

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Whiting called the City of Hilshire Village Council Meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. at 8301 Westview, Houston, Texas 77055.

1.1 Present: were Mayor Shannon Whiting, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Maddock, Council Members Mike Gordy, Stephanie Post, and Russell Herron. Also, present were City Administrator, Susan Blevins. Council Member David Gunn was absent.

2. Citizens Comments: None

3. ACTION ITEMS:

3.1 Mayor Pro Tem Maddock made a motion to authorize HDR'S Engineering Services not to exceed \$68,952.00 associated with replacing the water line for the Friarcreek Subdivision, seconded by Council Member Gordy.

A summary sheet was given to Council showing the Bridle Spur/Pine Creek Project cost and funding sources inclusive of engineering and projected costs with pending payables. The Bridle Spur and Pine Creek project currently spans three (3) budget years so showing expenses is a bit tricky. A surplus of \$426,112.00 is estimated at the end of the project.

The City Engineer, Efrain Him, had given an estimate on the engineering costs for the Friarcreek and Burkhart Projects. The costs on Burkhart are based on linear footage. Friarcreek is estimated at one thousand (1,000) linear feet and Burkhart at eight hundred (800) linear feet. Construction costs have also been estimated.

For the construction costs only on Friarcreek and Burkhart the total is estimated to be \$342,000.00. If a change order is issued it cannot be over twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contract value of \$1.357 million. The percentage for the construction only is twenty-five point two percent (25.2%).

The Capital Improvements Priority Study shows Friarcreek water and sewer, Archley sewer and Burkhart water to be a priority.

Council Member Post pointed out that if the City uses Metro Funds for all the allowable paving and drainage it will leave a balance of only \$136,000.00. The City gets \$103,000.00 per year from Metro for the next nine (9) years. The City also has the

balance of the Certificate of Obligation Funds and the General Fund money that can be used instead of \$54,000 of Metro money which was not budgeted. Saving this Metro money would provide a bigger cushion for unexpected expenses in the future.

Mayor Whiting and Council Member Post both stated that the Friarcreek project was the most critical of the two. Mayor Whiting stated that based on the available funds she felt it was best not to do Burkhart at this time.

Mrs. Vulliez, 8014 Burkhart, said that they redid their house and they still have brown water. A neighbor had pictures of the fire hydrant in front of her house, during flushing, spitting out orange-brown water. She said there is no water pressure.

Council Member Herron wanted to know if Council could start a new project for Burkhart and just add Friarcreek to the current project. Mayor Whiting said that one (1) option was to authorize the engineering for Burkhart and start working on the funding.

Council Member Gordy stated that water problems can be rerouted while sewer problems are more critical. On Burkhart, more flushing of the fire hydrant could help with the brown water. He also said that valves should be checked and the long tap of service needs to be tested and possibly replaced with a long tap to each house.

A vote was taken to approve the motion authorizing HDR'S Engineering Services not to exceed \$68,952.00 associated with replacing the water line for the Friarcreek Subdivision. The vote passed unanimously.

3.2 Mayor Pro Tem Maddock made a motion to table the motion to authorize HDR'S Engineering Services for an estimated amount of \$55,161.60 associated with replacing the water line for Burkhart Road between Ridgeley and Glourie Drive, and instead itemize the diagnostics needed to determine what action is needed with regard to water service on Burkhart Road, seconded by Council Member Post.

Council Member Maddock said he wanted to itemize diagnostic tests to find out what is needed to fix the water problem on Burkhart. Council Member Herron said we need to find out what is in the ground. Council Member Gordy stated that he thinks Council should take care of sewer projects first.

A vote was taken to table the motion to authorize HDR's Engineering Services associated with replacing the water line for Burkhart Road between Ridgeley and Glourie Drive, with the caveat that the City move ahead with diagnostics on the water lines on Burkhart. The vote passed unanimously.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT: City Administrator Blevins said that the Texas Ethics Commission had stated that from now on any contract that the Council votes on, regardless of amount, the vendor will have to fill out special paperwork.

5. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Pro Tem Maddock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Post. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Shannon Whiting, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Blevins, City Secretary