

**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017  
CITY OF HEARNE COUNCIL MEETING**

The Hearne City Council meeting was called to order on March 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Mayor Ruben Gomez, Emmett Aguirre, Rodrick Jackson, Shirley Harris, Martha Castilleja and Margaret Salvaggio. A quorum was present.

**Public Comments on Agenda – None**

Mr. Gary Traylor with Traylor and Associates made a presentation on various grant opportunities available to the City of Hearne. The projects were TCF Infrastructure, Disaster Recovery Relief, and Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program. No action.

Discuss and/or take action on the removal of all Directors of the Type B Board who are in violation of 3.07 attendance of the Type B Corporation Bylaws. Mr. Virgil Blankenship stated Rodrick Jackson, Cedric Darnell, and LaShunda White have all missed three meetings. Cedric Darnel requested being removed off the Board because he could not make the meetings. Ms. LaShunda requested to stay on the Board. Councilmember Jackson suggested dissolving the board and re-appoint everyone on the board. The other members of the Type B Board are Virgil Blankenship, Robert Tamez, Erin Powell, and Dawn Jefferson. He also stated at the last meeting, the Type B Board had agreed to have the Type B Board meetings on the second Tuesday of every month. Councilmember Jackson asked if anyone in the audience was interested in serving on the Type B Board. Three people in the audience raised their hand, and Councilmember Castilleja stated she was interested in serving as well. Councilmember Jackson asked for Council to accept his resignation serving on the Type B Board. Councilmember Emmett Aguirre made the motion to accept the resignation of Rodrick Jackson and Cedric Darnell. Councilmember Aguirre amended the motion to include LaShunda White to be removed. Councilmember Castilleja seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and/or action to appoint members for the Type B Board. Councilmember Harris made the motion to lay this over until the next meeting so that all people that are interested in serving on the Type B Board can be considered. Councilmember Aguirre seconded the motion. Motion passed. Five for—Salvaggio, Gomez, Castilleja, Aguirre and Harris. One against—Jackson.

Discuss and/or action to review/accept letters of breach proposed by the Type B Board. The letters were read out loud by Councilmember Jackson on Annie Lara; Ross Bush, BBJL Hearne, and Individually; Chris Florida, Flo Mart LLC; and Judith Werlinger RV Park (“Business”). Councilmember Castilleja made the motion to accept the letters of breach proposed by the Type B Board. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Five for—Salvaggio, Jackson, Gomez, Castilleja, and Aguirre. One against—Harris.

**On the removal of Emmett Aguirre from the Type A Board, Councilmember Jackson made the motion to remove Councilmember Emmett Aguirre from the Type A Board. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion did not pass. Two for—Jackson and Harris. Four against—Salvaggio, Gomez, Castilleja, and Aguirre.**

**On the results/findings found in forensic audit/investigation, no action was taken.**

**The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, APRIL 04, 2017  
CITY OF HEARNE COUNCIL MEETING**

**The Hearne City Council meeting was called to order on April 04, 2017 at 6:04 p.m. Councilmembers present were Mayor Ruben Gomez, Emmett Aguirre, Rodrick Jackson, Shirley Harris, Martha Castilleja and Margaret Salvaggio. A quorum was present.**

**Public Comments on Agenda**

**Mr. Frederick Henderson spoke on 3(e) the recall petition of Councilmember Rodrick Jackson. He felt Council did not have the right to take no action on the recall. He felt the petitioners that did the recall, it should be up to them to get a lawyer and take it to court. It's not up to Council. They have done everything they could. He felt Council should not be addressing it today. Mayor Gomez informed him that 3(e) was Councilmember Jackson's agenda item.**

**Discuss and/or take action to accept the contract proposal from Brazos Valley WiFi to provide internet for the City of Hearne-- Councilmember Jackson made the motion to take no action. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed. Five for—Jackson, Gomez, Castilleja, Aguirre, and Harris. One against—Salvaggio.**

**Discuss and/or take action to schedule a date to interview candidates for city attorney--Councilmember Aguirre stated all fourteen attorneys that applied and he contacted are still interested in serving as the City of Hearne attorney. Councilmember Aguirre made the motion to schedule the dates for interviewing city attorneys starting next Tuesday (April 11, 2017) at 4:00 p.m. and carry through Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Five for—Salvaggio, Jackson, Gomez, Castilleja, and Aguirre. One against—Harris.**

**Discuss and/or take action to rescind/proceed/or take disciplinary action on the mayor voting—no action was taken. During the discussion, Councilmembers Jackson, Harris, and Castilleja attempted to leave. Mayor Gomez stated due to no quorum, this meeting is adjourned at 6:52 p.m. All exiting councilmembers returned to their seats. Twin Darnell gave a speech concerning the City of Hearne.**

**Discuss and/or take action on the findings/results of the forensic investigation/audit from Sage Investigations, LLC and the accountant firm—no action was taken.**

**Discuss and/or take action on the recall petition of Councilmember Rodrick Jackson and to turn it over to higher authorities for legality actions of how it was done—Councilmember Jackson made the motion for Council to take no action. Councilmember Aguirre seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Discuss and/or take action on the upcoming election in May for council persons, what has been submitted to the Robertson County Election Administrator's Office—John Naron, Interim City Manager read what had been sent to the Robertson County Election Administrator's Office—the contract with Robertson County Election Office, the Cost Estimate report, and the City of Hearne General Election - Places up on the Ballot report along with the Hearne ISD Board of Trustees list of Candidates by Place for May 6, 2017 Election.**

**No action was required on this agenda item per the Mayor.**

**Discuss and/or take action to remove Cathy Lazarus and Dr. Varvel from the Type A Board—Councilmember Jackson made the motion to remove Cathy Lazarus and Dr. Varvel from the Type A Board. Councilmember Castilleja seconded the motion. Motion did not pass—tied. Three for—Jackson, Castilleja, and Harris. Three against—Salvaggio, Gomez, and Aguirre.**

**Discuss and/or take action on appointing Type 4A and 4B Board members—Councilmember Jackson made the motion to take no action. Councilmember Castilleja seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Discuss and/or take action on the continued use of the former City Attorney for the Type 4A and 4B Boards—Councilmember Jackson made the motion to take no action. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Discuss and/or take action to give the forensic investigation/audit to higher authorities—the agenda item was addressed with the previous agenda item of discuss and/or take action on the findings/results of the forensic investigation/audit from Sage Investigations, LLC and the accountant firm.**

**Discuss and/or take action on all the bills paid from May 2016 until current—the Mayor stated he would ask Mrs. Hammond that they want it on the Council's Agenda. Councilmember Harris she had visited with Mrs. Hammond concerning the same and requested a legal agenda. She also requested the minutes be put on the next agenda and requested the Mayor to please direct Mrs. Pecina, the City Secretary, to provide minutes of the prior meeting that were not included in the packet as well as every meeting in the future.**

**Discuss and/or take action on the use of city employees (full-time/part-time/interim or at need) use of social media posting city business—Councilmember Jackson made the motion for Council at the next council meeting to look at proposed policy and procedures for social media for city employees. Councilmember Castilleja seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Discuss and/or take action on the forensic investigation/audit box and contents in the box—Councilmember Jackson made the motion to take no action. Councilmember Salvaggio seconded the motion. Motion**

**passed. Four for—Salvaggio, Jackson, Gomez, and Aguirre. Two abstain—Castilleja and Harris.**

**Discuss and/or take action on the issuance of a directive to have the City Secretary, Linda Pecina return to complete agenda protocol to include the minutes and bills paid in each and every package for council approval—The agenda item was discussed in the previous agenda item of discuss and/or take action on all the Bills Paid from May 2016 until current.**

**Discuss and/or take action on the reprimand of John Naron, Interim City Manager and Linda Pecina, City Secretary for opening a sealed box and handling materials and a flash drive containing forensic audit materials without the authorization of the Council—The agenda item was previously discussed on the agenda item of discuss and/or take action on the forensic investigation/audit box and contents in the box.**

**Discuss and/or take action on the unprofessional demeanor in which John Naron, Interim City Manager exhibited in the March 21, 2017 City Council—Councilmember Harris made the motion that we as a Council agree to reprimand Mrs. Pecina and Mr. Naron for opening that box and handling the contents in that box when the Council directed them not to. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. Motion did not pass—tied. Three for—Jackson, Castilleja, and Harris. Three against—Salvaggio, Gomez, and Aguirre.**

**Discuss and/or take action on the resignation or termination of the Interim City Manager, John Naron—Councilmember Harris made the motion to terminate Mr. Naron—if he chooses not to resign, that they terminate him for his many, many unprofessional, disrespectful cocky actions. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. Motion did not pass—tied. . Three for—Jackson, Castilleja, and Harris. Three against—Salvaggio, Gomez, and Aguirre.**

**Discuss and/or take action to hire a city manager—no action**

**The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:32.**

**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017  
CITY OF HEARNE COUNCIL MEETING**

The Hearne City Council meeting was called to order on April 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Mayor Ruben Gomez, Emmett Aguirre, Rodrick Jackson, Shirley Harris, Martha Castilleja and Margaret Salvaggio. A quorum was present.

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

Mr. Fredrick Henderson spoke on city utilities. Hearne is known as being corrupt, City Council fight and cannot agree to anything, the light bills are high and eat up the majority of the people's income, the charter is old and outdated, and the town is divided. He is tired of hearing all of the negative things about Hearne. The Council needs to start putting Hearne and the best interest of Hearne at the forefront. This town has a utility crisis. The majority of the town cannot afford to pay these expensive utility bills. If things are not in order on August 7, 2017, join him in signing some recall petitions. So to Ruben, Milton, Emmett, Ola Mae, Margaret, Martha, Rodrick, LaShunda, and Shirley—you are being put on notice. Do this town some right for once or be recalled.

Discuss and/or take action to approve minutes from Council Meeting of September 20, 2016; Special Council Meeting of September 26, 2016; Council Meeting of October 16, 2016; Council Meeting of November 1, 2016; Council Meeting of November 15, 2016; Council Meeting of December 06, 2016; Council Meeting of January 03, 2017; Council Meeting of January 17, 2017; Council Meeting of February 07, 2017; Council Meeting of February 21, 2017; and Council Meeting of March 07, 2017—Councilmember Castilleja made the motion for Council to call a Special Called Meeting on Monday April 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss, correct, and approve minutes. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and/or take action to approve Bills Paid December 01, 2016 through December 15, 2016; December 16, 2016 through December 31, 2016; January 01, 2017 through January 12, 2017; January 13, 2017 through January 31, 2017; February 01, 2017 through February 16, 2017; February 17, 2017 through February 28, 2017; March 01, 2017 through March 18, 2017; March 19, 2017 through March 31, 2017; April 01, 2017 through April 15, 2017; April 16, 2017 through April 30, 2017; and May 01, 2017 through May 12, 2017—Councilmember Jackson made the motion that the Bills to be Paid be put on the same meeting scheduled for Monday at 5:00 p.m.; and, if need be, the City Secretary check with the Secretary of State on how to do a continuing meeting if Council needs to go into the next day or the following day. Councilmember Castilleja seconded the motion. Motion passed. Five to one. Five for—Salvaggio, Jackson, Gomez, Castilleja, and Aguirre. One against—Harris.

**Discuss and/or take action to allow Lucy Hernandez (Gonzales) to place a manufactured home at 101 East Hall Street, Hearne, Texas 77859—Councilmember Jackson made the motion to grant Lucy Hernandez (Gonzales) the variance of putting a mobile home at the said location of 101 East Hall Street, Hearne, Texas 77859. Councilmember Salvaggio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Discuss and/or take action to accept the contract proposal from Brazos Valley WiFi to provide internet for the City of Hearne— Councilmember Harris made the motion that this item be struck from the agenda. Councilmember Castilleja seconded the motion. Motion did not pass. Two for—Castilleja and Harris. Four against—Salvaggio, Jackson, Gomez, and Aguirre. Councilmember Jackson made the motion to lay over accepting the contract with Brazos Valley WiFi until the City gets an attorney. Councilmember Aguirre seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Councilmember Harris made the motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Councilmember Castilleja seconded the motion.**