

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
REMOTE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020**

MINUTES

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, effective March 16, 2020, Texas Governor Abbott suspended certain Open Meeting rules to allow meetings of government bodies that are accessible to the public to decrease large groups of people from assembling. The suspension temporarily removes the requirement that government officials and members of the public be physically present at a meeting location.

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
Councilmember Tracee Elrod
Councilmember Richard DuPree
Councilmember Chris Gordon
Mayor Pro Tem Paul Kenney
Councilmember Ian Theodore

Also in attendance:

John M. Smith, Jr., Town Administrator
Kristi K. Rogers, Town Secretary
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 Elrod gave the invocation.

Items of Community Interest

Thanks to Jackson Moss, who worked on his Eagle Scout project in Arrowhead Park.

Public Comment

There were no speakers for public comment.

Consent Agenda

1. April 2020 Council Meeting Minutes
2. April 2020 Financial Statements

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3. Consider and act on a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas designating the Denton Record Chronicle as the official newspaper for the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas.
4. 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 interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement between the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas and Denton County, Texas.

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

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

Regular Agenda

5. Conduct a public hearing regarding the voluntary annexation of a 24.31 acre tract of land situated in the H.H. Swisher Survey, Abstract No. 1220 in Denton County, Texas, and being part of a called 36.253 acre tract of land described as "Tract 1" and part of a called 3.2515 acre tract of land described as "Tract 2" in Executor's Deed to Richard Goldfield, Brian Goldfield and Susan Goldfield, recorded in Instrument Number 2019-36351 of the Official Public Records of Denton County, Texas, and consider and act on an ordinance adopting the same.

Mayor Clark called the public hearing to order at 6:48 p.m. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Clark closed the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.

Motion made by Councilmember Theodore to approve an ordinance annexing a 24.31 acre tract of land situated in the H.H. Swisher Survey, Abstract No. 1220 in Denton County, Texas, and being part of a called 36.253 acre tract of land described as "Tract 1" and part of a called 3.2515 acre tract of land described as "Tract 2" in Executor's Deed to Richard Goldfield, Brian Goldfield and Susan Goldfield, recorded in Instrument Number 2019-36351 of the Official Public Records of Denton County, Texas, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

6. 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 a developer agreement between the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas and RIV Ventures, LLC.

John Smith, Town Administrator, provided details of the developer agreement. Brad Boswell, Project Services Group Inc., Asher Hamilton, RIV Ventures LLC. and Matthew Peterson, Studio 2547, provided an overview of the project and answered questions from the town council.

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Motion made by Councilmember Gordon to approve 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 a developer agreement between the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas and RIV Ventures, LLC. with the changes as discussed, Seconded by Councilmember Elrod. Voting Yea: Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember DuPree, Councilmember Gordon, Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Councilmember Theodore. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider and act on appointments to Board of Adjustments.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Kenney to appoint Larry Crawford to Position 2, Brian Engle to Position 4 and Dennis Day, Alternate 2 of the Board of Adjustments, Seconded by Councilmember Elrod.

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

8. Consider and act on appointments to the Code of Ethics Board.

Mayor Clark would like to appoint Samantha Brown; Councilmember DuPree would like to reappoint Mary Jean Fields and Mayor Pro Kenney would like to reappoint Drew Pickard.

Motion made by Councilmember Elrod to appoint Samantha Brown to represent Mayor Lynn Clark , Mary Jean Fields to represent Councilmember DuPree and Drew Pickard to represent Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

9. Consider and act on appointments to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Motion made by Councilmember Gordon to appoint Lisa Rowell to the Parks and Recreation Board Place 2, Kyle Knop Place 4 and Gwen Grimsley-McIntosh Place 6, Seconded by Councilmember DuPree.

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

10. Consider and act on appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Kenney to reappoint Rodney Barton in Place 2, Bryant Hawkes Place 4 and Jan Stefaniak Place 6 for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11. Consider and act on an ordinance of the Town Council of Hickory Creek, Texas, amending Ordinance 2019-09-827; the 2019-2020 budget as adopted.

Motion made by Councilmember Theodore to approve an ordinance of the Town Council of Hickory Creek, Texas, amending Ordinance 2019-09-827; the 2019-2020 budget as adopted, Seconded by Councilmember DuPree.

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

12. Discussion regarding an interlocal agreement between the City of Corinth and the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas for fire services.

The town council discussed the proposed interlocal agreement for fire services with the City of Corinth. Concerns regarding the increase cost of service were expressed. The City of Corinth is to be notified no later than July 1, 2020 if the town intends to enter into an agreement for October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026 for fire services.

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember DuPree to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

The meeting did then stand adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Lynn C. Clark, Mayor
Town of Hickory Creek

Kristi K. Rogers, Town Secretary
Town of Hickory Creek