The Hutto City Council met in a regular session on Thursday, November 17, 2016, in the Hutto City Council Chamber, 401 W. Front Street, Hutto, TX 78634.

CALL SESSION TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council that were present were Mayor Doug Gaul, Mayor Pro-tem Michael J. Smith, Councilmember Anne Cano, Councilmember Tom Hines, Councilmember Nathan Killough, Councilmember Lucio Valdez, and Councilmember Bettina Jordan.

Members of staff that were present were Micah Grau, Interim City Manager, Charlie Crossfield, City Attorney, Randy Barker, General Services Director, Helen Ramirez, Development Services Director, Earl Morrison, Chief of Police, and Seth Gipson, City Secretary.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Father Adrian with St. Patrick’s Catholic Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gaul led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5A. Remarks from visitors

There were no remarks from visitors.

PRESENTATIONS

6A. Presentation of the Texas Downtown Association Awards.

Kim McAuliffe, Downtown and Tourism Manager, presented the Council with the Texas Downtown Association President’s Award for Best Public Improvement for the Gin Project, the Texas Downtown Association People’s Choice Awards for Red, Whites and Brews Event, and 111 East was the recipient of Texas Downtown Association’s Best Commercial Interior.
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

7A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution concerning the issuance of a Purchase Order to Caldwell Country Ford for the purchase of four (4) Police patrol vehicles.

7B. Consideration and possible action on the meeting minutes for the October 13, 2016, October 20, 2016, and November 3, 2016 City Council Regular Meetings and the October 29, 2016 and November 4, 2016 Special Called City Council Meetings.

MOTION: Councilmember Tom Hines moved to approve items 7A-7B on the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Anne Cano seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith
Councilmember Anne Cano
Councilmember Tom Hines
Councilmember Nathan Killough
Councilmember Lucio Valdez
Councilmember Bettina Jordan

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ACTION: The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

ORDINANCES


Helen Ramirez, Development Services Director, gave the staff presentation. Under the direction from the City Attorney the following amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Article 6.03: Unsafe Buildings are necessary in order to comply with the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 214.

These changes require city staff to issue written notification to each owner, mortgagee, and lienholder for a property deemed as dangerous or unsafe. Prior to this amendment notification was only required to be issued to the property owner.

The amendment also gives the Building and Standards Commission the authority to declare a building/structure unsafe. Prior to this amendment, City Council was the deciding governmental body that would declare a building/structure unsafe. The amendment also allows the Commission to grant time for the repair of the building/structure not to exceed 90 days.
Since the first reading, language was added in Section 3.03.005 (a) clarifying that the building official must obtain a search warrant prior to performing an inspection on private property without the property owner’s permission.

Mayor Gaul opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

There being no further public comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Tom Hines moved to approve the second and final reading of the ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances (2014 Edition), Chapter 6, Article 6.03: Unsafe Buildings. Councilmember Anne Cano seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

| Ayes:            | Mayor Doug Gaul
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|                  | Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith
|                  | Councilmember Anne Cano
|                  | Councilmember Tom Hines
|                  | Councilmember Nathan Killough
|                  | Councilmember Lucio Valdez
|                  | Councilmember Bettina Jordan
| Nays:            | None
| Abstain:         | None
| Absent:          | None

**ACTION:** The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

8B. Consideration and possible action on the second and final reading of an ordinance amending the composition and miscellaneous provisions of Chapter 2, Article 2.02 Board, Commissions, and Authorities, Section 2.02.003 Appointments; Vacancies of the Code of Ordinances (2014 Edition).

Seth Gipson, City Secretary, gave the staff presentation. Currently, the code of ordinances states that the City Council will appoint the chair and vice chair of each board and commission, as stated in Article 2.02 Boards, Commissions, and Authorities, Section 2.02.003 (b) Appointments; Vacancies. The council wishes to amend the current procedure so that each board and commission may select their own chair and vice chair.

The proposed amendment will make the desired change so that the members of the board or commission may select their own chair and vice chair by a vote of the membership.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Tom Hines moved to approve the second and final reading of the ordinance amending the composition and miscellaneous provisions of Chapter 2, Article 2.02 Board, Commissions, and Authorities, Section 2.02.003 Appointments; Vacancies of the Code of Ordinances (2014 Edition) with the updated wording. Councilmember Lucio Valdez seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

| Ayes:            | Mayor Doug Gaul
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Consideration and possible action on the first reading of an ordinance dissolving the Keep Hutto Beautiful Commission and repealing Article 2.02 Boards, Commissions, and Authorities, Division 8 Keep Hutto Beautiful Commission, of the City of Hutto Code of Ordinances (2014 Edition).

Seth Gipson, City Secretary, gave the staff presentation. For the past two years, City staff has been working with the Keep Hutto Beautiful Commission to transition it into a Foundation independent of the City of Hutto. As the Keep Hutto Beautiful Foundation, the organization will have the ability to independently apply for grants and seek donations. City staff will continue to coordinate and work closely with the Keep Hutto Beautiful Foundation as they work towards meeting the City’s long range goals.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance dissolving the Keep Hutto Beautiful Commission and repealing Article 2.02 Boards, Commissions, and Authorities, Division 8 Keep Hutto Beautiful Commission, of the City of Hutto Code of Ordinances (2014 Edition). Councilmember Bettina Jordan seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith Councilmember Anne Cano Councilmember Tom Hines Councilmember Nathan Killough Councilmember Lucio Valdez Councilmember Bettina Jordan

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ACTION: The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

MOTION: Councilmember Tom Hines moved to dispense with the second reading of the ordinance dissolving the Keep Hutto Beautiful Commission and repealing Article 2.02 Boards, Commissions, and Authorities, Division 8 Keep Hutto Beautiful Commission, of the City of Hutto Code of Ordinances (2014 Edition). Councilmember Nathan Killough seconded the motion.
VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith
Councilmember Anne Cano
Councilmember Tom Hines
Councilmember Nathan Killough
Councilmember Lucio Valdez
Councilmember Bettina Jordan

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ACTION: The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

OTHER BUSINESS:

9A. Consideration and possible action on reappointing Ehab Kawar to represent the City of Hutto on the Williamson County and Cities Health District Board (WCCHD).

Micah Grau, Interim City Manager, made the staff presentation. As a member of the Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD), the City may appoint one voting member to represent the Hutto community.

According to Section 1.4 of the cooperative agreement, representatives “must be a citizen of the United States and must have resided at least three (3) years in the jurisdiction covered by the District. A director shall not be an elected official or employee of the Members or their immediate families, or employees of the District or their immediate families.” The term length is three (3) years.

Ehab Kawar has represented the City of Hutto on the Williamson County and Cities Health District Board since 2014. He currently chairs the Board of Health.

MOTION: Councilmember Anne Cano moved to reappoint Ehab Kawar to represent the City of Hutto on the Williamson County and Cities Health District Board. Councilmember Nathan Killough seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith
Councilmember Anne Cano
Councilmember Tom Hines
Councilmember Nathan Killough
Councilmember Lucio Valdez
Councilmember Bettina Jordan

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ACTION: The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

10A. Executive Session as authorized by §551.074, Texas Government Code, related to the discussion and deliberation of a contract for professional services and employment as City Manager for the City of Hutto, Texas.

The City Council recessed into executive session at 7:23 p.m.

The City Council reconvened into regular session at 8:03 p.m.

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

11A. Consideration and/or possible action on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for professional services and employment as City Manager for the City of Hutto, Texas.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nathan Killough moved to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Odis Jones for professional services and employment as City Manager for the City of Hutto, Texas. Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith
Councilmember Anne Cano
Councilmember Tom Hines
Councilmember Nathan Killough
Councilmember Lucio Valdez

Nays: Councilmember Bettina Jordan

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**ACTION:** The motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 nays.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

Doug Gaul, Mayor

ATTEST:

Seth Gipson, City Secretary