



**HUTTO CITY COUNCIL AND
HUTTO ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOINT MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 30, 2018**

The Hutto City Council and Hutto ISD Board of Trustees met in a special session on Monday, April 30, 2018, in the Hutto City Council Chamber, 401 W. Front Street, Hutto, TX 78634.

CALL SESSION TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council present were Mayor Doug Gaul, Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines, Councilmember Scott Rose, Councilmember Tim Jordan, and Councilmember Lucio Valdez, and Councilmember Terri Grimm. Councilmember Nathan Killough was absent.

Members of the Hutto ISD Board of Trustees present were Connie Gooding, President; Billie Logiudice, Vice President; Morgan Hubbard, Secretary; Byron McDaniel, Phillip Boutwell, Terrence Owen and Scott Feller.

Members of City staff that were present were Helen Ramirez, Assistant City Manager; Byron Frankland, Chief of Police; David Magana, Executive Director of Engineering and Public Works, and Lisa Brown, City Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gaul led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEMS

5A. Update and discussion on the following City of Hutto projects and initiatives:

1. County Road 137 discussion regarding flooding and ways to resolve.

David Magana discussed the plans to increase the conveyance of water in the bar ditches along CR 137 and the need to build culverts so the water flows better especially where the children cross in front of Farley Middle School. Mr. Magana stated the mobility plan calls for RM 1660 to have one lane each way with a center turn lane.

Helen Ramirez remarked that the HISD will need to improve the school driveway as part of these improvement measures.

Tom Hines also made remarks regarding the pooling of water in the driveways making it difficult for the children to cross.

Mayor Gaul asked for the timeline – the plan is to begin the project after school lets out and be completed by the time school starts in August. The estimated cost is \$10,000.

Scott Feller asked about the possibility of installing storm sewers in that area that would drain into the creek. Mr. Magana stated that there is already a bar ditch in that area and they are less expensive than sewers.

Helen Ramirez commented that a long-term consideration would be to look at storm sewers in that area, but from this point on there will be no open ditches in future subdivisions.

2. Updates on major projects and developments.

Fritz Park renovations are complete or substantially so. The recent Block Party was a big success.

East Street - lighting is complete. There is some minor landscaping needed.

Front Street – water line repair is essentially complete.

Innovation Park – is ongoing, they are working on the wastewater and storm drains.

Limmer Loop Sidewalk – there is a pre-construction meeting this week and construction is set to begin next month. Not sure of completion date.

Huttoparke Sidewalk – the City has applied for a grant to help pay for the construction

Co-Op – first tenant announcement on May 1st, and the plat approval will be on the agenda of the next council meeting.

Amphitheater – fill dirt is being brought in to fill in the low lying areas. Helen Ramirez commented the City would need to work with the HISD on transportation issues for the July 4th and Kokefest events. Celina Townsend, HISD Superintendent interjected that the school system is shut down for July 4th

5B. Update and discussion on the following Hutto ISD projects and initiatives:

1. Discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding Hutto ISD Board and Council interaction.

Connie Gooding discussed HISD's goal to improve relations with the City Council and to that end guidelines were drawn up by the Board primarily to keep the Board and the Council meeting.

Mr. Boutwell asked if the boundaries could be loosened with regard to meeting every quarter.

Terri Grimm commented there needs to be something in place to keep the Council and the Board meeting on a regular basis.

Ms. Gooding asked for volunteers from the Board and the Council to meet and rework the guidelines for meeting. Terri Grimm, Tim Jordan and Nate Killough will represent the council and Ms. Gooding and _____ will represent the Board. Tim Jordan commented that if the City Manager and the Superintendent are working well together the Council and Board work well together too.

2. Hutto ISD construction update.

Mr. Cardwell stated they will begin the construction at the Riverhorse Academy soon. He has a pre-construction meeting with Tony Host the next day. The portable building will be delivered soon. Mr. Boutwell asked if the City was going to pave that area. The City did not have the equipment to pave to the District specification so another company has been engaged. The original building will remain vacant but not sure how it will be used. The parking lot will be open after 4 p.m. and on weekends for public use.

ROTC – the program will be moving to a location south of the softball fields. Seven portable buildings will be brought in.

There will be a HVAC renovation at the high school this summer and at Nadine Johnson Elementary.

Kerley Elementary – the utilities are underway and the steel skeleton will be starting soon. Scheduled to open in August 2019. The school will have solar panels and rainwater harvesting.

3. Safety concerns regarding Chris Kelley Blvd.

Ms. Gooding expressed concerns for safety for school students with all the new retail construction occurring on Chris Kelley Blvd. and what measures can be taken.

A suggestion was made to install a wrought iron fence across the front of the school that would force the students to use the crosswalk at Carl Stern and Chris Kelley.

Scott Feller suggested a fence in the middle of Chris Kelley. He also questioned whether the entrance at Circle Drive needed to be maintained.

Terri Grimm suggested the speed limit in front of the school be reduced. Helen Ramirez and David Magana will approach TxDot about the issue.

Tom Hines wanted to know if there would be a sidewalk on Carl Stern in front of the new apartment complex. Helen Ramirez assured him there would be. She stated that a business or the apartments in this instant triggers the placement of a sidewalk.

The issue of bussing for the children that live in the new apartments and Carmel Creek was raised. Mr. Boutwell stated there would be a safety audit to determine the need for busses.

David Magana also informed the Council and Board about plans to replace the asphalt along the outside edges of Carl Stern from Chris Kelley to Front Street.

4. Budget and Tax Rate outlook presentation.

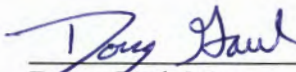
Dr. Harris, Interim Financial Officer, reviewed the 2018-19 Preliminary Budget. Current enrollment is 7,238 and expected enrollment in 2019 is 7,627. He stated that Hutto is the only District in the area that is not in Chapter 41 status (Robinhood), but that we should reach that status soon. He anticipates a 3 cent drop in the tax rate.

Terri Grimm did not participate in the discussion regarding #4 due to a conflict of interest.

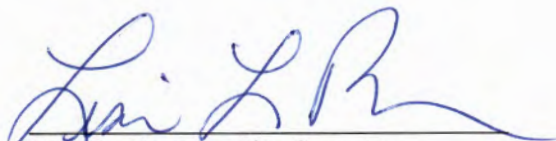
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

CITY OF HUTTO


Doug Gaul, Mayor

APPROVED:


Lisa L. Brown, City Secretary