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MINUTES

**CITY OF HUTCHINS
NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 3, 2023 – 6:30 PM
Hutchins City Hall – Council Chamber
321 N. Main St.
Hutchins, TX 75141**

A meeting of the Hutchins City Council was held on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at Hutchins City Hall – Council Chamber, 321 N. Main St., Hutchins, Texas, at which time the following items were discussed and considered:

REGULAR SESSION

A. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Vasquez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- 1. Roll Call:** Members present – Mayor Vasquez, Mayor Pro Tem Nichols, Councilmember Elmore, Councilmember Didehbani, Councilmember Campbell, and Councilmember Odom.
- 2. Invocation:** The invocation was presented by Mr. James Spence.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Pro Tem Nichols led the Pledge of Allegiance

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Felix Madrigal, 1527 Trout Rd., spoke in appreciation of the renovations of the Senior Citizen facility, thanked the council for all their work, and commended Ms. Wanda Randle for her great work as the Director of the Senior Center.

C. CONSENT AGENDA - *All items presented in the Consent Agenda require no deliberation by the Council. Each Council member has the opportunity of removing an item from this agenda so that it may be considered separately.*

1. Consider approval of the city council meeting minutes for March 2023

Councilmember Odom made the motion seconded by Councilmember Elmore to approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor, the motion carried 5-0.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. National Telecommunicator Week

Presented by: Steve Perry, Police Chief

Mayor Vasquez presented the Police Department with a Proclamation in recognition of National Telecommunicator Week.

2. Name Badges for Council

Presented by: Katherine Lindsey, Assistant to the City Administrator

Assistant to the City Administrator Katherine Lindsey explained that the request for name badges was made by a council member. The council was presented with four sample products used by other cities. The council favored the sample from the City of Plano and directed staff to order options 3 and 4. One to be used for formal events and one for casual events.

3. January Financial Report

Presented by: William Wooten, Finance Director

Finance Director William Wooten presented the financial report and was available to answer questions.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discuss and consider Resolution R2023-1098 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE EMS COMPLIANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN FITCH & ASSOCIATES AND THE CITY OF HUTCHINS FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE EMS COMPLIANCE SERVICES.

Presented by: Stacey Hickson, Fire Chief

Finance Director William Wooten presented the item, and the purpose of the agreement is to ensure compliance with governmental regulations when processing ambulance billing claims, primarily when processing claims paid by Medicare and Medicaid. The council discussed billing and collections and failure to collect on accounts. Councilmember Didehbani felt the third-party vendor providing billing and collection services on behalf of the city should also be responsible for the compliance audit.

Mayor Pro Tem Nichols made the motion seconded by Councilmember Campbell to approve Resolution R2023-1098. The motion carried 4 to 1.

Voting For: Mayor Pro Tem Nichols, Councilmember Odom, Councilmember Campbell and Councilmember Elmore.

Voting Against: Councilmember Didehbani

2. The Fiscal Year 2023 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is a competitive award program designed to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort

**to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.
Presented by: Steve Perry, Police Chief**

The council discussed the need to increase minimum staffing and the grant application requesting funding for four additional officers. Mayor Vasquez expressed his concern over the increase in high-ranking officers vs the need for officers on the streets. Human Resources Director Karen Steward provided an explanation of the total salary and benefits cost of \$75,000 a year per position, estimating over \$460,000 for three years to fund four officers. If approved, the grant will help increase the patrol squad by three and the traffic unit by one. The council directed staff to proceed with the submission of the grant application.

G. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST


City Secretary Olguin announced the items of community interest.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Elmore made the motion seconded by Councilmember Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously 5-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE HUTCHINS CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 5th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

APPROVED:


Mario Vasquez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cynthia Olguin, City Secretary

