

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL
1075 RONALD REAGAN, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Mayor Lynn Clark

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Kenney

Councilmember Randy Gibbons

Councilmember Richard DuPree

Councilmember Chris Gordon

Councilmember Ian Theodore

Also in attendance:

John M. Smith, Jr., Town Manager

Kristi K. Rogers, Town Secretary

Carey Dunn, Chief of Police

Trey Sargent, Town Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. And Texas Flags

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

Invocation

Mayor Pro Tem Kenney gave the invocation.

Presentation of Awards

1. Salvation Army Mayors Red Kettle Challenge

David Feeser, Development Specialist, with the Salvation Army for Collin & Denton Counties, presented Mayor Clark with a Certificate of Appreciation and a commemorative bell for First Place in the 2023 Denton Area Mayors Red Kettle Challenge.

2. Carey Dunn

Mayor Clark presented an award to Carey Dunn, honoring him for 20 years of service to the Town of Hickory Creek.

3. Jeffrey McSpedden

Mayor Clark presented an award to Jeffrey McSpedden, honoring him for 20 years of service to the Town of Hickory Creek.

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Items of Community Interest

Lake Cities Chamber of Commerce has an updated website that includes event photos, a business directory and a shop local page with discounts. Upcoming events include the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and Rolling Into Fall Annual Bicycle Rally.

Public Comment

There were no speakers for public comment.

Consent Agenda

4. January 2024 Council Meeting Minutes
5. January 2024 Financial Statements
6. Consider and act on an ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek declaring unopposed candidates in the May 4, 2024, general town election; providing for declaration of office; providing for cancellation.
7. Consider and act on a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek authorizing the Mayor of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas to execute a contract for Increased Law Enforcement for Lewisville Lake lying within Hickory Creek, Texas by and between the Town of Hickory Creek and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Fort Worth District.
8. Consider and act on a resolution of the Town Council for the Town of Hickory Creek Texas hereby authorizing the Mayor of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas to execute an interlocal agreement by and between the Town of Hickory Creek and the Texas Department of Public Safety concerning the Failure to Appear Program.
9. Consider and act on authorizing the Town Manager and Town Attorney to negotiate the terms of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lake Dallas concerning the Carlise Drive Reconstruction Project.

Councilmember Gibbons requested item 9 be pulled from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Motion made by Councilmember DuPree to approve consent agenda items 4-8 as presented, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Councilmember Gibbons, Councilmember DuPree, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Theodore. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Councilmember Gibbons to approve item 9, Seconded by Councilmember Theodore.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Councilmember Gibbons, Councilmember DuPree, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Theodore. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

10. Consider and act on granting an exception to Chick-fil-A, 3550 FM 2181, Hickory Creek, Texas from the Hickory Creek Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3: Building Regulations, Article 3.08 Signs concerning dimension and location requirements.

Patrick Journagan, Chandler Signs, provided an overview of the request and answered questions from the town council.

Motion made by Councilmember Gibbons to deny item 10, granting an exception to Chick-fil-A, 3550 FM 2181, Hickory Creek, for sign concerning dimension and location requirements, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Councilmember Gibbons, Councilmember DuPree, Councilmember Gordon.

Voting Nay: Councilmember Theodore. Motion passed.

11. Consider and act on allocating funds for the National Medal of Honor Griffin Institute Course, "The Mayor's Course, Leading in the Moment: Applying the Medal of Honor Values to Work and Life."

Motion made by Councilmember Gordon to allocate funds for the National Medal of Honor Griffin Institute Course, "The Mayor's Course, Leading in the Moment: Applying the Medal of Honor Values to Work and Life" for Mayor Lynn Clark to attend in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00, Seconded by Councilmember Theodore.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Councilmember Gibbons, Councilmember DuPree, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Theodore. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Receive an update from Chief Dunn concerning police department activity since the November 2023 council meeting and discuss same.

Chief Dunn stated the department has prioritized internal training which included ballistic shield and firearm training. A shift rotation took place in January. Officer Leggett and Officer Dawson were promoted to first line supervisors. A leadership and mentoring program has been implemented. A school safety program was initiated to provide a presence in the school zone, pick up and drop off lines. A sonar radar, dashboard and seats have been installed in the patrol boat during the off season. Onboard and in water training will take place in the coming months Badges and patches are in the process of being updated. An intern from University of North Texas began in January. TxDOT and surrounding agencies will meet on March 4, 2024 to discuss accidents on Interstate 35E. The traffic initiative continues to slow down drivers on the interstate. Three additional Flock Safety Cameras have been installed throughout Town. Statistics regarding K9 activity for 2023 were reported. Additional police vehicles are needed due to an increase in vehicle maintenance costs.

13. Receive an update from John Smith, Town Manager, concerning the 2020 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan and discuss the same.

John Smith, Town Manager, did not provide an update.

Executive Session

In accordance with Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 551, the Town Council convened into executive session at 6:43 p.m. to discuss the following matters.

Section 551.071

Consultation with Attorney on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act, or on matters pertaining to pending or contemplated litigation.

14. Discussion regarding Denton CAD Property ID# 62326

Section 551.072

Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

15. Discussion regarding certain real property generally located, North of Interstate 35E, Lake Lewisville Bridge, South of FM 2181, East of Ronald Reagan Avenue and West of Interstate 35E.

Reconvene into Open Session

The Town Council reconvened into open session at 8:30 p.m.

16. Discussion and possible action regarding matters discussed in executive session.

No action taken.

Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Kenney to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Councilmember Gibbons, Councilmember DuPree, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Theodore. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting did then stand adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Lynn C. Clark, Mayor
Town of Hickory Creek

Kristi K. Rogers, Town Secretary
Town of Hickory Creek