

At 7:00 p.m. Atty Rapier gave Oath of Office to Jeff Herbst and Bob Parmelee as Town Council alderman for a period of 2 years ending in May 2018.

A regular monthly meeting of the Town of New Hope Board of Aldermen Town Council was held on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, in the New Hope Town Hall. It was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Jeff Herbst. Also present were Ald. Carol King, Ald. Bob Parmelee, Ald. Alex Hull, Ald. Omar Nunez, and attorney John Rapier.

There were 62 citizens present.

**Item 1.** Call to order and quorum check.

**Public Comments –**

Terry Sanner – thank you for the good road repair

Jim Proctor – interesting in the LARS program, he is a new citizen in New Hope

David Groom – question on how things are placed on the Agenda

Alan Welch – question of renters following zoning ordinance, can it be placed on agenda

Jenifer Welch – question of putting on agenda business hours for commercial business, requested that residential have preference, question about trees over road

Joe Dudas – question about road changes

**Item 2.** Consent Items:

- a. Motion was made to accept April 26, 2016, minutes. None opposed and all approved. Motion carried.
- b. The Treasurer's report was given by Ald. Parmelee. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer report by Mayor Pro Tem Herbst and a second was made by Ald. King. None opposed and all approved. Motion carried.

**Item 3.** Commissioner Chris Hill precinct 3 presented the Commissioner's Court Mobility Plan using power point. He answered many citizen questions in the short amount of time available. He offered to have a Town Hall type meeting in the future for more direct and specific questions. The Town Council agreed to post a time and date for this meeting.

**Questions:**

There was question concerning future traffic patterns and projected growth which was addressed by Ald. Nunez.

Who should be contacted about the state highway - TXDOT

There is definitely a need for a mobility plan, but big question was where to best locate it?

Concern of citizens to keep town small and not have 1827 widened or a major road placed through New Hope. – Mayor Pro Tem Herbst said there were no set plans at present.

Citizen comment that citizens and county should work together to help find a place for the road. Chris Hill commented that there are meetings every Monday at the Courthouse at 1:30 and the public is welcome.

- Item 4.** Road Commissioner, Jeff Herbst, presented the status on Town roads with some discussion focused on Oak Meadows and a water drainage project. A detailed report was provided with projected needs and costs at rate of \$165/ton. There was some discussion concerning the proposed repairs. Ald. Alex Hull made a motion to accept the road plan with the Oak Meadows part of road plan tabled and remainder of road plan approved. Ald. Bob Parmelee made a second. None opposed and all approved. Motion carried.
- Item 5.** Town Council went into Executive Session with Town Attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 relating to current code enforcement cases at 8:33 and returned back into regular session at 8:43. No action was taken.
- Item 6.** Report was given on applicant as a code enforcer at \$25/hour at Town Council's direction on an as needed basis. Atty Rapier's office will draw up contract for Steven Taylor. A motion was made by Ald. Bob Parmelee and Ald. Alex Hull to do a one-time review of the town and then on an as needed basis.
- Item 7.** There was some discussion concerning noise abatement. Town of New Hope Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance No. 2005-11, Section 15.02 contains noise regulations of which Atty Rapier suggested moving this portion out of current ordinance and creating a separate ordinance for ease of administration. Ald. Hull made a motion and Mayor Herbst made a second to create a separate sound ordinance (Ordinance 2016-003). None opposed and all approved. Motion passed.
- Item 8.** Motion was made to appoint Ald. Jeff Herbst as Mayor by Ald. Bob Parmelee and a second was made by Ald. Alex Hull. None opposed and motion passed. Ald. Jeff Herbst abstained from voting.
- Item 9.** There was some discussion concerning appointing member to New Hope Cultural Educational Facilities Finance Corporation (NH CEFFC) as Director with term to expire Dec 2017. Motion was made by Ald./Director Bob Parmelee and a second was made by Ald./Director Carol King to appoint Omar Nunez as Director. None opposed and all approved. Motion passed.
- Item 10.** There was some discussion concerning number of signatures on Town checks. Motion was made by Mayor Herbst and a second was made by Ald. King to take appropriate steps for bank signatories at American National Bank of Texas.
- Item 11.** As current President of NH CEFFC was not available, the New Hope Town Council considered and voted upon a Resolution of The Town Council Of The Town of New Hope, Texas, Authorizing the issuance of the New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation Student Housing Revenue Bonds and the project to be acquired with the proceeds of such bonds (Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi). Mayor Herbst made a motion and Ald. King made a second to approve resolution. None

opposed and all approved. Motion passed.

**Item 12.** As current President of NH CEFFC was not available, the New Hope Town Council Considered and voted upon a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town Of New Hope, Texas, authorizing the issuance of the New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation Student Housing Revenue Bonds and the project to be acquired with the proceeds of such bonds (Texas A&M University at San Antonio). Mayor Herbst made a motion and Ald. Hull made a second to approve resolution. None opposed and all approved. Motion passed.

**Item 13.** Dates for July Town Council meeting were discussed. No action taken.

**Item 14.** Next Town Council meeting date was set for June 28, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

**Item 15.** Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.