

Minutes of the of the City Council meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, by a telephonic meeting to contain the spread of COVID-19 in accordance with Governor Abbott's declaration of the COVID-19 public health threat and action to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act issued on March 16, 2020:

Roll Call:	Spencer H. Smith	Mayor
	Michael Blomquist	Mayor Pro-tem
	Jennifer McCann	Councilmember Place 1
	Jackeline Soriano Fountain	Councilmember Place 3
	Lynda Nash	Councilmember Place 4
	Jody Nicholas	Councilmember Place 5
	David Mitchell	City Manager
	Julie Helsham	City Secretary
	Charlie Olsen	City Attorney

Consent Items:

1. Council discussed and considered approving the minutes of the meetings held on January 12, 2021. Blomquist made the motion to approve as written. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
2. Council discussed and considered approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, amending Ordinance 2020-06 of the Harker Heights Code to extend the Public Health Emergency Declaration through March 2, 2021. Blomquist made the motion to approve. Seconded by Nicholas. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

Presentations by Citizens:

Stacey Wilson, 2401 Creek Drive, Harker Heights, Texas, inquired if there will be extra fees assessed due to trash overflow or for leaving trash containers at the curb for an excessive time when the new trash service is implemented.

New Business:

1. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Contract with Civicplus to provide Parks and Recreation Software Services in the amount of \$17,661. Jeff Achee, Parks and Recreation Director made the presentation. Nicholas made the motion to approve. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
2. Council discussed and considered approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, Amending Section 90.01 - Definitions to the Code of Ordinances to add Definitions of "Backyard Chicken", "Chicken Coop", and "Exercise Yard"; Amending Section 90.39 to Authorize the Keeping of Backyard Chickens; Providing Regulations regarding the location and maintenance of Backyard Chickens; and prohibiting Backyards Chickens from walking or flying onto adjacent property. Gary Bates, I.T. Director, made the presentation. Fountain made the motion to approve. Seconded by Nicholas. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

Items from Council:

Councilmember Fountain thanked the Library Staff for setting up guest reading on Facebook. Fountain stated that she got a chance to participate last week, and it was a lot of fun and that she got a chance to read a little Spanish.

Staff Reports:

1. Council received and discussed the City Manager's Report. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation. Mayor Pro-tem Blomquist asked about when the Farmer's Market would start up this year and is looking forward to more fruits and vegetables. No action taken.

Councilmember Fountain thanked Jerry Bark, Assistant City Manager, for setting up the tour of Fire Station #2. Councilmember Nash concurred and that the improvements were phenomenal.

Announcements:

Mayor Smith stated he attended the following:

- Tour of Fire Station #2
- Telephone Conference with a local Boy Scout Leader
- Lunch meeting with III Corps Commander Lt. General White, his primary Staff and the Mayors from Gatesville and Copperas Cove.

Closed Meeting:

1. At 5:44 p.m. the Mayor announced a closed meeting for the following purposes:
 - (A) Pursuant to 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with City Attorney regarding Pending Litigation - Harker Heights Condominiums, LLC v. City of Harker Heights, et al and other confidential legal matters.
 - (B) Pursuant to 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate regarding lease of real property.

Mayor Smith reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business the City of Harker Heights City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Helsham, City Secretary