MINUTES

CITY OF HUTCHINS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.
Hutchins Community Center
500 W. Hickman St.
Hutchins, Texas 75141

The City Council of the City of Hutchins met on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., at the Hutchins Community Center at which time the following items were discussed and considered:

REGULAR SESSION

A. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Vasquez called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. Roll Call: Councilmembers in attendance via videoconference: Mayor Pro Tem Elmore, Councilmember Hollis, Councilmember Odom, Councilmember Chism, Councilmember Nichols.

2. Invocation: Pastor Chadwick, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Chism led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring the week of September 17 – 23, 2020 as Constitution Week.

   Mayor Vasquez read the proclamation and announced that the Proclamation would be presented to local chapter of the Daughter’s of the American Revolution.

D. CONSENT AGENDA - All items presented in the Consent Agenda require no deliberation by the Council. Each Council member has the opportunity of removing an item from this agenda so that it may be considered separately.

1. Consider approving the following City Council Meeting Minutes
Councilmember Nichols made a motion seconded by Councilmember Hollis to approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor, the motion carried 5 – 0.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. The City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding consideration of the FY 2020-21 Economic Development Proposed Budget.

EDC Director Guy Brown presented the proposed FY2020-21 Economic Development Proposed Budget. Mr. Brown presented a brief description of the Economic Development Corporation, its purpose, sales tax collection, top Hutchins payers of sales tax, EDC budget highlights and a summary of proposed projects.

Councilmember Nichols voiced his concern and objection to use of EDC funding for the Lancaster-Hutchins Road, Dowdy Ferry Road Projects and Wintergreen Road Projects that may or may not happen.

City Administrator Lewis explained the need to align EDC resources for projects that serve local businesses, the need to develop roads in advance of future development along the areas in demand for development and the ability to provide matching funds when asking other organizations to fund projects in our community.

Council discussed the elevated high-speed rail and the need to invest in utility relocation along Wintergreen Road and Lancaster-Hutchins Road.

Mayor Vasquez opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Don ?, 403 W. Hickman St, Hutchins, asked questions regarding the timeline of the high-speed rail and stops.

Virgil Jones, 1610 Allstadt, Hutchins, spoke with concerns regarding robbing one fund to pay another fund and asked about the striping on Dowdy Ferry Road.

Scott Chadwick, 311 Fannin St., Hutchins, spoke regarding the overall maintenance of current roads not being maintain and adding more projects.

Mayor Vasquez closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

2. The City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding consideration of the 2020/2021 Hutchins Economic Development Economic Development Capital Improvements Plan.

EDC Director Guy Brown presented the Economic Development Capital Improvements Plan and explained the laws that require the plan to be presented to council. Mr. Brown presented the proposed project estimated at 2.5 million dollars as presented in the EDC Budget.

Councilmember Nichols voiced his opposition with EDC paying for signage. City Administrator Lewis clarified that RTC representatives agreed to pay 100% of the TXDOT project but the gateway entry monument signage was not paid for by
Mayor Vasquez voiced his desire to have the city looking good with new turn-around signs. Councilmembers discussed the signage, the projects undertaken by TxDOT that were approved in 2016 finally moving forward.

Mayor Vasquez opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

James Spence, 114 Meadowbrook, Hutchins, spoke in favor of needed progress to make the city a beautiful city and voiced his concern with truck traffic on Wintergreen Rd.

There being no other public comments, Mayor Vasquez closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

3. **The City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding consideration of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Proposed Property Tax Rate.**

Finance Director Patricia Salazar stated the proposed tax rate will remain the same at .682459 and reminded council about the requirements for a public hearing.

Mayor Vasquez opened the public hearing at 7:36 p.m. There being nobody registered to speak, Mayor Vasquez closed the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

4. **The City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding consideration of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Proposed Budget.**

Finance Director Patricia Salazar presented the propose budget and explained the revisions. Council discussed the Dallas Central Appraisal District’s proposed values, protest, expenditures, employee raises and reserve funds. City Administrator Lewis explained the budget document, the new definitions of recommended tax and no new tax rate, the proposed tax rate that is lower than the voter tax rate allowed by law. Ms. Lewis explained several options for adjusting the budget if needed. The proposed budget is very conservative and does not require a tax increase.

Mayor Vasquez opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Virgil James, 1610 Allstadt, Hutchins, spoke with concern over lack of infrastructure, and opposed to employee layoffs in police and fire, and borrowing money.

There being no other public comments, Mayor Vasquez closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

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**F. REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Discuss and consider Resolution R2020-0873 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, ("CITY") APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REPUBLIC SERVICES SANITATION COLLECTION SERVICES CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2020.**

   Presented by Patricia Salazar, Finance Director

Councilmember Nichols made a motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Elmore to approve Resolution R2020-0873. All in favor, the motion carried 5 - 0.
2. Discuss and consider Resolution R2020-0874 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, CASTING VOTES FOR THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL (WORKERS’ COMPENSATION, PROPERTY AND LIABILITY) BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PLACES 1 THROUGH 4, TO SERVE A SIX-YEAR TERM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Presented by Cynthia Olguin, City Secretary

Councilmember Nichols made a motion seconded by Councilmember Chism to table agenda item F.2. until the September 14, 2020 council meeting. All in favor, the motion carried 5 – 0.

3. Discuss and consider Resolution R2020-0875 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS; APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #3 IN ORDER FOR REPLACEMENT STRUCTURAL FABRICATED STEEL MATERIAL TO BE OBTAINED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CITY’S PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #3 IN THE AMOUNT OF $26,919.19, AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT WITH NOVEL BUILDERS TO INCREASE FROM THE REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $5,103,050 TO THE NEW REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $5,129,969.19; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF $26,919.19 FROM THE MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY FUND 21; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Presented by Charles Brewer, Public Works Director

Councilmember Hollis made a motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Elmore to approve Resolution R2020-087. All in favor, the motion carried 5 – 0.

G. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

City Secretary Olguin announced the items of community interest.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Nichols made a motion seconded by Councilmember Chism to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. All in favor, the motion carried 5 – 0.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE HUTCHINS CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2020.

APPROVED:

Mario Vasquez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Olguin, City Secretary

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