The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a Regular Council Meeting Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 116 Aspen Lane, Hill Country Village, Texas. This was an open meeting subject to the open meeting law of the State of Texas.

Members Present:  
Mayor Gabriel Durand-Hollis  
Councilman Carl A. Register  
Councilman George “Rick” Evans  
Councilwoman Jane Cronk  
Councilwoman Elizabeth Worley

Members Absent:  
Councilman James Allen

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

1. Call to order.

Mayor Durand-Hollis called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.


Mayor Durand-Hollis led those present in a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. A presentation, discussion, and appropriate action regarding the following items, related to the May 11, 2013 Municipal Election which was cancelled per ordinance 1103, dated March 28, 2013.

   a. Issuing a Certificate of Election  
   b. Administering Statement of Elected Officer  
   c. Administering Oath of Office  
   d. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tempore.

Mayor Durand-Hollis swore in Councilman Register and Councilwoman Worley.
Councilman Evans made a motion to appoint Councilman Register as Mayor Pro-Tempore, seconded by Councilwoman Worley. Motion passed unanimously.

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separately, unless requested by a Council Member or a citizen, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 City Council Special Meeting of March 28, 2013.

Councilman Evans made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Cronk. Motion passed unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

5. 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. Cooper, 419 Tower Drive signed up to speak on agenda item #7, however, related he would wait until that agenda item came up.

Mr. Boom, 309 Hill Country Lane signed up to speak about CPS and their new program regarding solar panel usage and charges. He asked council if any others had heard about the new way that CPS wanted to charge customers for the solar panel usage. He related solar customers were only given an approximate 20-25 day notice before the new proposed billing would take effect.

Dr. Thompson, 255 Limestone Creek signed up to speak on agenda item #7, however, related he would wait until that agenda item came up.

Dr. Hobbs, 235 Limestone Creek signed up to speak on agenda item #7, however, related he would wait until that agenda item came up.

At this time Councilman Register asked that Item # 9 & 10 be heard.

Councilman Register talked a little about the fire department payments. He informed everyone the city was right in line with the approved budget and we should be optimistic about the sales tax.

Councilman Register made a motion to accept the March 31, 2013 and the April 30, 2013 financial statements, seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion passed unanimously.


Chief Morales related the biggest change to the budget was the proposed fees from the Bexar County Sheriff’s Office for dispatch services, however, it was still early and that he was still looking over all the figures.

6. Discussion/action approving a budgetary transfer not to exceed $108,000.00 from city reserves to the general fund line item Engineering Services.

Councilman Register made a motion to approve a budgetary transfer not to exceed $108,000.00 from the city reserves to the general fund line item Engineering Services, seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion/action approving the 2013-2014 Street & Drainage Project preliminary design as presented by Givler Engineering for the City of Hill Country Village.

Mr. David Givler presented a power point presentation on the Street & Drainage Project. He spoke on all the areas in the city that he would be working on. He related that during his overview of the city more areas had come up than he had anticipated and the new total was $2.2 million instead of the $1.5 million project. Mr. Givler has suggested removing the Hidden View project because it turned out to be a very large project and cutting back on the Hill Country Lane project.

Mr. Gary Cooper, 419 Tower agreed with the plan Mr. Givler gave. His main concerns were for emergency vehicles to be able to access the properties.

Dr. Thompson, 255 Limestone Creek wished to withdraw his comments since to Mr. Givler will be holding off on the Hidden View Project. Ms. Thompson asked council who had inquired about the Hidden View project, she never thought it was an issue.

Dr. Hobbs, 235 Limestone Creek was very concerned with Mr. Givler’s plan. He told council if the flow of water was increased, he would be flooded out.

Mayor Durand-Hollis told council about eight years ago, the former residents of 16310 Hidden View called him over when it rained. He said their house actually looked like an island when it rains.
Councilwoman Cronk asked Mr. Givler about the duration of the project.

Mr. Givler informed council it would take approximately three months for the utilities to locate their lines and then approximately six to nine months to get the project started.

Councilman Evans asked Mr. Givler why the city should have to pay for locating the 48 inch line and asked that he check with SAWS for further information.

Councilman Evans made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Street & Drainage Project preliminary design as presented by Givler Engineering for the City of Hill Country Village with the removal of the Hidden View project, seconded by Councilwoman Worley. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion/action on an agreement between the City of Hill Country Village, Texas and Drash Consultants, LLC in support of the 2013-2014 Street and Drainage Project.

Councilman Evans asked that Mr. Givler talk with SAWS regarding locating the 48 inch water main in which they are charging the City of Hill Country Village. Councilman Evans also wanted to know if Mr. Givler could use patch work in some of the areas and other miscellaneous work. Councilman Evans related he would provide Givler Engineering addresses to the problem areas.

Councilman Evans made a motion to approve an agreement between the City of Hill Country Village, Texas and Drash Consultants, LLC in support of the 2013-2014 Street and Drainage Project, seconded by Councilwoman Worley. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Communications with the Mayor.

Mayor Durand-Hollis informed council he is on the San Antonio Water System Committee and he also attended the Alamo Area Council of Government Meeting last week. Mayor Durand-Hollis asked that another council member team up with him to attend these meetings.

12. Communications with the City Administrator/Chief of Police.

City Hall will be closed Monday May 27, 2013 in observance of Memorial Day.

Mr. Morales will be off June 13 & 14 and June 21 & 24, 2013.

13. Adjourn

THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISCUSS AND APPROPRIATELY ACT UPON ANY ITEM STATED ON THIS AGENDA IN OPEN SESSION. THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT ANY TIME DURING THE COURSE OF THIS MEETING TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE MATTERS LISTED ABOVE, AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 (CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEY), 551.072 (DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL
There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Approved this 25th day of July 2013.

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Frank Morales
City Administrator
Acting City Secretary

Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development). No action may be taken in Executive Session.