

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 15th day of August A.D., 2022 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
Mildred Jefferson, Councilmember

Bridgette Begle, City Attorney
Barbara Haffelfinger, City Secretary

Others present at the meeting included Sabrina Alvarez, Rooster Smith, David Hartley, Kollye Kilpatrick, Judith Richey, Phil Richey, Annette Baker, Jared Engelke, Joann Thiboudeaux, Marie Lewis, Cheryl Hardwick, Frank Rodriguez, Chris Mires, Lyndon Davis, David Aguilar, Johnny Wilson, Ray Gooden, Dyan Hall, Joe Hall, and Nora Hodges

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

No Public Comments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2022, and August 1, 2022, and August 4, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Raul Villarreal and carried unanimously.

A Proclamation was presented to Johnny Wilson for his 42 years of service to the city. August 15, 2022 is officially adopted as Johnny Wilson Day!

David Aguilar, Lyndon Davis & Chris Mires came forward to Council and to the citizens to answer any questions or concerns about the trash service. They asked that all trash be put out by 7:00 AM, keep the carts away from the mailboxes and cars, on the bulk pickup only four items can be picked up, and if the citizens have limbs, they need to be bundled up no longer than four feet sections.

Mayor Erica Gillum stated that the Mike Barnes Group has been with the city for three months and nothing has been done for the HEDC. No meetings have been set up to bring businesses to the city. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to terminate the contract services with the Mike Barnes Group. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked if the city could do their own impact fees, Rooster stated that an engineering firm must complete the study. CobbFendley has done work for the City of Waller, and they were highly satisfied. Councilmember Raul Villarreal made a motion to approve the selection of CobbFendley to do Impact Fees for the City of Hempstead. Councilmember Chase Murray seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion on the selection of a Website Designer outside of our IT department to revamp the City and HEDC websites, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cindy Pearce and carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the Animal Ordinance. Livestock is prohibited unless the livestock is for 4H or FFA livestock showings. The citizen would have provided proof from organization that they are showing the animals for those purposes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to approve payment of the C & C Sports Apparel invoice. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cindy Pearce and carried the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Councilmember Cindy Pearce, Councilmember Raul Villarreal, Councilmember Mildred Jefferson, Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Chase Murray

AFFIDAVIT TO ABSTAIN

HEMPSTEAD CITY COUNCIL

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I, CHASE MURRAY, as a member of the Hempstead City Council make this affidavit and hereby on oath state the following:

I have a substantial interest in a business entity or real property that may receive a special economic effect that is distinguishable from the effect on the public by a vote or decision of the

Hempstead City Council as those terms are defined in Chapter 171 of the Local Government Code.
The business entity or real property is:

Owner of the C & C SPORTS APPAREL

I, Chase Murray, have a substantial interest in this business entity or real property for the following reason:

The interest is ownership of 10% or 5,000 or more of the fair market
Value of the business entity;

Upon the filing of this affidavit with the official record keeper for the City of Hempstead, I affirm that I shall abstain from any discussion, vote, or decision involving this business entity or real property and from any further participation in this matter whatsoever.

Signed this the 15th day of August 2022.

/s/ Chase Murray
Signature of Public Official

Councilmember
Title

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this the 15th day of August 2022, personally appeared Chase Murray, Councilmember, and by oath stated that the facts hereinabove stated are true and correct to the best of her knowledge.

/s/ Sabrina Alvarez
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My commission expires: 04-3-24

Councilmember Raul Villarreal made a motion to approve payment of current bills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Chase Murray, and carried unanimously.

Under Mayor's Reports, Mayor Erica Gillum stated Sales Tax is up 16.86% for the month of August. Mayor stated we will be seeking a full-time EDC Director she encourages the EDC board to be active in the interview process. Mayor stated soon the city will be looking for a future Finance Director, with our growth we need someone full time to help us with funds, debt, grants, etc. Mayor also stated that there will be two suggestions boxes at city hall for citizens to state their concerns, questions, complaints, etc. Starting in September we will be putting newsletters in the utility bills to keep our citizens informed.

Councilmember Cindy Pearce stated that with the help of Hello Hempstead, Fire Department and Lions Club they raised 5,000 in supplies and monetary donations for teachers and students at the Hempstead Schools. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson stated that she attended the 2022-2023 convocation at Hempstead High and it was huge success. Councilmember Chase Murray wanted to give thanks and praise to Katherine Ragston for the Recreation Center how well it has been revamped, also to Alvaro Trujillo for the baseball fields.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion, and carried unanimously

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 19th day of September, A.D., 2022.

APPROVED:

/s/:Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/:Barbara Haffelfinger, City Secretary

