

City Council  
City of Hillsboro, Texas  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
January 8, 2019

Present:

Edith Turner Omberg, Mayor  
Eric Fleming, Councilmember  
Andy Smith, Mayor Pro Tem  
Frances Zarate, Councilmember  
David Skelton, Councilmember

Frank Johnson, City Manager  
Jerry Barker, Comm. Dev. Director  
Melissa Boyle, Dir. of Finance/HR  
Lauralee Vallon, City Attorney  
Christi Ward, Admin Asst. to City Secretary

Councilmembers Dana Robinson and Scott Johnson were absent.

Mayor Omberg called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Glen MacDonald of Aquilla Church of Christ

Mayor Pro Tem Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Hear Statements from Persons Wishing to Address the Council.**

No one addressed Council at this time.

**Consent Agenda**

**Deliberate and Act on the Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on December 18, 2018.**

**Deliberate and Act on the Approval of Bills.**

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and second by Councilmember Fleming the consent agenda was approved.

On roll call the following votes were cast:

Ayes: Fleming, Smith, Zarate, Skelton

Nays: None Absent: Robinson, Johnson

**Regular Agenda**

**Hold a Public Hearing, Second Reading, Deliberate and Act on a Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, Utilities, Article 13.200, Rates and Charges, Section 13.202, Deposits, Connection and Transfer Fees for Water Service, and Section 13.207, Rate Schedule for Water Usage; and Repealing All Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Containing a Severability Clause; and Providing for Publication and an Effective Date.**

[For informational purposes, it is in the best interest of the health and safety of the citizens of Hillsboro to improve the community's water system by construction of a new elevated water storage take in the Industrial Park. The City applied for a loan from the Texas Water Development Board to fund this needed project. The loan was approved and would be closed on January 15, 2019. The funding to pay for the loan will come from additional revenue generated by an increase in water rates.]

According to City Manager Frank Johnson, this is the second reading of the ordinance and with there being no changes made to the ordinance, he would not go through it again unless there were any questions.

**Residential**

<b>With Proposed Changes to Refuse</b>						
<b>Gallons Used</b>	<b># Customers</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>% Increase</b>	
2,000	924	78.99	80.23	(1.24)	-1.55%	
2,500	159	82.06	82.97	(0.91)	-1.09%	
3,000	192	85.13	85.71	(0.58)	-0.67%	
3,500	167	88.20	88.45	(0.25)	-0.28%	
4,000	182	91.27	91.19	0.08	0.09%	
5,000	265	97.91	96.67	1.24	1.29%	
6,000	199	104.55	102.15	2.40	2.35%	
7,000	124	111.19	107.63	3.56	3.31%	
8,000	102	117.83	113.11	4.72	4.18%	
9,000	51	124.47	118.59	5.88	4.96%	
10,000	41	131.11	124.07	7.04	5.68%	
15,000	74	159.49	150.30	9.19	6.12%	
20,000	28	182.49	171.15	11.34	6.63%	
25,000	10	205.49	192.00	13.49	7.03%	
30,000	8	228.49	212.85	15.64	7.35%	

\*\*Number of customers from November 2017 usage

Proposed Changes to Refuse

- Removal of brush surcharge and corresponding service
- Additional fees for recycling
- Potential savings to customer of \$1.24 per month

**Commercial**

<b>With Refuse</b>						
<b>Gallons Used</b>	<b># Customers</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>% Increase</b>	
2,000	330	86.19	86.19	-	0.00%	
3,000	41	92.98	92.28	0.70	0.76%	
4,000	28	99.77	98.37	1.40	1.42%	
5,000	26	106.81	104.46	2.35	2.25%	
6,000	14	113.85	110.55	3.30	2.99%	
7,000	10	120.89	116.64	4.25	3.64%	
8,000	8	127.93	122.73	5.20	4.24%	
9,000	8	134.97	128.82	6.15	4.77%	
10,000	9	142.01	134.91	7.10	5.26%	
20,000	38	192.89	174.29	18.60	10.67%	
30,000	23	265.29	235.19	30.10	12.80%	
40,000	18	337.89	296.09	41.60	14.05%	
50,000	9	410.09	356.99	53.10	14.87%	
60,000	5	482.49	417.89	64.60	15.46%	
70,000	8	554.89	478.79	76.10	15.89%	
80,000	5	627.29	539.69	87.60	16.23%	
90,000	6	699.69	600.59	99.10	16.50%	
100,000	3	772.09	661.49	110.60	16.72%	
120,000	9	916.89	783.29	133.60	17.06%	
140,000	8	1,034.79	878.19	156.60	17.83%	
160,000	6	1,206.49	1,026.89	179.60	17.49%	
180,000	3	1,351.29	1,148.69	202.60	17.64%	
200,000	7	1,496.09	1,270.49	225.60	17.76%	

\*\*Number of customers from November 2017 usage

-- Governmental entities will be exempt from the fourth tier rates

Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated that since he wasn't at the last meeting, he would like to know if this ordinance omitted the brush charge from Republic Services. Mr. Johnson stated that the brush charge would be a different agenda item in the upcoming months. Melissa Boyle, Finance Director stated that the charts reflected the change. With no further questions or comments from the Councilmembers, the Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m. The Public Hearing was

closed at 6:15 p.m. Vivian Caldwell of 911 Ivy Street asked, with the elimination of the brush, would this balance out the rate increase or, do we know that yet? Mr. Johnson stated that it would for the people that consume less than 3,500 gallons a month. They would see a decrease in their bill. Art Mann with the Hillsboro Economic Development Corporation thanked Council for supporting the water tower. With no further question or comments, the Mayor declared the second reading of the ordinance completed. The first reading of the ordinance was held at the December 18, 2018 Council Meeting.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Smith and second by Councilmember Skelton, the ordinance was approved.

On roll call the following votes were cast:

Ayes: Fleming, Smith, Zarate, Skelton

Nays: None Absent: Robinson, Johnson

***Ordinance No. O2019-01-01***

**Hear and Deliberate on City Manager's Report on:**

- a) **Street Improvements** – Due to the holidays, they were not able to meet with the Road Doctors. The City has worked with them and they have been straightforward with the city. If they are unable to fix the issue, the city will pull the contract.
- b) **Main Street** – Chris Moore stated that there has been about 40 tickets sold for the Fire & Ice event.
- c) **Community Appearance** – There have been 12 houses taken down and several more have been flagged for Fire Department training.
- d) **Local History and Genealogy Library and Building for Antique Fire Engines** – There were some additional items the City felt they should include in the contract. One of the items that was added was additional site visits. The architect will now be coming to the site at least once a week. This was an increase of \$9,600. The city should have the contract back by the end of the week.

**Hold a Closed Session Under the Provisions of Section 551.074 of Government Code (Personnel – City Manager's Four Year Evaluation).**

The Mayor announced the City Council would begin its Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. with all Councilmembers present except Councilmembers Dana Robinson and Scott Johnson. This closed session ended at 7:53 p.m.

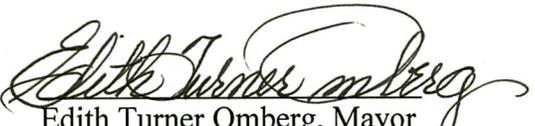
**Reconvene in Open Session.**

The Council reconvened at 7:54 p.m. with all Councilmembers present except Councilmembers Dana Robinson and Scott Johnson.

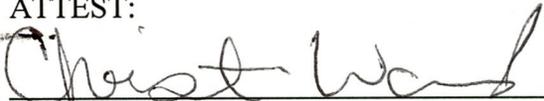
**Deliberate and Act on Matters Discussed in the Executive Session, if Any.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Skelton and second by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to give the City Manager a 2.5% cost of living increase that is equal to all the other city employees through this year's budget.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

  
Edith Turner Omberg, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Christi Ward, Admin Asst. to City Secretary