

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF DENTON  
TOWN OF HICKORY CREEK**

The town council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas convened in a special session on September 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers, located at 1075 Ronald Reagan Avenue. Notice of the meeting was posted as required by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. The following members were present and constituted a quorum of members:

Lynn Clark, Mayor  
Tracee Elrod, Councilmember Place 1  
Richard DuPree, Councilmember Place 2  
Chris Gordon, Councilmember Place 3  
Paul Kenney, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ian Theodore, Councilmember Place 5 arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Also in attendance were:

John M. Smith, Jr., Town Administrator  
Kristi K. Rogers, Town Secretary  
Carey Dunn, Chief of Police  
William Scazzero, Town Attorney

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilmember Kenney gave the invocation.

**Items of Community Interest**

The Parks and Recreation Board will host a Halloween event in Sycamore Bend Park on October 22, 2016. The event is family friendly and activities for all ages are planned.

The annual tree lighting will be held Friday, December 2, 2016.

Hickory Creek Helping Hands assists residents in need when unexpected tragedies or situations take place.

**Public Comment**

Joe Flowers, 1 Lake Lane, expressed his concerns with traffic control, safety and the quality of work regarding the Main Street reconstruction project.

**Item B - Public Hearing**

**B (1) Public Hearing: To hear public opinion regarding the proposed 2016 Ad Valorem (property tax) rate of \$0.387319 per \$100 valuation for the Town of Hickory Creek.**

Mayor Clark called the public hearing to order at 6:37 p.m. With no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:38 p.m.

**Item C – Consent Agenda Items**

1. August 2016 Police Report
2. August 2016 Fire Report
3. August 2016 Court Report
4. August 2016 Building Report
5. August 2016 Council Meeting Minutes
6. August 2016 Financial Statements

**Motion:** made by Councilmember DuPree to accept consent agenda Items C1 – C6 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Elrod.

**Ayes:** Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember DuPree, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Kenney and Councilmember Theodore.

**Nays:** None

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Item D – Regular Agenda Items**

**D (1) – Presentation from Fire & Safety Specialists, Inc.**

Fire & Safety Specialists, Inc. evaluated the emergency services provided by the Lake Cities Fire Department and the Denton County Fire District No. 1. David and Lynn White presented the assessment which included operation plans, staffing patterns, training, responder ability, responder cost, equipment cost, EMS service quality and response times.

**Item E - Executive Session: The Town Council convened into executive session at 7:54 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney and other legal counsel on matters in which the duty of the attorney(s) 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.**

1. Discussion regarding confidential contractual negotiations for the provision of fire services.
2. Code enforcement action regarding 14 Oak Circle, Hickory Creek, Texas 75065.

**Item F - Reconvene into Open Session: The Town Council reconvened into open session at 8:46 p.m.**

1. Discussion regarding confidential contractual negotiations for the provision of fire services.

**Motion:** made by Councilmember Gordon to authorize the Mayor to explore, consider, investigate, negotiate and sign all contractual agreements in regards to the provision for fire services as discussed in executive session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Elrod.

**Ayes:** Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember DuPree, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Kenney and Councilmember Theodore.

**Nays:** None

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Code enforcement action regarding 14 Oak Circle, Hickory Creek, Texas 75065.

**Motion:** made by Councilmember Gordon to authorize the town attorney to take action against Jason Pitts, 14 Oak Circle, Hickory Creek, Texas as discussed in executive session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Theodore.

**Ayes:** Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember DuPree, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Kenney and Councilmember Theodore.

**Nays:** None

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Item G – Adjournment**

**Motion:** made by Councilmember Kenney to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Elrod.

**Ayes:** Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember DuPree, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Kenney and Councilmember Theodore.

**Nays:** None

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting did then stand adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Lynn C. Clark, Mayor  
Town of Hickory Creek

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Kristi K. Rogers, Town Secretary  
Town of Hickory Creek