

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL
1075 RONALD REAGAN, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2023**

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

Councilmember Theodore gave the invocation.

Items of Community Interest

Lake Cities Chamber of Commerce will host the 2nd Annual Career Fair at the Fairfield Inn and Suites, 6557 S. I35E, Corinth Texas on October 18, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lake Cities Chamber of Commerce will host 2023 Restaurant Week, September 8, 2023 through September 17, 2023. Visit a participating restaurant and submit your receipt for a chance to win a gift card.

The "9/11 Walk of Remembrance" will be held on September 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to honor and remember all who perished on September 11, 2001.

Public Comment

There were no speakers for public comment.

Consent Agenda

There were no consent agenda items.

Regular Agenda

1. Presentation from Paddle EZ regarding utilizing Sycamore Bend Park for paddle board and kayak rental.

Josh Jackson, owner of Paddle EZ, provided an overview of his paddle board and kayak rental business and answered questions from the Town Council.

2. 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 2023-2024 budget.

John Hernando, 109 Red Bluff Drive, stated he would like clarification regarding the current tax rate and the proposed tax rate.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Kenney to approve an ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek ratifying the property tax revenue increase reflected in the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget, Seconded by Councilmember Theodore.

A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Gibbons voted yea, Councilmember DuPree voted yea, Councilmember Gordon voted yea, Mayor Pro Tem Kenney voted yea, Councilmember Theodore voted yea. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider and act on an ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, accepting the 2023 Certified Tax Roll for the Town of Hickory Creek; approving the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levying \$0.236686 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, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024. 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 Councilmember Gordon to approve an ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, accepting the 2023 Certified Tax Roll for the Town of Hickory Creek; approving the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levying \$0.236686 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, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024. 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 DuPree.

A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Gibbons voted yea, Councilmember DuPree voted yea, Councilmember Gordon voted yea, Mayor Pro Tem Kenney voted yea, Councilmember Theodore voted yea. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider and act on Contract Amendment No. 2 for the 2023 Sidewalk Extension Project.

John Smith, Town Manager, provided an overview of the contract amendment.

Motion made by Councilmember Theodore to approve Contract Amendment No. 2 for the 2023 Sidewalk Extension Project in an amount of \$35,992.50, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

Adjournment

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

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

The meeting did then stand adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Lynn C. Clark, Mayor
Town of Hickory Creek

Kristi K. Rogers, Town Secretary
Town of Hickory Creek