

**Minutes for Regular Session Council Meeting
City of Hillcrest Village
Monday, January 9, 2023**

Mayor Wilson called the Regular Session Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Pledge

Public Forum:

Resident Brad Dawson, 102 E. Crestmont, thanked Marshal Davison for the extra morning patrol and for doing a good job. With that being said, he would like Council to know that the Village needs more of a police presence, so more money needs to go into the Marshal's department to ramp up patrol.

Reports/Recommendations from Contractors/Employees:

- A. Johnny Bellamy – MUNICIPAL DISTRICT SERVICES – Johnny wasn't available for this meeting, so Caleb Cristofaro gave the monthly MDS report.
- B. Shohn Davison – MARSHAL'S OFFICE – Marshal Davison gave his report. He also discussed laptops for the patrol vehicles and revenue that could be generated from citations if we had a municipal court.
- C. Travis Hobbs – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR – Travis discussed his meeting with the Texas A&M Ag group regarding flooding. He also updated Council that the grant that would pay for a new generator is still a work in progress.
- D. John Patterson – OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR – John gave his monthly report. He also went over a list of questions for Council – see attached.

Minutes:

Alderman McGilvray and Alderman Smith motioned to approve the minutes for Regular Session Council Meeting on October 10, 2022, and Regular Session Council Meeting on November 14, 2022. All approved and the motion carried.

Monthly Financial Statements:

Alderwoman Izard and Alderwoman Simoneaux motioned to deny September 2022 Financial Statements. Alderwoman Izard, Alderwoman Simoneaux, Alderman McGilvray, and Alderman Smith approved the motion. Alderman Mondragon denied the motion. The motion carried.

New Business:

- 1) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST.

Alderman Izard and Alderman Simoneaux motioned to table the approval of fiscal year 2022 budget amendment request until Alderman Izard can better understand why we move line items to make it zero. Mayor Wilson reminded Council that by law, the budget lines have to be brought to zero and the amendments will be the same. All denied the motion and the motion died.

Alderman McGilvray and Alderman Mondragon motioned to approve the fiscal year 2022 budget amendment request. All approved and the motion carried.

- 2) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SINK HOLE ON RIDGECREST CT.
Alderman Smith and Alderman Simoneaux motioned to table this topic until the next Regular Session Council Meeting. All approved and the motion carried.
- 3) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HAVING A TOWNHALL MEETING REGARDING A POSSIBLE BOND ELECTION.
Council discussed needing to gather information regarding having a bond election. They also discussed getting a cost assessment for the water and sewer infrastructure by February's meeting. Alderman McGilvray and Alderman Simoneaux motioned to table this topic until the next Regular Session Council Meeting. All approved and the motion carried.
- 4) DISCUSSION REGARDING A TIMELINE AND MORE INFORMATION FOR IMPLEMENTING A CITY SALES TAX.
Mayor Wilson let Council know that Hillcrest Village and Bonney are the only two cities in Brazoria County that do not have city sales tax. He will be doing research and check with the county to find out more information in preparation to have an election for a city sales tax.
- 5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTROL BOARDS AT THE PLANTS AND THE GRINDER PUMPS AT THE LIFT STATION.
These two projects qualify to be paid for by using our COVID grant money. Alderman Mondragon and Alderman Simoneaux motioned to approve the preparation of bids for both of these projects. Alderman Izard will work on getting these bids published. All approved and the motion carried.
- 6) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FENCE AND LIGHTING AROUND THE LIFT STATION ON KARLIS.
Alderman Simoneaux and Alderman Izard motioned to table this topic pending receiving more information and getting quotes for this project. All approved and the motion carried.

Follow-Up Business:

- 1) N/A.

Correspondence/Announcements:

ALDERMAN MCGILVRAY – Reminded everyone of the urgency of upgrading the water/sewer infrastructure. He would also like to do a PSA regarding the resident's responsibility for their water lines from their house to their water meter.

ALDERMAN MONDRAGON – Asked if we will be doing a call out regarding the upcoming election? He also talked about the new construction on Mustang and how the set back line is only 30 feet instead of the required 35 feet.

ALDERMAN SMITH – Updated group on upcoming building rentals. Mayor Wilson asked if he knew how much was made on building rentals last year?

ALDERWOMAN SIMONEAUX – Asked if we have a contract with the accounting firm and if not, what do we need to do to get a contract? City Clerk will ask about a contract.

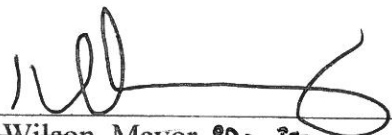
ALDERWOMAN IZARD – Let Council know that we did not end up having any judges for the Christmas decorating contest so she was thinking we could maybe have a spring yard competition. She also discussed making the building a designated emergency operation center. Alderwoman IZARD talked about everyone writing letters to our state representatives to help us with funding city projects. She also let Council know that she is working on a “New to Council” manual so that future Council members can continue projects and traditions set forth by previous Council members.

CITY CLERK – Brought plans for a permit application submitted by the resident at 3701 Wildwinn Ct for a new garage. She also gave Council a copy of an email complaint about a drainage issue.

MAYOR WILSON – Has been talking to small cities like Hillcrest about their courts. He said we would have to have a judge, a prosecuting attorney, a bailiff, and a clerk to have a municipal court.

Adjournment:

Alderwoman Simoneaux and Alderwoman IZARD motioned to adjourn the meeting. All approved and the motion carried. Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.



~~Tom Wilson~~, Mayor PRO. TEM
RENDON MCBISWAN

Attest:



Rashelle Casas, City Clerk

MEETING

From JohnCityofHillcrest@protonmail.com <JohnCityofHillcrest@protonmail.com>

To JohnCityofHillcrest@protonmail.com

Date Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 3:54 PM Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 3:54 PM

1. DO WE HAVE A CITY COUNCIL BOOKLET
2. IS THE COUNCIL INSURED GOING OUT IN HARMS WAY DURING OR AFTER STORMS AND ALSO JUST TO GO CHECKOUT A LOCATION INVOLVING CITY
3. HAS PLBR PAID FOR DAMAGES AT 118 E TIMBERLANE..HE'S STILL MAKING A LIVING OUT HERE IN WORKING..CAN THAT BE STOPPED TILL WE'RE PAID? IT WAS OVER 3,000.00 IN DAMAGES AND ALMOST A YEAR OLD
4. " RAMIRO " DID YOU GET A HOLD OF COUNTY.. TO CLEANUP UP REST OF THE DITCH? OUR LAWNCREWS WILL NEED TO BE MOWING THE TWO SIDES FOR HILLCREST W CRESTMONT AND CREEKSIDE
5. " RAMIRO " WE NEED SOME NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES SIGNS IN OUR PARK
6. " SHON " YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO PEARLAND ANYMORE YOU WILL HAVE AN ACCOUNT AT FIRESTONE TIRE STORE ON SOUTH ST. ACROSS FROM WALGREENS..WILL GET BILLING INFO FROM RASHELLE
7. TOM CAN YOU GET A HOLD OF TEXAS NEW MEXICO EASEMENT WORK I SENT YOU THE INFO..CENTERPOINT IS GOING DOWN THE EASEMENTS RIGHT NOW..
8. WE WILL BE SHUTTING DOWN WATER ON THURSDAY AFTER 9AM AT 200 E CRESTMONT FOR CITY SERICE LINE REPLACED..SO WILL NEED TO SEND OUT BULLETIN OUT WEDNESDAY..ILL LET OFFICE YOU KNOW WHEN LOCATES ARE DONE
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L.A. 9. WE HAVE A PROBLEM OF DRAINAGE IN EASEMENT FROM BALSAS THAT WAS TURNED OVER TO THEM ABOUT THIS TIME LAST YEAR..THERES A DRAINAGE PROBLEM AND HASNT BEEN TAKEN CARE OF..RASHELLE HAS PICTURES THAT WERE TAKEN..I'LL GET OUT AGAIN AND SEE WHAT WASN'T DONE
10. SHOW MAP OF OUR FAILURES ON INFRASTRUCTURE