

NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HEMPHILL, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the governing body of the above-named City will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers located at 211 Starr St., Hemphill, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to-wit:

- 1) Call to Order.
- 2) Prayer.
- 3) Pledge to the American and Texas Flags.
- 4) Reading of Statement regarding City of Hemphill City Council Meeting Speaker Policy—read by Kelli Beall, City Secretary/Accountant
- 5) Citizen Comments—All Citizens Desiring to Comment during this Period are limited to 4 minutes per person.
- 6) Consent Agenda—All matters listed under Item 6, consent agenda, are considered to be routine by the city council, and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.
 - a. Approve Minutes of the January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting.
 - b. Approve Accounts Payable Check Register January 2021.
 - c. Approve Gas Power Cost Adjustment of (\$0.012) per ccf for February 2021. (Note: Gas PCA is negative.)
 - d. Approve Electric Power Cost Adjustment of \$0.01390 per KWH for February 2021.
- 7) Discuss and Consider Granting Alderman Place #3 Mr. Ray Tomlinson, a medical leave of absence.
- 8) Discuss details of the City’s USDA loan options and possibly approve the City Manager’s recommended course of action.
- 9) Presentation and Approval of City of Hemphill Police Department 2020 Traffic Stop Information /Racial Profiling Report—Chief David West.
- 10) Discuss and Possibly Approve changing Birch Street from a One-way Street to a Two-way Street.
- 11) Follow-up discussion from January’s meeting concerning Slice using city street right-of-way for their open BBQ Pit on Howard St, and possibly take action to allow a way to accommodate businesses for special occasions.
- 12) City Business:
 - A. Police Report by David West, Chief of Police.
 - B. City Manager’s Report
 - i. Update on May 1, 2021 General Election
 - ii. Follow-up questions concerning: Masonic Lodge, One-way Streets around the Square, and Sabine Apartments
 - iii. CDBG Grant Application Update
 - iv. City Employee Recognition – Kelli Beall, City Secretary/ Accountant – graduated with Texas Registered Municipal Clerks Certification
 - v. Update on three positions advertising for: i) Natural Gas System Supervisor; ii) Utility and Park Laborer/ Meter Reader; and iii) Part-Time Office Assistant/ Meter Reader.
- 13) Suggestions for Agenda Items for March 2021 Regular Meeting.
- 14) Adjourn.

By _____
Kelli Beall, City Secretary/Accountant

PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.127 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GUIDANCE AND PROVISIONS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS IN THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER ENACTED MARCH 13, 2020, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MAY BE PARTICIPATING

REMOTELY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, AS TEMPORARILY MODIFIED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MAY PARTICIPATE BY VIDEO CONFERENCE OR TELECONFERENCE ONLY BY JOINING THE ZOOM MEETING AT THE FOLLOWING LINK OR BY GOING TO zoom.us and clicking "Join a Meeting" and enter the meeting ID of 896 6622 5478 or by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89666225478>

To listen by telephone only dial: 1-346-248-7799 and enter the meeting ID of 896 6622 5478. In order to comply with Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order due to COVID-19, which states that every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in which proper social distancing cannot be maintained and since the number of person's allowed in the city council chambers will be limited to 13 persons, including City Council Members and City Staff, due to the fact that proper social distancing cannot be maintained for more than 13 people. ONLY 3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ADMITTED IN PERSON. A Police Officer will be at the door to regulate entrance to the meeting. Members of the public may attend through the Zoom Meeting methods listed above. Members of the public who plan to participate via video conference and who would like to make public comments must do so in writing and MUST provide the City Secretary with a completed speaker card and their written comments by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 per the City's Speaker Policy. You may e-mail the completed speaker card to cityhall@cityofhemphill.com OR you may drop off your speaker card with your comments at City Hall by 4:00 pm on February 16, 2021. You may attach your written comments to the completed Speaker Card, if needed. Speaker cards can be obtained at City Hall or on the city's website at www.cityofhemphill.com. If you are a member of the public who is admitted in person, you must have a speaker card completed and turned in five minutes, prior to the start of the meeting.

A recording of the audio and video of the meeting will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of the Meeting of the Governing Body of the above named City, Hemphill, Texas, is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the inside and outside bulletin boards in the City Hall of said City, Hemphill, Texas, both places convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and on the city website, and said Notice was posted on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting. Dated this the 12th day of February, 2021.

City of Hemphill

By _____
Kelli Beall, City Secretary/Accountant

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Request for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (409) 787-2251 or FAX (409) 787-2259 or E-Mail: cityhall@cityofhemphill.com for further information. The City Council of the City of Hemphill reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of the meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (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), §551.077 (Agency Financed by Federal Government), §551.084 (Exclusion of Witness from Hearing), §551.086 (Meeting Concerning Municipally Owned Utility), §551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development), §551.088 (Deliberations Regarding Licensing Testing Exam), & §418.183(f) (Texas Disaster Act: regarding Critical Infrastructure). This public notice was removed from the official posting board at the City of Hemphill, City Hall on the following date and time:

By: _____ City Secretary's Office