The Hutto City Council met in a regular session on Thursday, April 7, 2016, in the Hutto City Council Chamber, 401 W. Front Street, Hutto, TX 78634.

CALL SESSION TO ORDER

Mayor Holland called the session to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council that were present were Mayor Debbie Holland, Mayor Pro-tem Michael J. Smith, Councilmember Anne Cano, Councilmember Tom Hines, Councilmember Ronnie Quintanilla-Perez, Councilmember Lucio Valdez, and Councilmember Max V. Yeste.

Members of staff that were present were Karen Daly, City Manager, Charlie Crossfield, City Attorney, Randy Barker, General Services, Mike Hemker, Park and Recreation Director, Helen Ramirez, Development Services Director, Nate Spraggin, Patrol Lieutenant, and Seth Gipson, City Secretary.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Councilmember Anne Cano.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Holland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS

5A. Proclamation recognizing the local AmeriCorps Volunteers in Hutto as part of the National Service Recognition Day.

Mayor Debbie Holland read and presented the following proclamation to Alex Patlan, a member of Advise Texas with the Nation College Advising Group.

Official Proclamation

Whereas, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and,

Whereas, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps address the pressing challenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students for jobs and supporting veterans and military
families to preserving the environment and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and,

Whereas, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and,

Whereas, national service participants serve in more than 70,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and,

Whereas, national service, represents a unique public-private partnership where participants increase the impact of the organizations and communities they serve with, both through their direct service, community investment, leveraging non-federal resources and by recruiting and managing millions of additional volunteers; and,

Whereas, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with local elected officials nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, the US Conference of Mayors, the National Association of Counties and elected officials across the country to recognize the impact of service on the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service.

Now Therefore, I, DEBBIE HOLLAND, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HUTTO, hereby recognize and applaud the local AmeriCorps Volunteers in Hutto for their dedicated service and contributions to our community and I encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of National Service in our city and thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their community.

Proclaimed this 7th day of April 2016.

5B. Proclamation declaring April 9, 2016, as "Hutto's Big Event."

Mayor Debbie Holland read and presented the following proclamation to Lacey Dingman, Recreation Manager, Randy Barker, General Services Director, Mike Hemker, Parks and Recreation Director, and members of Leadership Hutto Class and Big Event Planning Committee. Lacey Dingman spoke briefly on the program and the events that were planned for the upcoming event.

Official Proclamation

Whereas, Keep Texas Beautiful is working with communities, counties and volunteer groups statewide to conduct litter prevention, recycling, beautification, community improvement and waste minimization activities as part of Keep America Beautiful Great American Clean-up; and,

Whereas, Keep Hutto Beautiful and the Hutto Parks & Recreation Department, strive to empower individuals to take greater responsibility for enhancing their community environment while participating in the “Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off” by keeping litter out of our local parks and neighborhoods; and,
Whereas, the BIG EVENT Committee lead by Leadership Hutto, the City of Hutto Employee Volunteer Team, and the Parks & Recreation Department join together in providing the "Junk Round-Up" as another way of helping Hutto citizens start at their own homes to create a cleaner community; and,

Whereas, community and school service groups are organized and ready to mobilize to remove litter and debris along Hutto streets, parks, school sites and waterways with support of local businesses who provide generous contributions for beautification projects; and,

Whereas, Keep Hutto Beautiful wishes to support the nation’s largest organized cleanup, beautification, and community involvement program, built on the foundation of civic pride and individual responsibility.

Now, Therefore, I, DEBBIE HOLLAND, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HUTTO, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 9, 2016, as:

"HUTTO'S BIG EVENT"

in Hutto, as we celebrate by cleaning up our city through the combined Trash Off and Junk Round-up events, and I urge all businesses and citizens to participate through volunteerism and sponsorship of these programs in an effort to keep Hutto clean!

PUBLIC COMMENT

6A. Remarks from visitors

John McCabe – 111 Towen Way – spoke of his concern of the noise level produced by the cement plant located on FM 685. He urged the City Council and Staff to review the current noise ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

All items listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Council member in which event, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a regular agenda item.

7A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution concerning the acceptance of the streets, sidewalks and drainage improvements of Hutto Highlands Section 1, Phase B-2 subdivision.

7B. Consideration and possible action on the meeting minutes for the March 17, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting.
MOTION: Councilmember Tom Hines moved to approve items 7A-7B on the consent agenda as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

ORDINANCE

8A. Consideration and possible action on the first reading of an ordinance adopting a new franchise agreement with Atmos Energy Corporation.

Karen Daly, City Manager, gave the staff presentation. The City’s franchise agreement with Atmos Energy Corporation expired at the end of 2015. Since then, staff has been working with Atmos to negotiate a new franchise agreement. A franchise agreement is the governing document that outlines the City’s arrangement with Atmos for use of the public utility and right-of-way to deliver gas to services in Hutto. The franchise fee payment remains at 5% of gross revenues and would expire in November 2040.

Randy Hartford, an Atmos Energy Representative, was also available for questions.

MOTION: Councilmember Tom Hines moved to approve the first reading of the ordinance adopting a new franchise agreement with Atmos Energy Corporation. Councilmember Anne Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9A. Executive Session as authorized by §551.074, Texas Government Code, related to the discussion, deliberation, and/or negotiations regarding the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager.

The Hutto City Council recessed into the City Hall Conference Room for executive session at 7:18pm.

The Hutto City Council reconvened into regular session in the City Hall Council Chambers at 7:57pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

[Signature]
Debbie Holland, Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Seth Gipson, City Secretary