



CITY OF UHLAND
City Council Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers, 15 North Old Spanish Trail, Umland, Texas

Notice was given of a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Umland, Texas to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 via Zoom Conference. Councilmembers and members of the public not attending the meeting in person did so remotely by web or telephone.

On March 16, 2020, and until further notice or until the state disaster declaration expires, the Governor of the State of Texas suspended certain sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act. Therefore, this meeting was posted and held in accordance with those sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act in effect as of the date of the posting of this agenda.

A. CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. The following Councilmembers took their Oath of Office:

Place 1 - Jessica Hodge (2020 – 2022)

Place 2 - Brian Heideman (2020 – 2022)

Place 3 - Daniel Heideman (2020 – 2022)

Place 4 - Naomi Schrock (2020 – 2021)

2. Roll Call. Mayor Hunter, Councilmembers Hodge, Schrock, B. Heideman, D. Heideman and Garonzik were present.

3. Declaration of Quorum.

4. Pledges. The United States and Texas pledges were recited.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Garonzik provided public comment as attached.

C. PUBLIC HEARING

Property Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. with no one wishing to address the item, the public hearing was closed at 6:16 p.m.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. March 4, 2020 Regular City Council meeting minutes
2. Financials of March and April 2020

Motion made by Schrock to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Garonzik. The motion carried with all members voting aye.

E. CITY STAFF REPORTS

1. Introduction of City Secretary

Traci McGinley the new City Secretary was introduced.

2. Status update on due diligence for feasibility of City to acquire cemetery

The item would be placed on the next agenda as the cemetery information was just received.

3. Status update on current grant projects

- a. County Line SUD Grant. The water line has been completed but the generator is not yet connected.
- b. Planning – Community Development Block Grant. There is one more year remaining on this grant.
- c. Drainage Improvement – GLO “General Land Office” Grant. Have not heard back from Grant Administrator Judy Langford.

4. Coming up:

June - fee schedule review

July - zoning ordinance review; review of ordinance 151: Building and Construction Regulations

August - review of 1445 interlocal with counties

F. DISCUSSION ONLY ITEMS

1. Ordinance for transferring / moving of structures on City Streets

Discussion was held regarding issues with transporters damaging utilities while moving homes down Cotton Gin. Administrator Gallaher responded that no permits had been filed/issued. Legal Counsel Akers advised the Council that a transporter could be cited if they were caught moving a building without a permit.

2. COVID-19: State of Texas executive orders and disaster declarations

Legal Counsel Akers provided a highlight of the Governor’s latest executive order.

3. Disaster / Emergency Funds and Financial assistance

Legal Counsel Akers advised the Council that emergency funds are available for reimbursement of COVID-19 testing expenses, to date Uhland has no expenditures.

4. Emergency management: Council duties and responsibilities

Legal Counsel Akers explained that the City had an agreement with the County for Emergency Management and suggested that the contract be reviewed as to the services provided.

5. City of Uhland purchasing land for Utility easements and future ROW
Property between Hwy 21 and Old Spanish Trail, from Short to the Western Store. Due to how narrow the land is, concern was raised as to how the property could be utilized. Legal Counsel Akers responded that she believes that TxDOT does have future expansion plans for that area site. It was determined that Councilmembers Garonzik and Hodge would join Administrator Gallaher in the meeting with the County and TXDOT later in the week.

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

1. Appointment of President Pro Tempore
Motion made by D. Heideman to appoint Schrock as President Pro Tempore, seconded by Hodges. The motion carried with all members voting aye.
2. Amendments to Ordinance No. 147 "Sign Ordinance"
Motion made by Schrock to adopt the Ordinance as amended, with the following sentence added to the end of Division 4, Section 02-24.1, 5: This requirement of a residential property owner's consent shall not be waived by the City Administrator nor the Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by D. Heideman. The motion carried with all members voting aye.
3. Transportation Plan
Motion made by D. Heideman to adopt the Transportation Plan, seconded by Garonzik. The motion carried with all members voting aye.
4. Property Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance
Motion made by Schrock to adopt the Property Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, seconded by D. Heideman. The motion carried with all members voting aye.
5. Uhland Planning and Zoning Commission: Appointment of Lacee Duke
Motion made by Hodges to Appoint Lacee Duke to the Uhland Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Schrock. The motion carried with all members voting aye.
6. Personnel Policy
Motion made by Schrock to table the Personnel Policy to the June meeting, seconded by D. Heideman. The motion carried with all members voting aye.
7. Financial Signatories and Delegation of Authority Policy
Motion made by Garonzik to approve the Financial Signatories and Delegation of Authority Policy, seconded by Schrock. The motion carried with all members voting aye.
8. RFP for City of Uhland Banking Services
Motion made by Hodges for the City to do an RFP for Bank Services, seconded by Garonzik. The motion carried with all members voting aye.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to potential weather event this weekend the Emergency Services District (ESD) will be parked in the City parking lot.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Approved June 3, 2020


Traci R. McGinley, City Secretary

Public Comment Submitted

From: Mark Garonzik <mark.garonzik@uhlandtx.us>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:13 PM **To:**
City <city@uhlandtx.us>
Subject: Public Comment for City Mtg 5/13/20

City Secretary,

Please note that I would like to place a public comment for tonight's meeting as relates to concerns that have come to my attention regarding all of the following:

1. Requests of CCN's (Certificate of Necessity) or lack there of for sewage within the city limits of Uhland as being pursued by Southwest Engineering, County Line Utilities, Plum Creek Utilities and SUD
2. discussion and possible action as it relates to Eminent Domain & Condemnation with SUD and possibly TXDOT...what ARE the rights of city property owners and what action can be taken
3. Clarification of franchise fees as it relates to County Line and any other pertaining entities
4. City recourse as it pertains to relocating a sewage lift station scheduled and in process for Agricultural zoned property southwest of Cotton Gin Rd. within the city limits of the City of Uhland and opposition by city constituents including safety concerns and clarification by SUD on their plan A and Plan B versions for 15" sewage line running through personal properties.
 - a. What are the property owners rights
 - b. Has money already been exchanged prior to city council approval on this project.
 - c. What other options are available

Sincerely,

Mark Garonzik

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