The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a Regular Council Meeting Thursday, March 22, 2012 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 Elizabeth Worley  
Councilman George “Rick” Evans  
Councilman Carl A. Register  
Councilman Gabriel Durand-Hollis  
Councilman James Allen

Members Absent

City Staff Present:  
Frank Morales, City Administrator and Police Chief  
Jennifer Gonzales, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to order.

Mayor Francis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.


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

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items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 an ordinance ordering cancellation of the May 12, 2012 General Election.
5. Discussion/action on approving the police department to sell two police vehicles, one to City of Somerset, Texas and the other to the Southside Independent School District Police Department.
6. Discussion/action on approving the police department to purchase two new police vehicles.

Councilman Register moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Worley. Motion passed unanimously.

**INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

7. 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.

Mr. Keith Maristany of Ministerio Internacional Church signed up to speak, but related he would wait and speak during Agenda Item #8.

8. A public hearing, discussion and possible action regarding an application for a request from Keith Maristany, for a Special Use Permit for a place of religious worship located at 15201 San Pedro, San Antonio, Texas 78232, Lot Ten, County Block 4990, Block Two, County Village Estates Unit 3A in City of Hill Country Village Bexar County.
Mayor Francis closed the regular meeting at 5:02 p.m.
Mayor Francis opened the public hearing at 5:02 p.m.

Mr. Keith Maristany of Ministerio Internacional Church spoke briefly about his ministry.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:07 p.m.
Mayor opened the regular meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Councilman Evans made a motion to accept an application for a request from Keith Maristany, for a Special Use Permit for a place of religious worship located at 15201 San Pedro, San Antonio, Texas 78232, Lot Ten, County Block 4990, Block Two, County Village Estates Unit 3A in City of Hill Country Village Bexar County, seconded by Councilman Register. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion on City Public Service regarding Community Infrastructure and Economic Development (CIED) Funds.

Mr. Morales spoke about the CIED funds. He told council he had been in contact with City Public Service about any money owed to the city or money the city may owe CPS. Councilman Evans asked if we could get a report on the activity for the City, so we know exactly what we have or don’t have. Mr. Morales told council that CPS said if the City had a balance, it would be zeroed out. Councilman Evans and Mr. Morales said the report would be a good way to know for sure.


Councilman Register made a motion to accept the January 31, 2012 and the February 29, 2012 financial statements, seconded, by Councilman Durand-Hollis. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion/action repealing ordinance #716 for the exception of closing Aspen Lane.

Mayor Francis informed the council it was the right thing to do in order to continue a great working relationship with the City of San Antonio.

Councilman Evans related he had not received any word back from anyone, because he hadn’t sent anything out through his e-mail list. His view on the issue was to leave it alone. Councilman Evans mentioned traffic calming devices. He would like to get a solution, before anything happens.
Councilman Register said he didn’t have a strong feeling for this. He thought we should ask the citizens what they thought. The current construction at US 281 and Loop 1604 bothered him because there is a possibility that a lot of vehicles may be traveling our streets. Councilman Register believes just having the sign helps and we should wait.

Council asked Mr. Morales if anyone has mentioned the sign to him, he said “yes” people have mentioned it when he attends meetings, etc.

Councilman Allen said he agreed with Councilman Evans. He asked the mayor who is always asking him about the signs.

Mayor Francis explained that every meeting he goes to that deals with the City of San Antonio someone always asks about the no cut through traffic.

Councilwoman Worley said she doesn’t notice any increase in traffic.

Councilman Allen made a motion to repeal ordinance #716 for the exception of closing Aspen Lane, seconded by Councilman Durand-Hollis.

Ayes – Councilman Durand-Hollis, Councilman Allen and Councilwoman Worley
Nays – Councilman Evans and Councilman Register

Motion passed.

12. Discussion regarding an ordinance calling an election to authorize local sales and use tax for street maintenance.

Mayor Francis told council we will need to have an election this year in order to keep putting money in the street maintenance fund the city currently has. It will expire March 31, 2013.


Mayor Francis spoke about the stop sign on Village Circle and Estate Lane. He felt that he had failed to present the issue from a perspective of what was in the best interest of the whole City in terms of traffic flow and precedent. He acknowledged that the ultimate solution that was reached worked, but that it also was a “convenient one” that benefitted the select few who were present and vocal more than the majority of the citizens.

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

Mr. Morales informed council that the dumpsters will be at City Hall March 24-April 1, 2012.
Mr. Morales also informed council City Hall will be closed Friday, April 6, 2012 in observance of Good Friday and Friday, April 27, 2012 in observance of Battle of Flowers.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Approved this 24th day of May 2012.

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Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Frank Morales
City Administrator
Acting City Secretary