

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL
1075 RONALD REAGAN, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 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 Randy Gibbons

Councilmember Nick Wohr

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

Matthew Boyle, 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

Councilmember Wohr gave the invocation.

Items of Community Interest

The Lake Cities 4th of July event will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025. Parade begins at 9:00 a.m. Additional events will be held from 4:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Lake Dallas City Park followed by fireworks.

The Lake Cities Chamber of Commerce and Little Elm Chamber of Commerce will host a joint chamber mixer on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at The Elm, 301 E. Eldorado Parkway, Little Elm, Texas, 75068.

Public Comment

Ron Furtick, 1500 Turbeville Road, stated he is thinking about retiring after pushing a downtown for almost twenty years. Apparently the citizens do not want a downtown, based on the results of the election. He has spent a lot of time and money trying to get an economic future for the Town. Seventeen years ago, the Town sued him for the first time. After two years of litigation, nothing was proven that he had anything to do with the alleged problems and that is harassment to him.

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He submitted plans to install a sewer system after six months of planning and seven days later he is sued for his efforts. Every week he is fined and he is sick and tired of the harassment. The Town wins but he feels the citizens will lose based on their choices. He is going to go sit on a beach.

John Grosskopf, 131 Oakwood Lane, stated it is getting harder and harder to get information about what is going on in this Town. Over half of the board, commission and Town Council meetings were cancelled in the past year. In the past month, seven of the last nine meetings have been cancelled. Representing the Glenview Development, they have asked for assistance on the drainage issues and sent the Mayor a certified letter requesting a meeting. Residents deserve better and demand better. They need to know what is going on in their Town. Oakland Park was abandoned by the Corps after a serious flood several years ago. It is in need of major maintenance and repairs that could easily run into millions of dollars. He would like the council not to consider the item until Parks and Recreation Board can visit the park and develop a plan to bring to the Town Council. He follows parks and recreation matters closely and is anxious to hear what the ribbon cutting for Harbor Lane could possibly be for. The citizens are at a loss for the cost of the amphitheater and he hopes that \$562,000 has not been spent. A line item for the tree preservation fund is not included in the preliminary budget and he would like to see a plan for tree planting.

Consent Agenda

1. Appoint Matthew Boyle of Boyle & Lowry, LLP as Town Attorney and authorize the Town Manager to execute an engagement agreement with same.
2. May 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
3. May 2025 Financial Statements
4. Consider and act on a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, for the appointment of one member to the board of managers of the Denco Area 9-1-1 District.
5. Consider and act on the 2025-2026 Hickory Creek Economic Development Corporation Budget.
6. Consider and act on allocating funds for perimeter fencing for the Public Works Facility, 970 Main Street.

Councilmember Theodore requested item 6 be pulled from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Motion made by Councilmember Gordon to approve items 1-5, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kenny.

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

Motion made by Councilmember Theodore to approve agenda item 6, Seconded by Councilmember Wohr.

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

Regular Agenda

7. Interview applicants for various boards.

The Town Council interviewed Joseph Conner, Jamie Knox, Miranda Miller and Tony Tolbert for various boards and commissions.

8. Consider and act on an appointment to the Arts and Culture Board.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Kenney to appoint Tony Tolbert to the Arts and Culture Board, Seconded by Councilmember Wohr.

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

9. Consider and act on an appointment to Board of Adjustments.

Motion made by Councilmember Theodore to appoint Joseph Conner to the Board of Adjustments, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

10. Discussion regarding future plans for a 1.8945-acre tract of land acquired by the Town located North of the Olana. Denton CAD Property ID# 1060356.

Discussion was held regarding plans for Denton CAD Property ID# 1060356 tract of land.

11. Discussion regarding the addition of Oakland Park to the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lease.

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12. Discussion regarding possible dates for ribbon cutting events for Harbor Lane and the Amphitheatre.

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13. Discussion regarding the preliminary 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

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Executive Session

In accordance with Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 551, the Town Council convened into executive session at 8:12 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.

Reconvene into Open Session

The Town Council reconvened into open session at 9:06 p.m.

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

No action taken.

Future Agenda Items

The following items were requested: official process for breaking a tie vote and Oakland Park.

Adjournment

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

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

The meeting did then stand adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Lynn C. Clark, Mayor
Town of Hickory Creek

Kristi K. Rogers, Town Secretary
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