



City of Howe, Texas

AGENDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 27, 2024
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 mayor 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, one state under God, one and indivisible.”

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.*

MAYOR COMMENTS: *Voting day is Saturday, May 4 – same as the Founders Day Festival. The Howe Hump Day Network Breakfast is held every first Wednesday of the month from 8 am – 9 am at Summit Gardens; everyone is welcome to attend.*

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discuss, consider, and act upon renewing four CDs for nine months with Independent Financial at a rate of 4.84% or creating new terms.
2. Discuss, consider, and act upon an agreement to retain CPA Eddie Peacock to help with finalizing the 2021-22 audit at \$135 per hour for Eddie Peacock, \$85 per hour for Nichola Peacock, and \$60 per hour for clerical services.
3. Discuss, consider, and act upon the hiring of Michelle Hewitt at a starting pay rate \$55,000 annually and the City of Howe providing tuition for City Secretary Certification through the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program from the University of North Texas.
4. Discuss, consider, and act upon converting to electronically delivered agenda packets for the city council.
5. Discuss, consider, and act upon a multimedia upgrade of Summit Gardens of no more than \$5,000 to be funded from the Collins Memorial Fund.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council will convene in closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney on a matter 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 this chapter (Open Meetings Act); Texas Government Code Section 551.072-Deliberation regarding real property; Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters.

- Interviews and Procedures to appoint/hire Court/Permit Clerk

END EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

6. Discuss, consider, and act upon any items listed under closed or executive session, if needed.
7. Discuss, consider, and act upon possible action to appoint/hire Court Clerk/Permit Clerk

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 posted 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 no later than the **23th day of February, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.** and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2024

Interim City Secretary Joy Stevens _____