

Minutes of the City of Harker Heights Council Meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, in the Kitty Young Council Chamber at the Harker Heights City Hall at 305 Miller's Crossing, Harker Heights, Texas 76548:

Roll Call:	Spencer H. Smith	Mayor
	Michael Blomquist	Councilmember Place 2
	Jackeline Soriano Fountain	Councilmember Place 3
	Sam Halabi	Councilmember Place 5
	David Mitchell	City Manager
	Julie Helsham	City Secretary
Absence		
Excused:	Jennifer McCann	Mayor Pro-tem
	Lynda Nash	Councilmember Place 4

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mayor Smith presented a Proclamation to Harker Heights Fire Chief Paul Sims declaring him a "Bright Star of Central Texas".

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Council discussed and considered approving the minutes of the meeting held on December 14, 2021.

Blomquist made the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 14, 2021. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion approved 3-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, awarding a contract for the Rummel Road Lift Station Upgrade and 12-Inch Force Main Extension Project in the amount of \$2,469,265.00 to Blackrock Construction. Mark Hyde, Public Works Director, made the presentation.

Fountain made the motion to approve a Resolution awarding a contract for the Rummel Road Lift Station Upgrade and 12-inch Force Main Extension Project in the amount of \$2,469,265.00 to Blackrock Construction. Seconded by Halabi. All in favor. Motion approved 3-0.

2. Council received and discussed a presentation regarding relocating the City Drop Site & Recycling Center to the Public Works and Parks & Recreation yard at Amy Lane/East Kathy Road; Future uses of the Public Works and Parks & Recreation yard; And discuss proposed uses for the existing Drop Site & Recycling Center property along F.M. 2410. Mark Hyde, Public Works Director, made the presentation. No action taken.
3. Council received and discussed the City Manager's Report. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation. No action taken.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council member closing statements.

Councilmember Blomquist stated he is very optimistic, as City Manager David Mitchell said, that the City is going to have a very strong 2022 this year economically across the City of Harker Heights. Not only for commercial, but also for residential. Blomquist stated that he is very optimistic to see the City growing in the right direction and focusing on keeping Harker Heights the “Bright Star of Central Texas”. The City Manager and City Staff are doing a fantastic job keeping us moving forward in the right direction and he wants to see that continue. Blomquist stated that it is a little over 3 ½ months until the Harker Heights Farmers’ Market will open again.

Councilmember Fountain wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked all City Staff for all their hard work throughout the years. Fountain stated that she knows this year is going to continue to look brighter than ever. Fountain stated that Michael’s favorite saying is “We are growing smart”, and that the Council wants to stay growing smart, and to continue to look at the City’s pennies and dollars, and will definitely continue with Legislation to see what they can do to get some of the City’s revenue back. Fountain stated the City needs to take care of what they can control and what they can control is here in our City, and so we are doing things smart and continue to take care of our citizens.

2. Updates and comments from the Mayor.

Mayor Smith stated that he attended the following events:

- December 15, 2021 – Killeen Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Planning Board Meeting Chairman.
- December 16, 2021 – First Army Division West Change of Command.
- December 16, 2021 – III Corps Commander Mayor’s Engagement Luncheon at the Copperas Cove Police Department.
- January 4, 2022 – Harker Heights City Hall visit by Girl Scout Troop 6119 with the Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the City of Harker Heights City Council Meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Helsham, City Secretary