



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2022
MINUTES**

A meeting of the City Council ("Council") of the Village of The Hills ("the Village") was held in person and remotely. Mayor Wharton called the meeting to order, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Council to wit:

Greg Wharton, Mayor	Jim Nelson, Councilmember, Treasurer (via Zoom)
Hilda Potsavich, Mayor Pro Tem	Sarah Carroll, Councilmember
Robert Smith, Councilmember, Secretary	Rick Van Dalen, Councilmember

and all said persons were present thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Wendy Smith and Sonja De La Fuente, Village of The Hills, and Tom Stiles, POA.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance after Executive Session.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council went into Executive Session at 9:00 a.m.

The Mayor and City Council may adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to, Sections §441.071 (Consultation with attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), §551.087 (Economic Development), §418.183 (Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues), and as authorized by the Texas Tax Code including, but not limited to Section 321.3022 (Sales Tax Information).

-Consultation regarding Lohmans Intersection plans, finances, and agreements

The City Council came out of Executive Session at 9:28 a.m. and convened the Regular meeting at 9:30 a.m. There was no reportable action.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the January 11, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Finance/Treasurer's Report for January 2022
- C. Quarterly Investment Report for October – December 2021

Treasurer Jim Nelson provided the Treasurer's Report for January. He indicated it appears the Village is on track in pretty much every area. Real estate taxes are coming in a little earlier than usual. Also, there is an uptick in sales and beverage tax collections.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved approval of the consent agenda; Councilmember Van Dalen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS

A. Law Enforcement

Constable Ginnetti was unable to join the meeting. The Mayor noted that there were two collisions on the report and requested additional details. City Manager Smith will ask the Constable and report back.

Tom Stiles reported that the Security Committee will be asking people not to chase traffic violators rather call 911 to report.

City Manager Smith reported that the POA has ordered a taller pole for the radar sign and once received, it will be installed.

B. POA Liaison

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich reported the following actions were taken in open session at the recent POA meeting:

- Election of Officers for 2022 as follows: President – Jim Vick, Vice President – Tom Stiles, Secretary – Brian Peters and Treasurer – Mark Wolstromer.
- The transition from Grand Manors to PS Management will be final the end of February. The POA Board will send out notification to the property owners regarding the change. Vickie MacHale has been hired to assist Macie in the POA office.
- The Board discussed the need to rescind a resolution that had given Grand Manors power to fast track collections at the same time they went to only

electronic billing. Around 200 residents were inadvertently involved in late or non-payment as a result of not receiving a paper invoice as was usual. Roman Patent asked to table the vote until he had an opportunity to read the initial resolution. It will be added to the February agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich also reported that fountain repairs are in progress and included in the POA landscaping contract.

C. MUD Liaison

Councilmember Nelson reported that the Church of Christ is requesting approval from the MUD Board to provide water and wastewater utility service. The Board is inclined to move forward with the request; however, they are currently awaiting studies. He also reported that the MUD is doing a good job staying on top of emergency preparedness. A dual feed system is in place and generators are available to rent if needed. They are working with Lakeway to obtain a generator to maintain power to the Barge in case of an emergency.

Councilmember Carroll will attend the February MUD Board Meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich will attend in May.

D. Club Liaison

Councilmember Van Dalen reported that Casey Brown will be handling joint events with the Club and the City. He has not heard whether the project for Creekside has been approved yet. He noted ClubCorp is projecting a \$30 million deficit, so he's not sure if that will delay things. He reported that the Club is looking to fill 21 positions.

E. Park Liaison

Councilmember Carroll reported that a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting has not been held since the last Council meeting. She also reported that demolition of the playground will commence this week.

F. Youth Advisory Commission

City Manager Smith reported that the YAC is currently in collection mode for the Art from the Heart project (Nursing home adoption event).

G. City Manager's Report

City Manager Smith reported that she had received a few applications for landscape manager and will set up interviews. Councilmember suggested sharing the cost with the POA.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich asked about downed limbs on Club Estates. City Manager Smith advised that she has tree removals scheduled and that would be included. Mayor Wharton noted that he's not aware of any direct weather-related incidents.

Mayor Wharton asked about the timeline for the Walking Trail project. City Manager Smith advised they should begin construction the first week in March and finish in seven months from start date.

H. Mayor's Report

Mayor Wharton reported that communication would be pushed out to the community regarding the status of a traffic study and ongoing monitoring and involvement with communication around the Lohmans intersection related to the Lakeway development on the other side of Lohmans and its consequential effects on traffic in The Hills. Also, the license agreement for Club Corp's tee box has not yet been executed with the Club, but he will work to get that completed.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Discussion and consideration of an Ordinance repealing Division 2 of Chapter 2 Administration and Personnel, Article 2.03 Boards, Commissions and Committees

Mayor Wharton provided the report regarding this item. He indicated that a Technology and Infrastructure Commission would hopefully be considered in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved approval of the Ordinance repealing Division 2 of Chapter 2 Administration and Personnel, Article 2.03 Boards, Commissions and Committees; Councilmember Van Dalen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- B. Discussion and consideration of proposals for RFP 2022-01 Trail Irrigation Relocation and Repair

City Manager Smith provided the report regarding this item. She indicated that only one proposal was received from Sunscape Landscaping. She advised that once insurance is received work may begin. There was a brief discussion held among Council and staff regarding distribution and publication of the Request for Proposals (RFP).

Councilmember Smith moved to approve the proposal received from Sunscape in the amount of \$73,638; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- C. Discussion and consideration of a Community Service Award and Volunteer Dinner

The City Manager provided the report for this item. The Mayor recommended looking into Creekside's availability over the next couple of months. There was a brief discussion held regarding the selection criteria. Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich explained the dinner is for all volunteers and provided some history of the Community Service Award and other special awards or recognitions.

With Creekside under construction, Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich suggested having dinner catered at the park alternatively.

There was a consensus of the Council to hold the dinner as soon as practical by the end of April at Creekside and review a final draft of the selection criteria at the next City Council meeting.

D. Discussion and consideration of authorizing the City Manager to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund for the purpose of making the February 2022 debt service payment for Limited Tax Notes, Series 2021

The City Manager provided the report for this item. She recommended moving \$20,000 to the general fund to the debt service fund.

Councilmember Van Dalen moved to authorize the City Manager to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund for the purpose of making the February 2022 debt service payment for Limited Tax Notes, Series 2021; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS

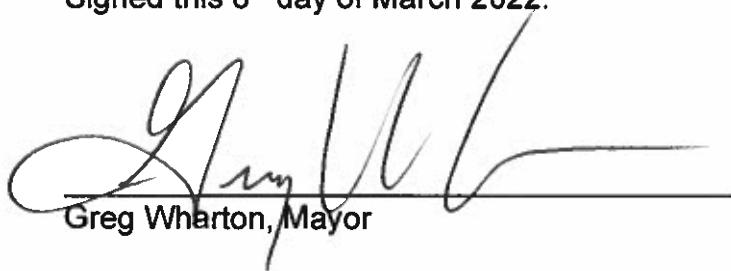
New business items to be included on the next agenda.

- Update on the Walking Trail Project

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved to adjourn at 10:11 a.m.; Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Signed this 8th day of March 2022.



Greg Wharton, Mayor

(Seal)



ATTEST:



Sonja De La Fuente, City Secretary