

## MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HULL MAYOR AND COUNCIL

April 24, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Barber at 7:00 p.m. at Hull City Hall. Those in attendance in addition to the Mayor were the Clerk, and council members Mike McElroy, Paige Phillips, and Steven Hollingsworth, and attorney Danny Love. .

A moment of silent prayer followed the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Steven Hollingsworth and a second by Paige Phillips. The financial reports were unanimously approved after a motion by Mike McElroy and a second by Steven Hollingsworth.

There was some discussion about amending the Charter to provide for the Mayor to appoint, with council approval, council members to fulfill unexpired terms of council members who resign or pass away while in office and also to amend to provide that the Mayor can recommend hiring and firing of employees however council must vote to recommend such recommendations. Attorney Love will prepare the necessary document for final approval at the May meeting. The matter will then need to be advertised and a public meeting will need to follow.

There was discussion between Mayor Council and City Attorney concerning the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and County concerning adoption of the County Zoning Ordinance and what all would be involved. City Attorney Love did not recommend that the City do this due to everything that would be involved. No action was taken on this but Attorney Love will get back with the County Attorney to discuss this further and bring any information he obtains to the May meeting. Attorney Love did recommend that we enter into an Agreement with the County with respect to their building codes etc. Motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Steven Hollingsworth and unanimously approved to proceed with this. This will take some work to go through their Codes and prepare a document using the City of Hull name, etc. but he has someone who could assist with this the costs of which he would just include with his invoice. Motion was made by Paige Phillips, seconded by Steven Hollingsworth and unanimously approved for the City Attorney to proceed with preparing this document. No action was taken however there was some discussion about an Animal Control Ordinance and enforcement of same.

Mayor and Council then discussed possible amendments to the current travel policy which has been in effect since 2019. After some discussion Mayor and Council felt like we had a good policy in place but that the meal per diem needed to be updated. Motion was made by Steven Hollingsworth and seconded by Paige Phillips that we amend the meal per diem to a flat \$65.00 per day prorated to 75% for the first day of travel and the last day of travel. The motion passed unanimously.

The Clerk presented the Letters of Engagement from Kurt Hardison to do the Agreed Upon Procedures for the city accounts for 2022. The Clerk advised that attorney Love had reviewed and approved same. Motion was made by Paige Phillips, seconded by Mike McElroy and unanimously approved that we accept the letters of engagement and the Clerk is authorized to sign same on behalf of the City.

Mayor Barber advised council that the flashing speed limit sign on Glenn Carrie at the Chevron

was not working. He had contacted the company and they had offered a few suggestions to see if the sign could become operable. Mayor Barber had tried those with no success. After some discussion a motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Steven Hollingsworth and unanimously approved that we remove that sign. The sign at the other end coming into the City is still working most of the time so that sign will remain in place.

The Clerk presented a ballot for the election of officers for the GMA 5<sup>th</sup> District wherein we could accept the nominees presented or make our own nominations. Motion was made by Steven Hollingsworth, seconded by Paige Phillips and unanimously approved to accept this ballot as presented. The Clerk is authorized to sign and submit to GMA.

Council member Steven Hollingsworth reminded Mayor and Council that the first full week of May was Clerk's Appreciation Week. He made a motion that Mayor and Council, as they have done in the past, provide the Clerk and her spouse to spend up to \$100.00 for a meal at a restaurant of her choosing to show their appreciation for all she does. Motion was seconded by Mike McElroy and unanimously approved.

Mayor Barber advised council that he had received a call from Mr. Dills from the DOT indicating that the City had not completed a project for which they had received LMIG monies and this project needed to be completed so that this could be closed out which would allow us to receive additional monies in the future once our audits were up to date. The project involved paving Hill Falls Court. Mayor Barber indicated that the DOT had indicated they could have Garrett Paving take a look at this but that it should not cost more than \$15,000.00 to complete. This was a project the former Mayor had applied for LMIG funds to go toward but was never completed. The project can be paid for with TSPLOST funds. Motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Paige Phillips and unanimously approved to proceed with this project.

Council member Phillips had a question concerning the lawn maintenance to which Mayor Barber responded that he had just cut earlier today.

Motion was then made by Steven Hollingsworth, seconded by Mike McElroy and unanimously approved to go into executive session to discuss a personnel and possible litigation matter. Motion was then made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Paige Phillips, and unanimously approved to come out of executive session. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned after a motion by Steven Hollingsworth and a second by Mike McElroy.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Pou  
City Clerk