

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL
1075 RONALD REAGAN, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 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

Councilmember Wohr gave the invocation.

Items of Community Interest

The 9th Annual “See You at the Station” will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at Hickory Creek Town Hall. The community is invited to gather to support the first responders who put their lives on the line to serve & protect our community.

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

Town of Hickory Creek float entered in the Lake Cities 4th of July Celebration won 1st place.

Congratulations to Mayor Clark for winning this year’s Denton County Mayoral Charity Pizza Cook-Off.

Public Comment

Ron Furtick, 1500 Turbeville Road, stated in the letter presented to Town Council, he would like to see downtown/urban development on his property in Hickory Creek.

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The way to make that happen is working together, which is his preference. He feels the property will not be developed until political risk is removed and this can be done by zoning the property. Sales tax is a better way to raise revenue instead of raising property taxes. Developing the property is a goal he would like to see completed in his lifetime.

Consent Agenda

1. August 2024 Council Meeting Minutes
2. August 2024 Financial Statements
3. 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 an agreement by and between the Town of Hickory Creek and the State of Texas, through TxDOT, concerning road closures.
4. Consider and act on permit application submitted by Wal-Mart, 1035 Hickory Creek Blvd, Hickory Creek, Texas, for temporary storage containers for seasonal merchandise.

Motion made by Councilmember Theodore to approve items 1-4 on the consent agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

Regular Agenda

5. 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 2024-2025 budget.

Motion made by Councilmember Gordon 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 2024-2025 budget, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kenney.

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

6. Consider and act on an ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, accepting the 2024 Certified Tax Roll for the Town of Hickory Creek; approving the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levying \$0.223060 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, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025. 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 Theodore approve agenda item 6, an ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, accepting the 2024 Certified Tax Roll for the Town of Hickory Creek; approving the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levying \$0.223060 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, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025, Seconded by Councilmember Woehr.

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

7. Receive an update from Michael O'Linc regarding Pavlov and discuss same.

Michael O'Linc, Pavlov Media, provided an update regarding subscribers, pending installations, marketing campaigns, community engagement, packages offered and answered questions from the Town Council.

8. Receive an update from Chief Dunn concerning police department activity since the June 2024 council meeting and discuss same.

Chief Dunn stated Officer Antommarchi and Bear completed their yearly K9 certification. A police vehicle sustained significant damage in an accident, there were no injuries. The contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has ended for the year. The police boat was deployed eleven times for a total of seventy-eight hours on the water this summer. The police department is focusing on residential streets due to observations involving speeding and pedestrian safety.

9. Receive an update from the Hickory Creek Leisure Center subcommittee and discuss same.

Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, John Smith, Town Manager and Councilmember Theodore provided an update on the Hickory Creek Leisure Center regarding the layout, amenities to be included, and possible construction costs.

Executive Session

In accordance with Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 551, the Town Council convened into executive session at 7:13 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.

10. Discussion regarding Denton CAD Property ID# 62326.

Reconvene into Open Session

The Town Council reconvened into open session at 8:04 p.m.

11. 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 Theodore.

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

The meeting did then stand adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Lynn C. Clark, Mayor
Town of Hickory Creek

Kristi K. Rogers, Town Secretary
Town of Hickory Creek