



Mayor Mario Vasquez
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Councilmember Steve Nichols
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MINUTES

TOWN HALL MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
Hutchins Community Center
500 W. Hickman St.
Hutchins, Texas 75141

A. Call to Order

Mayor Vasquez called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and introduced council members, staff and boards and commission members present.

Mr. Spence gave the invocation and May Vasquez let the pledge of allegiance.

B. Public Safety Building

City Administrator Trudy Lewis gave a presentation regarding the new public safety building, next step for waterline and the bid process, and an estimated completion date. Architectural renderings and floorplans were also presented.

C. Boards and Commissions

Discussed under upcoming events.

D. Water/Sewer Rates

City Administrator Lewis gave a presentation regarding water, sewer and capital project priorities and costs for 2020/21 projects, loss of revenue from sale of water to City of Wilmer, water and sewer rates, and a proposed water rate study that could result in new rates effective October 1.

E. Upcoming Events

City Administrator Lewis announced the upcoming community events.

F. Economic Development Updates

Economic Development Director Guy Brown gave a presentation regarding the Union Pacific Intermodal – the largest rail project in North Texas, new projects and available incentives offered by Hutchins Economic Development.

Residents were given the opportunity to ask questions.

G. Open for Questions & Comments

The following questions were asked by attendees:

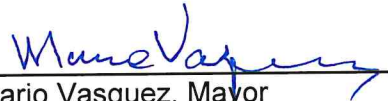
- Traffic improvements regarding Dowdy Ferry Road and right lane turn at Palestine Rd.
- Can revenue we are losing from Wilmer water sales be paid by the businesses.
- What will city do with extra water not used/purchased by the City of Wilmer.
- Does the city have an alternate plan for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Has the city tried to entice a grocery store.
- Any plans for a recreation center for the kids.
- Suggestion made to include an address on signs directing people to the Community Center or future Town Hall meeting locations.
- Can city create an ordinance for things to address instead of reaching out to the County Commissioners.
- Does the city plan to replace the porta-potties that used to be available at the Skyline park.
- What can be done about unsightly and undesirable businesses outside the city limits.
- Can contractors working in the city respect private property.
- How will new development impact water demands.
- How will Wilmer pulling out impact water demands
- How do the city's water lines stand up to new development needs.
- Is there something that can be done so long-time residents are not priced out of their homes when property values and taxes are increased due to new development.
- Code Enforcement issues were asked
- Suggestion made that a light is needed at I45 and Cleveland.
- Dowdy Ferry and Merribrook is a dangerous area due to speeding trucks coming down the hill.
- What are plans for the homeless in the city and the man walking around with a shopping cart.
- Suggestion made to post the meeting notice ahead of time.
- Can there be quarterly Town Hall meetings to keep the residents up to date.
- Will the trash barrel that was located at I45 and Palestine be replaced.

H. Adjournment

Mayor Vasquez thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE HUTCHINS CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 6, 2019.

APPROVED:



Mario Vasquez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cynthia Olguin, City Secretary

