



**CITY OF HUTCHINS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**Monday, January 06, 2025 at 6:30 PM
City Hall, 321 N. Main Street**

A Regular Meeting of the Hutchins City Council was held on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Hutchins City Hall Council Chambers, 321 N. Main Street, Hutchins, Texas, at which time the following items were discussed and considered.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Vasquez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced a quorum.

PRESENT

Mayor Mario Vasquez
Mayor Pro Tem Steve Nichols
Councilmember Brenda Campbell
Councilmember Raymond Elmore
Councilmember Demarcus Odom

ABSENT

Councilmember Dominic Didehbani

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Campbell gave the invocation and Councilmember Odom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS –

Felix Madrigal, Trout Road, spoke regarding the increase in ATMOS billing and his frustration with their customer service and only two offices in the state that provide walk-in customer service.

D. CONSENT AGENDA - All items presented in the Consent Agenda require no deliberation by the Council. Each Council member has the opportunity of removing an item from this agenda so that it may be considered separately.

1. Consider approval of city council meeting minutes for December 2024. Presented by: Cynthia Olguin

The motion was made by Councilmember Nichols and seconded by Councilmember Campbell to approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor the motion passed.

Voting Yea: Brenda Campbell, Raymond Elmore, Steve Nichols, Demarcus Odom

Voting Nay: 0

E. PRESENTATIONS

2. Presentation of Donation to the University of North Texas at Dallas.

EDC Director Guy Brown introduced Jason Garrett, Dean of UNT Dallas School of Business, Dean Garrett was presented with \$6,000 donation by Mayor Vasquez and Council Members. Hutchins.

3. Introducing new police department employees by: Chief, Steve Perry

Chief Perry introduced Animal Services Officers Vanessa Guevara and Lara Dewberry and Police Officer Presiliana Sanchez.

4. Motorola Radio project completion by: Chief, Steve Perry

Chief Perry and Communication Supervisor Becky Blanton updated the council on the Motorola Radio Project. Ms. Blanton explained that the switch-over to Dallas' operating system was finished on December 5. There are still a few glitches with the recording system, but they are working with the supplier to solve the problems. On December 16, the new system was put into action, allowing Hutchins PD to coordinate expeditiously with several other law enforcement agencies by enabling secure communication under one incident command. This allowed the agencies to share vital details about the search area leading to the successful capture of the escaped juveniles from Hood County.

5. Review logo and tagline options for city rebranding initiatives presented by Bandera.

Beth Owens with Brandera presented a variety of new artwork and samples for logos, colors, and taglines. Ms. Owens received comments from the council and narrowed down designs using the font from option 1 with the design from option 10.

F. REGULAR AGENDA - *As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed herein.*

6. Discuss and consider approving a logo design. Presented by Beth Owens

The action was postponed until January 21 council meeting.

7. Discuss and consider Resolution R2025-01-1230 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY OF HUTCHINS PERSONNEL MANUAL BY AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLED "LEAVE" BY AMENDING SECTION 3.13 TITLED "MENTAL HEALTH LEAVE POLICY" BY ADOPTING A REVISED MENTAL HEALTH LEAVE POLICY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Presented by: Karen Steward, HR Director

The motion was made by Councilmember Elmore and seconded by Councilmember Campbell to approve Resolution R2025-01-1230. All in favor the motion passed.

Voting Yea: Brenda Campbell, Raymond Elmore, Steve Nichols, Demarcus Odom

Voting Nay: 0

8. **Discuss and consider Resolution R2025-01-1231 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025. Presented by Cynthia Olguin**

The motion was made by Councilmember Nichols and seconded by Councilmember Odom to approve Resolution R2025-01-1231. All in favor the motion passed.

Voting Yea: Brenda Campbell, Raymond Elmore, Steve Nichols, Demarcus Odom

Voting Nay: 0

9. **Discuss and consider Resolution R2025-01-1232 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND TURNING ART FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR FREE STANDING EXTERIOR SCULPTURE ART AT CITY HALL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$105,100.00; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Presented by Wanda Randle**

The motion was made by Councilmember Nichols and seconded by Councilmember Campbell to approve Resolution R2025-01-1232. All in favor the motion passed.

Voting Yea: Brenda Campbell, Raymond Elmore, Steve Nichols, Demarcus Odom

Voting Nay: 0

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. **The Hutchins City Council will hold a closed Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in §551.087. Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision to a business prospect: 1) Project Beckett. Presented by: Guy Brown HEDC Executive Director**
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Mayor Vasquez convened into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

H. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

12. Take action, if any, as a result of the Executive Session:

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:14 p.m.

a. Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations. 1) Project Beckett

Councilmember Nichols made a motion seconded by Councilmember Elmore to Authorize the City Administrator to negotiate and executive final Chapter 380 Documents with Project Beckett (Lineage) providing Project Beckett a 50% waiver of Roadway Impact Fees and a 50% property tax rebate grant for a term of 10 years.

b. Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property located within the City of Hutchins, Texas.

No action taken.

I. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

City Secretary Olguin announced the items of community interest.

J. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Nichols to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0.

Voting Yea: Brenda Campbell, Dominic Didehbani, Raymond Elmore, Steve Nichols, Demarcus Odom

Voting Nay: 0

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE HUTCHINS CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF MARCH 2025.**

APPROVED:

Mario Vasquez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Olguin, City Secretary