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**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
116 ASPEN LANE
CITY OF HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011
5:00 P.M.**

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a Regular Council Meeting Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 116 Aspen Lane, Hill Country Village, Texas. This was an open meeting subject to the open meetings law of the State of Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Kirk W. Francis
Councilwoman Margaret Mayberry
Councilman George "Rick" Evans
Councilman Carl A. Register
Councilman Gabriel Durand-Hollis

Members Absent

Councilwoman Elizabeth Worley

City Staff Present:

Frank Morales, City Administrator and Police Chief
Jennifer Gonzales, Administrative Assistant
Marc Schnall, City Attorney

1. Call to order.

Mayor Francis called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Francis led those present in a moment of silence and Councilman Evans led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. The City Administrator will announce the "Employee of the Year" and Mayor Francis will make a presentation.

City Administrator Morales requested to remove Item #3 from the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The City Council has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed in a previous meeting. All items can be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately, unless requested by a Council Member or a citizen, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one motion and vote of the City Council.

4. Discussion/action on approval of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 20, 2011.

5. Discussion/action on approval of an ordinance ordering cancellation of the May 14, 2011 General Election.

Councilman Durand-Hollis moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Mayberry. Motion passed unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

6. Citizens to be heard.

AT THIS TIME, CITIZENS WHO HAVE FILLED OUT A REGISTRATION FORM PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING MAY SPEAK ON ANY TOPIC THEY WISH TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY SO LONG AS THAT TOPIC IS NOT ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING. CITIZENS MAY SPEAK ON SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS WHEN THAT ITEM IS CALLED FOR DISCUSSION. DURING THE CITIZENS TO BE HEARD SECTION NO COUNCIL ACTION MAY TAKE PLACE AND NO COUNCIL DISCUSSION OR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED TO THE SPEAKER. A TIME LIMIT OF TWO MINUTES PER SPEAKER IS PERMITTED; THE COUNCIL MAY EXTEND THIS TIME AT THEIR DISCRETION.

Dr. Buddy Swift, chairman of the Business District Construction Review Board and Mr. Rocky Renken, owner of Auto Group of San Antonio, LTD., signed up to speak on Item #7, the sign variance request for Auto Group of San Antonio, LTD.

7. A public hearing, discussion and possible action regarding sign variances under Chapter 50 of City Code for an existing sign that exceeds the size limits set out in City Code Section 50-10 and for a new sign with lights which flash, move, or vary in intensity and not comply with City Code Section 50-9, both submitted by Rocky Renken for the business known as Auto Group of San Antonio LTD, located at 15113/15115 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78232.

Dr. Buddy Swift briefed Mayor Francis and the council in reference to the Business District Construction Review Board's findings. He also said they really weren't opposed to the idea of flashing signs, but the board did not have enough information on the regulations that could be placed on the signs. He then informed Mayor Francis and the council that a motion had been made, but had died for lack of a second.

Mr. Dean Perry spoke briefly and said he echoed Dr. Swift's comments.

Mr. Rocky Renken informed the council he wished to withdraw his request.

8. Discussion/action on approving an ordinance on procedures for accepting donations made to the city.

Councilman Evans moved to accept an ordinance on procedures for accepting donations made to the city, seconded by Councilwoman Mayberry. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion on the Waste Management Contract.

Councilman Evans gave council an update on Waste Management. Councilman Evans suggested that we stay with Waste Management even though we may have had some rough patches with the brush pickup.

Mayor Francis added the brush pickup is more say a resident problem than Waste Management's pick up problem.

Councilman Evans related Allied Waste had not returned his calls.

Mayor Francis requested to hear items #10 and #11 together.

10. Discussion/action regarding the January 31, 2011 financial statement.

11. Discussion/action regarding the February 28, 2011 financial statement.

Councilman Register made a motion to accept the January 31, 2011 and the February 28, 2011 financial statements, seconded, by Councilwoman Mayberry. Motion passed unanimously.

Possible Executive Session:

12. Discussion and possible action on agreement for engineering services for Water Supply Development Plan With Lockwood, Andrews, & Newman, Inc. Possible Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, consultation with attorney.

Councilman Register made a motion to have Mayor Francis and two members of the council to meet on the agreement for engineering services for Water Supply Development Plan with Lockwood, Andrews & Newman, Inc, seconded by Councilman Durand-Hollis. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Francis let the council decide who the two members would be based on their backgrounds. Councilman Durand-Hollis and Councilman Evans were chosen.

13. Mayor's Report to Council.

- a. RMA - 1604-281 Interchange Contraction Update - Mayor Francis discussed the email letter from Mr. Leroy Alloway, Alamo RMA.*
- b. Status of City's outstanding Bonds – Mayor Francis handed out a breakdown of the city's bond payment schedule.*
- c. Road Maintenance, Drainage Issues and Flood Coordination – Mayor Francis talked about the Street and Drainage Improvement Plan that was submitted by Givler Engineering back in May 28, 2010. City Administrator Morales told council he was informed by Mr. David Givler there would be about 12-15% increase of the prices that were submitted to the city council last year.*
- d. Master Plan – Mayor Francis spoke on the Master Plan for the city. The packets he handed out were from 1992. Mayor Francis suggests that the council get a long or short term plan committee to start up.*

14. Communication with the City Administrator/Chief of Police.

Morales spoke on the \$22,000 grant that was awarded from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for three HVAC units for city hall. The work has been done and the payment has been received.

Morales informed council that the dumpsters will be at City Hall March 25-April 4, 2011.

Morales also informed council on two holidays that City Hall will be closed Friday, April 15, 2011 in observance of Battle of Flowers and Friday, April 22, 2011 in observance of Good Friday.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of May 2011.

Kirk W. Francis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank Morales
City Administrator
Acting City Secretary