

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WALLER
CITY OF HEMPSTEAD**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 6th day of March A.D., 2023 at 6:00 P.M. the City Council met in a Regular Meeting at the Hempstead City Hall, 1125 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas, there being present, to-wit:

Erica Gillum, Mayor
Lonnie Garfield, Mayor Pro-Tem
Cindy Pearce, Councilmember
Raul Villarreal, Councilmember
Chase Murray, Councilmember (Absent)
Mildred Jefferson, Councilmember

Bridgette Begle, City Attorney
Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

1. Call to order and invocation.

Mayor Erica Gillum called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield gave the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

3. Public Comments.

Barbara Haffelfinger spoke and stated that three City of Hempstead employees were terminated that have had over forty plus years with the city. She stated these were employees who were valuable to the community.

Joseph Mezter has rental property on Allen & Baker Street and First and Second Street. He stated that he put a request in over a year ago to get the limbs cut back from the utility lines, also there is a dead tree at 1940 7th Street from the winter freeze that needs to be cut down.

Joe Hall stated that at 2175 New Orleans a mobile home that burned down over a year ago, has been torn down and removed, wants to bring in a 2015 mobile home. It has passed the six months period; it has been a year and half.

4. Consideration and action on Hempstead Parks and Recreation By-Laws.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to discuss. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion. Attorney Bridgette Beagle stated to council that the board is only an advisory board. Chairperson Joann Thibodeaux of the Parks and Recreation Board introduced herself to the council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to approve the by-laws. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

5. Consideration and action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hempstead, Texas appointing and confirming persons and terms limits to the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Hempstead.

Attorney Bridgette Begle stated that the terms will be staggered.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Raul Villarreal seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

6. Consideration and action to accept the community-wide housing analysis performed regarding impediments for fair housing for the City of Hempstead.

Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked with the census number being of 2010 would the information be correct?

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to accept the analysis. Councilmember Raul Villarreal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. Consideration and action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hempstead, Texas authorizing the Mayor to execute settlement release documents with Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Wal-Mart as additional settling parties within the National Opioid Settlement Participation previously authorized by the City.

Attorney Bridgette Begle stated the first rounds of settlements were in 2020 with Indo and Teva, these are additional parties that joined the Opioid Settlement.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Raul Villarreal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Consideration and action on the 150th Sesquicentennial Parade Permit.

Councilmember Cindy Pearce made a motion to approve the permit. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Consideration and action on the Annual Memorial Day Parade Permit.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to approve the permit. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Presentations

A. Councilmember Reports:

1. Lonnie Garfield- discussion and presentation on lights for the Train Depot.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield discussed having LED lights at the Railroad Dept for different holiday seasons. He isn't asking the council for money; all this would be through private donations. He asked the council for permission to put on the agenda for the next meeting. He wants to showcase the city in a positive light.

2. Mildred Jefferson-We are sending our most heartfelt condolences to the family of Mrs. Maxine Ragston Riley.

11. Adjourn City Council Meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 P.M. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 20th day of March, A.D., 2023.

APPROVED:

/s/:Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/:Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary