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**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
116 ASPEN LANE
CITY OF HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012
5:00 P.M.**

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a Regular Council Meeting Thursday, September 20, 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 Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Councilwoman Elizabeth Worley
Councilman James Allen
Councilman George "Rick" Evans
Councilman Carl A. Register
Councilwoman Jane Cronk

Members Absent

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 5:03 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Durand-Hollis led those present in a moment of silence and led 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separately, unless requested by a Council Member or a citizen, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.

3. Discussion/action on approval of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 26, 2012.

4. Discussion/action on approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of August 17, 2012.

Councilman Evans moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Worley. 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.

No one signed up to speak.

6. Discussion/action awarding a contract for Bank Depository services.

Mr. Morales informed the council once the requests for proposals were in he reviewed them. He had then provided copies to Mr. Greg Blasko who is a member of the cities audit committee.

Mr. Blasko analyzed all of the information provided by the three banks and recommended staying with our current bank.

Councilman Evans related he had also spoken to Mr. Blasko in regards to the cities banking services. After talking to Mr. Blasko, Councilman Evans is in agreement with him and also recommends staying with Wells Fargo for our banking institution.

Councilman Evans moved to approve awarding a contract for Banking Depository services to Wells Fargo, seconded by Councilman Register. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion/action regarding the acceptance of proposals on health, dental, and life insurance and disability coverage for the employees of Hill Country Village.

Mrs. Jenni Haff, a representative with Worthman Insurance spoke about the insurance renewal for city employees. She related initial quotes were rather high, but after negotiating with the different insurance carriers she was able to obtain a great rate for the city and believes this is the best solution. Mrs. Haff informed the council the city is looking at an increase of 1.87% or \$1225.00 for FY 2012-13. She also informed them there would be no increases for dental, vision or life insurance.

Councilman Register asked Mrs. Haff how we were able to negotiate from such a high rate to such a low rate.

Mrs. Haff related that the only way she was able to get such a low rate was by shopping all of the groups available.

Councilwoman Cronk asked Mrs. Haff if rate guarantees where possible for medical.

Mrs. Haff related to Councilman Cronk that they were not available for medical.

Councilman Evans moved to approve the acceptance of proposals on health, dental, life insurance and disability coverage for the employees of Hill Country Village, seconded by Councilman Register. Motion passed unanimously

8. FY 2012-13 Budget and Tax Rate for 2012:

- a. Discussion/action regarding possible amendments to proposed FY 2012-13 budget.

Councilman Register informed the council he had looked over the proposed budget and everything appeared to be in order. He also said that staff had done a good job explaining each line.

Mr. Morales informed the council due to the special election for the reauthorization of sales tax for road maintenance we would have to budget \$1400.00 for election services.

Several council members also requested to budget \$2,000.00 for pay call outs just in case the Randolph Area Metro SWAT Team is approved by the council.

Amendments to the FY 2012-13 budget are the two listed above.

Councilman Evans and Councilwoman Cronk requested that separate line items be established in the budget for Randolph Area Metro SWAT Team equipment and for Randolph Area Metro SWAT Team pay for call outs.

Councilman Register moved to approve the amendments mentioned above, seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion/action on an ordinance approving the budget for the City of Hill Country Village, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2012-13, beginning October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013, and ordering same filed with the City Administrator and County Clerk.

Councilman Register made a motion to approve the budget for the City of Hill Country Village, Texas for Fiscal Year 2012-13, beginning October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013 and ordering same filed with the City Administrator and County Clerk, seconded by Councilman Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion/action on an ordinance approving the budget of the Hill Country Village Economic Development Corporation for Fiscal Year 2012-13, beginning October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013, and ordering same filed with the City Administrator and County Clerk.

Councilman Register made a motion to approve the budget of the Hill Country Village Economic Development Corporation for Fiscal Year 2012-13, beginning October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013 and ordering same filed with the City Administrator and County Clerk, seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Discussion/action on an ordinance adopting the tax rate for 2012.

Councilman Evans made a motion to adopt the tax rate for 2012, seconded by Councilwoman Worley. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion/action approving a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the police department the ability to be members of the Randolph Area Metro SWAT team.

There was a lot of discussion among all council members regarding this agenda item. One of the concerns were that the Bexar County Sheriff's Office already has a SWAT team and through a memorandum of understanding they could provide this type of police service to our city at no cost to our residents.

A second concern was recurring costs to keep the officers equipped.

A third concern was the amount of money it would cost the city to pay the officers when they are called out.

Councilman Register also requested that Officers Grubbs, Lara and Fox be present at the November council meeting to answer any question the council may have.

Councilman Register moved to table Agenda Item #9 and requested it be placed on the November city council meeting agenda, seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion/action approving the purchase of two patrol rifles for the police department with FY 2011-12 funds.

Chief Morales informed the council that three officers have purchased their own rifles and are using them on duty. He also related the request to purchase two department rifles is already in the FY 2011-12 budget.

Councilman Evans moved to approve the purchase of two patrol rifles for the police department with FY 2011-12 funds, seconded by Councilman Register. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion/action regarding the July 31, 2011 and the August 31, 2011 financial statements.

Councilman Register made a motion to accept the July 31, 2012 and the August 31, 2012 financial statements, seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion/action approving the sale of a 2002 GMC SL truck.

Mr. Morales informed the council the public works truck is 10 years old with approximately 72,000 miles. He related he has posted it on the TML website and has e-mailed several cities, but has not gotten a response.

Council members felt that just because we had the money in the budget it was not necessary to sell the truck. They felt the truck was in good condition.

Councilwoman Cronk moved not to approve the sale of the 2002 GMC SL truck, seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion/action approving the purchase of a new vehicle for the Public Works Department.

No action taken.

14. Discussion on appointments and reappointments to the Board of Adjustment, Zoning Commission, Economic Development Corporation and the Business District Construction Review Board.

Councilman Evans suggested to council that we do away with alternate members and just have regular member on the boards.

Mr. Morales informed council he had spoken with the city attorney and he also recommended doing away with alternate members on the boards.

Mr. Morales told council he would come up with a new plan to present to them in November with a new ordinance also.

15. Mayor's Report to Council.

Mayor Durand-Hollis wanted to thank everyone for their time and service.

16. City Administrator's Report to council

Mr. Morales informed the council he would send an email to all residents informing them on the Special Election in November.

17. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Approved this 15th day of November 2012.

Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank Morales
City Administrator
Acting City Secretary