes reports for the Special Session Council Meeting September 7, 2021, and the Regular Session Council Meeting September 13, 2021. All approved and the motion carried.

### **Monthly Financial Statements:**

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

### **New Business:**

- 1) RESIDENT CRAIG GILBERT, 222 W. SHERWOOD, REGARDING THE ABANDONED HOUSE NEXT DOOR AT 218 W. SHERWOOD.

Mr. Gilbert described the state in which the house next to his is in. It has been abandoned for a year now and there are several safety and health concerns. The backyard has a pool that is full of swamp type water, and part of the fence blew down in the hurricane. The rodents are so bad that Mr. Gilbert has witnessed hawks hunting from the backyard several times. The yard is so high he is afraid of snakes, etc. Mr. Gilbert asked the City to jump in and help clean this place up and make it safe. Marshal Davison said legally the City can repair the fence since it is now an emergency safety hazard. He said the City will have to notify the owner if they want to hire a lawn service to cut the grass though. Mayor Wilson asked John Patterson to hire someone to fix the fence and get a quote to have the yards maintained.

- 2) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRAZORIA COUNTY ENGINEERING AND HILLCREST VILLAGE.

Alderman Mondragon and Alderwoman Izard motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Brazoria County Engineering and Hillcrest Village. All approved and the motion carried.

- 3) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING QUOTE FROM PLUMBING COMPANY TO REPAIR MUNICIPAL BUILDING'S PLUMBING PROBLEM.

Operations Administrator, John Patterson, described the plumbing problem at the City Municipal Building to the Council. Alderman McGilvray and Alderman Mondragon motioned to approve the quote in the amount of \$1,425.00 from All About Plumbing to complete repairs needed at Municipal Building. 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.

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 APPROVING A NEW VENDOR FOR SLUDGE REMOVAL.

Alderwoman Simoneaux and Alderman Mondragon motioned to remove this topic from the agenda. All approved and the motion carried.

**Correspondence/Announcements:**

ALDERMAN MCGILVRAY – Updated Council on work performed by MDS in the easement between 607 and 609 Riverside Dr. He let them know he is working with MDS to get the problem fixed.

ALDERMAN MONDRAGON – Said that the contractor equipment that has been left throughout Village cannot be left at the City Building or Park on Thursday since we have Food Truck Thursday. He also let everyone know that although Centerpoint will come cut down tree branches, vines, bushes and other green debris away from the powerlines, they will not clean it up. The Clerk will include that message in the call-out regarding heavy trash clean-up scheduled for Monday October 18<sup>th</sup>.

ALDERWOMAN SIMONEAUX – Asked if Council would like her to have the Texas Sno Fruit truck that is coming on Halloween night advertised in the Alvin Sun.

ALDERMAN SMITH – Absent.

ALDERWOMAN IZARD – Updated Council on upcoming food truck events. She also asked Clerk about Christmas Candles and advertising via newsletter in November. She also told Council that she would try to create a link on the website that has voter buttons for the residents to vote for their favorite Christmas decorated house. Alderwoman Izard also told Council that she would like to have a running project list for all necessary projects throughout the Village.

CITY CLERK – No comment.

MAYOR WILSON – Updated Council on the enforcement of ordinances and that he met with Carrie Kidd, Chairman of the Commission, to formalize procedures of the Commission. It is taking some time to get the hearings started because of the laws associated, and he wants to make sure he is following the laws.

**Adjournment:**

Alderwoman Simoneaux and Alderwoman Izard motioned to adjourn the meeting. All approved and the motion carried. Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm.

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Tom Wilson, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rashelle Casas', written over a horizontal line.

Rashelle Casas, City Clerk