



City of Howe, Texas

AGENDA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 19, 2023
6:00 pm

Summit Gardens – City Council Chambers
100 E. O’Connell Street, Howe, Texas 75459

Citizens may appear before the City Council to address items not listed on the agenda, in accordance with procedural rules as determined by the meeting Chair and by submitting a “Public Comment Form” to the City Secretary no later than the conclusion of Agenda Item (Call to Order).

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAGS

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

“Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, on state under God, one and indivisible.”

CONSENT ITEMS: These items consist of non-controversial, or “housekeeping” items required by law. Items may be considered individual by any Council member making such request prior to a motion and vote on the Consent Items:

1. Discuss, consider, and approve consent items which are marked by an *.
 - *Approve Minutes of **Special Council Meeting August 8, 2023.**
 - *Approve Minutes of **Regular Council Meeting August 15, 2023.**
 - *Approve Minutes of **Special Council Meeting August 22, 2023.**
 - *Approve Minutes of **Special Council Meeting August 29, 2023.**
 - *Approve the bills being paid for the month.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: *The City Council invites citizens to speak to the Council on topics not already scheduled for public hearing or on the agenda. Citizens may address the Council for a **maximum of two minutes**. The Council is unable to respond to or discuss any issues that are brought up during this section that are not on the agenda, other than to make statement of specific factual information in response to a citizen’s inquiry or to recite existing policy in response to the inquiry.*

ACTION ITEMS:

2. The Howe Community Library annual report and volunteer recognition presented by Library Director Torrey Stricklin-Morrison.
3. Departmental Reports:
 - i. Police Department
 - ii. Fire Department
 - iii. Code Enforcement
 - iv. Economic Development
 - v. Municipal Court
 - vi. Administration
 - vii. Utility Department

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-0004**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS APPOINTING ATTORNEY JAMES C. TIDWELL AND THE LAW FIRM OF WOLFE, TIDWELL & McCOY, LLP, AS THE CITY OF HOWE'S MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY; AUTHORIZING JAMES C. TIDWELL TO ACT ON THE CITY'S BEHALF AS ITS LEGAL COUNSEL**

4. Discuss, consider, and act Resolution No.2023-0004 for the City of Howe appointing attorney James C. Tidwell and the Law Firm of Wolfe, Tidwell & McCoy, LLP, as the City of Howe's municipal attorney, authorizing James C. Tidwell to act on the City's behalf as its legal counsel.
5. Discuss, consider, and act the removal Larry Duncan from the Planning and Zoning Commission.
6. Discuss, consider, and act upon adding Sharon Carroll, Mike Segleski, and Cassie Montgomery to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
7. Discuss, consider, and act upon moving \$25,000 from the Reserve Fund for the renewal of the Memorial Park equipment loan.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-0003**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOWE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS.**

8. Discuss, consider, and act upon Resolution No. 2023-003 for the amendments to the Howe Community Facilities Development Corporation Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.
9. Discuss, consider, and act upon adding Brandon Grooms, Sharla Ross, and Kent Lowder to the Howe Community Facilities Development Corporation (Type-B EDC) board.
10. Discuss, consider, and act upon the acceptance of \$25,000 trade-in from ASCO for a 2003 city-owned backhoe for the purchase from ASCO of a 2023 Case 580SN Backhoe with \$50,000 initial payment and 36-month financing beginning October 2024.
11. Discuss, consider, and act upon an agreement with Delcom Group as the City of Howe and Howe Police Department provider for Information Technology security.

RESOLUTION # 2023-0005**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION.**

12. Discuss, consider, and act upon Resolution No. 2023-0005 to approve and authorize publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation.

ORDINANCE # 804**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOWE, GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS, CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE HOWE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY; CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF FIRE CHIEF OF THE HOWE FIRE DEPARTMENT; ESTABLISHING THE VOLUNTEER DIVISION OF THE HOWE FIRE DEPARTMENT; ESTABLISHING THAT ALL CITY-OWNED FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE EQUIPMENT, PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES SHALL BE USED ONLY BY THE CITY AND HOWE FIRE DEPARTMENT, ABSENT WRITTEN AGREEMENT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALE CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- 13. Discuss, consider, and act upon Ordinance # 804 creating and establishing the Howe Fire Department, Howe Fire Chief, and Volunteer Division.
- 14. Discuss, consider, and act upon Agreement for Fire Protection Services Between Grayson County, Texas and the City of Howe, Texas.
- 15. Update on applicants for the City Administrator position.
- 16. Update on the Public Hearing for the Budget.

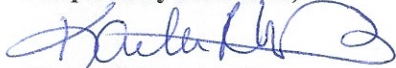
MAYOR COMMENTS:

Update on Interim City Administrator.

- 17. Discuss, consider, act upon Monte Walker as acting and interim City Administrator.

ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,



**Karla McDonald, Mayor
City of Howe**

I the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the City Council of the City of Howe, is a true and correct copy of said Notice: and that I posed a true and correct copy of said notice on a bulletin board, located at a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times at **HOWE CITY HALL** located at **116 EAST HANING STREET Howe, Texas** a place convenient to the public, and said Notice was posted on the **15th day of September, 2023 at 3:30 P.M.** and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this 15th day of September 2023

City Secretary Regina Harris _____