

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL
1075 RONALD REAGAN, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

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 Nick Wohr

Councilmember Chris Gordon

Councilmember Ian Theodore

The following member was absent:

Councilmember Randy Gibbons

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 led by the Honorable Bobbie J. Mitchell, Commissioner Precinct 3

Honorable Bobbie J. Mitchell, Commissioner Precinct 3, gave the invocation.

Presentation of Awards

1. 2024 Salvation Army Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge

Major Dwayne Durham, Salvation Army, presented Mayor Clark with a Certificate of Appreciation and a commemorative bell for First Place in the 2024 Denton Area Mayors Red Kettle Challenge.

Proclamations

2. Descendants of Cassandra Fox

Mayor Clark proclaimed the Cassandra Fox Family to be one of the earliest families to settle the area now known as the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas.

Items of Community Interest

Walmart Hickory Creek and Wings will host an event for the community on March 29, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. to demonstrate drone delivery.

Public Comment

Diane Beck, Folly Beach Drive, stated she was here today as a troubled person. People are targeting average Americans, Catholics too. Mr. Furtick has been targeted. People do not care if it doesn't affect them personally, but this affects every American. She is a fighting Irish woman from New York, but it could be anyone that is targeted which is not right. Not only is it against the Constitution, but it is also immoral. If she was offered all the power, all the prestige, all the millions of dollars she would not take it. She is not out for the money only the principle of the matter. The principle is that there is a negative spin on this whole regime. Her motto is to never ever give up or compromise. She will not sell out or never give up fighting the good fight. If people don't repent and turn back and be saved, they will not go anywhere good. It is not right that deception is allowed and doesn't make sense that people make up negative rhetoric. Every time she is thrown in jail, she always finds information that supports her side. She will not play the victim role and will never back down or tolerate disrespect because she respects everyone until they give her a chance not to. People coming at her don't even know her, they think they know her, but they don't know the real Diane Beck. God bless you. The message is true, repent, turn back and you all shall be saved.

Don Ford, 1500 Turbeville Road Lot 111A, stated he is running for City Council. He moved to Hickory Creek in 2013 or 2014 and it was the best move he'd ever made. The peace and quiet is a real blessing because he lived in a rough neighborhood in Dallas. This is his first time running for public office. The reason he is entering the race is he would like to see more growth in the city, more revenue from new businesses, restaurants and possibly a music venue so residents do not have to drive to Denton, Lewisville or Dallas to shop and be entertained. In the ten years he has lived here, he hasn't seen a lot of growth. He would like to see more businesses rather than apartments that would provide retail tax revenue for the City and keep property taxes low. He believes in honesty, fairness and the right for everyone to have their own opinion. He is not a politician, just a concerned citizen, with the time and will to work for a better Hickory Creek.

Ron Furtick, 1500 Turbeville Road, stated he believes the administration's natural reflex of acting in an undemocratic manner kicked in last week by attempting to disqualify his running mate from the election. Don Ford is a good man who cares about the future of this Town and deserves Chris Gordon's seat. The last time Mr. Furtick talked to Chris Gordon, he asked why they had not talked in years about Hickory Creek's future downtown area he wanted to build, Mr. Gordon said he would never talk to anyone who threatens a lawsuit so when Mr. Gordon made a motion to sue his business, the same motion that was seconded by Ian Theodore, he knew there was no point for them to remain on Hickory Creek Council. It is only through consultation and cooperation between himself and the Town Council that the future downtown will ever be built. He has decided to use the democratic process to remove them from their positions of power. The bio on the town website claims Mr. Gordon has been a volunteer Hickory Creek Councilman since May of 2007, re-elected in 09, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 2021.

The town has only had one election in the past 14 years. The town is extremely undemocratic and most of the councilmembers are appointed without any connection to the voters themselves. Council has lost the ability to act as a representative body working for the good of the citizens and has slid towards complacency and corruption. Ian Theodore was appointed to his seat and has never talked to the voters or taken seriously the representation of the citizens. Mr. Furtick is running for Mr. Theodore's seat because the last time he talked to Mr. Theodore, he asked him to sit down for an hour to talk about the downtown and the economic future of the downtown. Mr. Theodore did not have the time to meet. Mr. Furtick questions how Mr. Theodore will have the time to run a two month political race.

Consent Agenda

3. January 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
4. January 2025 Financial Statements
5. Consider and act on a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas hereby setting regular meeting dates and times of town boards, commissions, and council.
6. Consider and act on a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas to execute an interlocal agreement by and between the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas and the Texas Department of Transportation for flagging Texas Motor Vehicle Records for failure to appear or pay a fine on a complaint involving violation of a traffic law and providing an effective date.
7. Consider and act on permit application submitted by Walmart, 1035 Hickory Creek Blvd, Hickory Creek, Texas, for temporary storage containers for store remodel project.
8. 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.
9. Consider and act on a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas hereby ratifying an agreement between the Town of Hickory Creek and police recruits concerning police academy sponsorship.

Motion made by Councilmember Gordon to approve consent agenda items 3-9, Seconded by Councilmember Theodore.

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

Regular Agenda

10. Consider and act on a site and landscape plan for the Lennon II Addition, Lot 9, Block A, being 1.798 acres of land situated in the M.E.P. and P.R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 915, Town of Hickory Creek, Denton County, Texas. The property is located in the 3280 block of FM 2181.

Motion made by Councilmember Theodore to continue agenda item 10 to a future meeting, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kenney.

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

11. Receive update from John Smith, Town Manager, regarding roadway projects and discuss same.

John Smith, Town Manager, updated the Town Council on the following roadway projects: Harbor Lane, Point Vista Road, Carlisle which is a joint project with Denton County and City of Lake Dallas, Garth and South Hook and answered questions from the Town Council.

Executive Session

In accordance with Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 551, the Town Council convened into executive session at 6:41 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.

12. Litigation regarding Denton CAD Property ID# 62326.
13. Litigation regarding Sycamore Bend Road construction failure.

Reconvene into Open Session

The Town Council reconvened into open session at 7:51 p.m.

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

No action taken.

Future Agenda Items

The following items were requested: street sweeper, down payment of open records request in excess of \$100.00 and an update on the amphitheater.

Adjournment

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

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

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The meeting did then stand adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Lynn C. Clark, Mayor
Town of Hickory Creek

Kristi K. Rogers, Town Secretary
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