

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
REMOTE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**

MINUTES

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, effective March 16, 2020, Texas Governor Abbott suspended certain Open Meeting rules to allow meetings of government bodies that are accessible to the public to decrease large groups of people from assembling. The suspension temporarily removes the requirement that government officials and members of the public be physically present at a meeting location.

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
Councilmember Richard DuPree
Councilmember Chris Gordon
Mayor Pro Tem Paul Kenney
Councilmember Ian Theodore

The following member was absent:

Councilmember Tracee Elrod

Also in attendance:

John M. Smith, Jr., Town Administrator
Kristi K. Rogers, Town Secretary
Trey Sargent, Town Attorney

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

Councilmember Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

Invocation

Mayor Pro Tem Kenney gave the invocation.

Proclamations

1. The Town of Hickory Creek registration in the National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat™

Mayor Clark announced and proclaimed that the Town of Hickory Creek has been registered in the National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat™ program.

Items of Community Interest

The Lake Cities Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon will be held on October 14, 2020.

Denton County Judge Andy Eads and Denton County Commissioner Precinct 3, Bobbie Mitchell will speak during the luncheon.

The Lake Cities Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, October 30, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Lake Dallas City Park.

Thanks to all those attended the Eagle Scout project last weekend; it was a huge success.

Approximately 77 community members participated in the Lake Cities Broadband Committee virtual community meeting held on September 15, 2020. Connected Nation does not provide broadband, they develop a strategic plan to address deficiencies or opportunities for improving the local technology ecosystem. A survey is available for residents to complete regarding their broadband status.

Public Comment

There were no speakers for public comment.

Consent Agenda

2. August 2020 Council Meeting Minutes
3. July 2020 Financial Statements
4. August 2020 Financial Statements
5. Consider and act on a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas approving a first amendment to the performance agreement by and between the Hickory Creek Economic Development Corporation and Don Camillo Italian Cuisine Incorporated.
6. Consider and act on a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, casting its votes for candidates nominated to serve on the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees; and authorizing the Town Administrator to execute all documents necessary to cast said votes.
7. Consider and act on a replat of Hickory Creek Crossing, Block A. Lots 33X, 33R, 34R, and 35R; being 0.9172 acres out of 19.207 acres in the Susan McCarroll Survey, Abstract no. 958, Town of Hickory Creek, Denton County, Texas. The lots are located in the 200 block of Virginia Lane.
8. Consider and act on allocating funds for a power washer to be utilized in Arrowhead, Point Vista, Harbor Grove and Sycamore Bend Parks.

Motion made by Councilmember Gordon to approve consent agenda items 2 thru 8,
Seconded by Councilmember DuPree.

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

Regular Agenda

9. Consider and act on a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, hereby authorizing the Mayor of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, to execute a municipal solid waste and recycling collection agreement by and between the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas and Allied Waste Systems, Inc. D/B/A Republic Services of Lewisville.

The town council, John Smith, Town Administrator and Leigh Collins, Republic Services Municipal Services Manager, discussed the current contract and proposed contract extension. No action was taken.

10. Consider and act on an ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, amending Article 1.10 Parks and Recreation; amending Article A2.000 Business Related Fees; providing for incorporation of premises; providing findings; providing for amendment to the Code of Ordinances.

Motion made by Councilmember Theodore to approve an ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, amending Article 1.10 Parks and Recreation; amending Article A2.000 Business Related Fees; providing for incorporation of premises; providing findings; providing for amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11. Consider and act on a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, hereby adopting a master application and fee schedule; and providing an effective date.

Motion made by Councilmember Gordon to approve a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, hereby adopting a master application and fee schedule; and providing an effective date with removal of the redundant language located in the Commercial Building Fee Schedule, Seconded by Councilmember Theodore.

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

12. Consider and act on an ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek ratifying the property tax revenue increase reflected in the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget.

Motion made by Councilmember Gordon an ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek ratifying the property tax revenue increase reflected in the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget, Seconded by Councilmember DuPree.

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

13. Consider and act on an ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, accepting the 2020 Certified Tax Roll for the Town of Hickory Creek; approving the 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levying \$0.319943 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Town for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. **THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE**; providing for a due date and delinquency date, providing for the collection and use of penalty and interest on delinquent taxes; directing the Tax Assessor/Collector to assess and collect Ad Valorem Property Taxes.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Kenney to approve an ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, accepting the 2020 Certified Tax Roll for the Town of Hickory Creek; approving the 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levying \$0.319943 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Town for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. **THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE**; providing for a due date and delinquency date, providing for the collection and use of penalty and interest on delinquent taxes; directing the Tax Assessor/Collector to assess and collect Ad Valorem Property Taxes, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

14. Consider and act on constructing restroom facilities in Sycamore Bend Park primitive camping area.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Kenney to approve the construction of restroom facilities in Sycamore Bend Park primitive camping area in an amount not to exceed \$70,000, Seconded by Councilmember DuPree.

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

Adjournment

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

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

The meeting did then stand adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Lynn C. Clark, Mayor
Town of Hickory Creek

Kristi K. Rogers, Town Secretary
Town of Hickory Creek