

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WALLER
CITY OF HEMPSTEAD**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 21st day of November, A.D., 2016, at 6:00 P.M. the City Council met in Regular Session at the City Hall in said City, there being present, to-wit:

Michael S. Wolfe, Sr., Mayor
Patricia Chernosky, Mayor Pro-Tem
Katherine Ragston, Councilmember
Lonnie Garfield, Councilmember

Ben Tibbs, Councilmember
Paula Alexander, City Attorney
Barbara Haffelfinger, City Secretary

Others present at the meeting included Sabrina Alvarez, Rooster Smith, David Hartley, and Kollye Kilpatrick.

Mayor Wolfe called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. and gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

No Public Comments were made.

Councilmember Ragston made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2016 and November 7, 2016 meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tibbs and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Garfield made a motion to approve the Hempstead Retail Center Subdivision Plat, a subdivision of 24.599 acres of land situated in the Justo Liendo Survey, Abstract 41, Waller County, Texas. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chernosky and carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the KSA Engineers Contract for an engineered design for the Welcome to Hempstead sign to be located at the intersection of Highway 6 and Highway 290. A design will be brought before Council for approval prior to construction. City Attorney Alexander stated that it may be possible to use HEDC funds to help with the construction. Councilmember Tibbs made a motion to approve the contract with KSA Engineers for the City of Hempstead welcome sign. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ragston and carried unanimously.

An Ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Tibbs. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ragston and carried the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Patricia Chernosky, Councilmember Katherine Ragston, Councilmember Lonnie Garfield, Councilmember Ben Tibbs

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Charles Tompkins

**ORDINANCE
NO. 16-113**

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY WHO HAVE TERMINATED PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, TO DEPOSIT THE SUMS SO WITHDRAWN, PLUS ANNUAL WITHDRAWAL CHARGES, AND ALLOWING AND UNDERTAKING THE COST OF ALLOWING ANY SUCH EMPLOYEE CREDIT IN SUCH SYSTEM FOR ALL SERVICE TO WHICH SUCH EMPLOYEE HAD BEEN ENTITLED AT DATE OF SUCH WITHDRAWAL, WITH LIKE EFFECT AS IF ALL SUCH SERVICE HAD BEEN PERFORMED AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THIS CITY.

WHEREAS, the actuary of the Texas Municipal Retirement System has determined that all obligations charged against the City's account in the benefit accumulation fund, including the obligations arising as a result of this ordinance, can be funded by the City within its maximum contribution rate and within its amortization period; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that adoption of this ordinance is in the best interests of the City, now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 853.003 of Subtitle G of Title 8, V.T.C.A., Government Code, as amended, the City of Hempstead hereby elects to allow any member of the Texas Municipal Retirement System who is an employee of this City on the 21st day of November, 2016, who has terminated a previous membership in said System by withdrawal of deposits while absent from service, but who has at least 24 months of credited service as an employee of this City since resuming membership to deposit with the System in a lump sum the amount withdrawn, plus a withdrawal charge of five percent (5%) of such amount for each year from date of such withdrawal to date of redeposit, and thereupon such member shall be allowed credit for all service to which the member had been entitled at date of termination of earlier membership, with like effect as if all such service had been rendered as an employee of this City, whether so rendered or not. The City agrees to underwrite and hereby assumes the obligations arising out of the granting of all such credits, and agrees that all such obligations and reserves required to provide such credits shall be charged to this City's account in the benefit accumulation fund. The five percent (5%) per annum withdrawal paid by the

member shall be deposited to the credit of the City's account in said benefit accumulation fund; and the deposits of the amount previously withdrawn by the member shall be credited to his or her individual account in the benefit accumulation fund of the System.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective on the 21st day of November, 2016, which is a date on or after the date set forth in Section 1, above.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 21st day of November, A.D., 2016.

APPROVED:

/s/ Michael S. Wolfe, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Barbara Haffelfinger, City Secretary

Discussion was held on repair of St. Barbe Street between 16th and 17th Street, and 16th Street between Colorado and Hutchins Street. Mayor Pro-Tem Chernosky expressed concern about the streets being damaged by the heavy equipment involved in the housing development in the area. Mayor Wolfe advised that only base will be put down, and asphalt will come at a later date to avoid damages. A Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Tibbs for base repair only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ragston and carried the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Patricia Chernosky, Councilmember Katherine Ragston, Councilmember Lonnie Garfield, Councilmember Ben Tibbs

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Charles Tompkins

**RESOLUTION
NO. 16-022**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR STREET REPAIR
16TH AND ST. BARBE TO 17TH AND ST. BARBE STREET
16TH AND COLORADO TO 16TH AND HUTCHINS STREET**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD,
TEXAS:**

That Council hereby authorizes the repair of the following Streets:

1. 16th and St. Barbe to 17th and St. Barbe Street.

2. 16th and Colorado to 16th and Hutchins Street.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 21st day of November, A.D., 2016.

APPROVED:

/s/ Michael S. Wolfe, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Barbara Haffelfinger, City Secretary

Discussion was held on the request from the Democratic Club to waive fees for use of the Hempstead Recreation Center on December 10, 2016. Mayor Pro-Tem Chernosky made a motion to approve the request from the Democratic Club to waive the fee for use of the Hempstead Recreation Center on December 10, 2016 pending clarification on the application of who the renting party actually is. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ragston and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Ragston made a motion to approve payment of the current bills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tibbs and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chernosky made a motion to approve payment of the current bills of the Hempstead Economic Development Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garfield and carried unanimously.

Under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Wolfe updated Council on:

- A. Sales Tax - Positive for the month of November 2016 at .26%.
- B. Demolitions - Mayor Wolfe reviewed a list of properties that have been demolished recently.
- C. Update on FEMA Reimbursements - Mayor Wolfe is working on getting corrected invoices that itemize street repair separately from debris removal. All other requested documents have been submitted. FEMA has approved reimbursement of 75% of the cost for replacement of transformers.
- D. Sewer Leaks - TCEQ Notification - Mayor Wolfe advised that Public Works Director Rooster Smith has notified TCEQ of sewer leaks that have been caused by the developer in the 16th Street area. The City has had to repair these leaks four times. The developer has been notified of this problem.

There being no further business, Councilmember Garfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chernosky and carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 19th day of December, A.D., 2016.

APPROVED:

/s/ Michael S. Wolfe, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Barbara Haffelfinger, City Secretary