

**MINUTES TO REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 8, 2021**

City of Patton Village
Montgomery County
State of Texas

On the 8th day of April 2021, the City of Patton Village Council conducted a Virtual Meeting via electronic methods (telephones and Internet), as well as the meeting being accessible by the public and notice of said meeting, the date, place, and subject posted as pursuant to the provisions of Texas Government Code. Instructions to access the meeting were posted and available to the public.

6:07 P.M. Regular Session Opened

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Quorum Check:**

Mayor Scott Anderson	Present
Council Member #1 David Young	Present
Council Member #2 Garry Hershman (Mayor Pro-Tem)	Present
Council Member #3 Billy Crittenden	Present
Council Member #4 Michelle Earhart	Present
Council Member #5 Clyde Reeves	Present

5. Public Comments: None

6. New Business:

A. The Mayor and Patton Village City Council members recognized Phillip Day with a Citizen Certificate of Appreciation for his assistance to other citizens during the recent ice storm. The Certificate was presented to Mr. Day by Councilman Reeves. No other action was necessary for this item.

B. Jason Sessum of S&S Utilities presented the monthly report for the Utility Department. No action was necessary for this item.

C. Engineer Mike Mathena presented the monthly report for the City Engineers. Mr. Mathena suggested a meeting with the City Attorney concerning the anticipated litigation in reference to the sewer system. No other action was necessary for this item.

D. Interim Police Chief Hernandez presented the monthly report for the Police Department. The monthly report for the Municipal Court was included in the Council packets.

E. Motion was made by Councilman Hershman and seconded by Councilwoman Earhart and Motion to Amend was made by Councilman Young and seconded by Councilman Crittenden to approve no more cash payments to be accepted by the Utility Department and Permits Department beginning May 1, 2021. Payments are to be made by check, money order, or by credit card online.

Vote:

Councilman Young	Yes
Councilman Hershman	Yes
Councilman Crittenden	Yes
Councilwoman Earhart	Yes
Councilman Reeves	Yes

Motion carried.

F. This item to approve a contract between the City of Patton Village and iWorQ for a utility billing solution was postponed until next meeting.

G. Motion was made by Councilman Hershman and seconded by Councilwoman Earhart to consider, discuss, and take action on the need for a new municipal court judge and direct the mayor in seeking out and providing candidates for Council's consideration.

Vote:

Councilman Young	Yes
Councilman Hershman	No
Councilman Crittenden	No
Councilwoman Earhart	No
Councilman Reeves	No

Motion failed.

H. Motion was made by Councilman Hershman and seconded by Councilman Crittenden to consider, discuss, and take action on approval of pay raises for the Police Department as approved by the 2020-2021 Final Budget. However, motion was made by Councilman Hershman and seconded by Councilman Reeves to amend this item to extend a 3% Cost of Living pay raise across the Board for all city personnel to be effective with the next pay period beginning April 11, 2021.

Vote:

Councilman Young	Yes
Councilman Hershman	Yes
Councilman Crittenden	Yes
Councilwoman Earhart	Yes
Councilman Reeves	Yes

Motion carried.

I. This item for Council to consider, discuss, and take action on creating an ordinance to limit comp time hours for police offices to a maximum of 80 hours was withdrawn.

J. Motion was made by Councilman Reeves and seconded by Councilwoman Earhart to limit comp time hours for police officers to a maximum of 80 hours.

Vote:

Councilman Young	Yes
Councilman Hershman	Yes
Councilman Crittenden	Yes
Councilwoman Earhart	Yes
Councilman Reeves	Yes

Motion carried.

K. This item to consider, discuss, and take action to start the process of passing a Tow Truck Ordinance was postponed.

L. Motion was made by Councilman Reeves and seconded by Councilman Hershman and amended by motion of Councilman Hershman and seconded by Councilman Crittenden to approve the fees to upgrade radios for the Police Department with the Police Seizure Fund paying one-half the \$400 cost and the City paying the remainder.

Vote:

Councilman Young	Yes
Councilman Hershman	Yes
Councilman Crittenden	Yes
Councilwoman Earhart	Yes
Councilman Reeves	Yes

Motion carried.

M. Motion was made by Councilman Hershman and seconded by Councilwoman Earhart to take action on approval for the (Interim) Police Chief to call out officers during emergency circumstances.

Vote:

Councilman Young	Yes
Councilman Hershman	Yes
Councilman Crittenden	Yes
Councilwoman Earhart	Abstain
Councilman Reeves	Yes

Motion carried.

N. Motion was made by Councilman Reeves and seconded by Councilman Hershman with an amended motion by Councilman Young and seconded by Councilwoman Earhart to approve LightPoint Engineering for the GLO 2016 Flood Roads Project Contract #19-078-021-B371.

Vote:

Councilman Young	Yes
Councilman Hershman	Yes
Councilman Crittenden	Yes
Councilwoman Earhart	Yes
Councilman Reeves	Yes

Motion carried.

O. Motion was made by Councilwoman Earhart and seconded by Councilman Reeves and amended by motion by Councilman Young and seconded by Councilman Reeves to schedule a workshop with discussion to include a proposed ordinance for the usage of storage containers and storage units. The initial agenda item was postponed until after the workshop.

9:00 P.M. Adjourn Regular Session

9:06 P.M. Open Executive Session

9:35 P.M. Adjourn Executive Session

9:42 P.M. Re-Open Regular Session

P. Motion was made by Councilman Reeves and seconded by Councilwoman Earhart and amended by motion by Councilman Crittenden to approve a \$1.50 an hour pay raise effective April 11, 2021 for the Interim Police Chief.

Vote:

Councilman Young	Yes
Councilman Hershman	Yes
Councilman Crittenden	Yes
Councilwoman Earhart	Yes
Councilman Reeves	Yes

Motion carried.

Q. Motion was made by Councilman Hershman and seconded by Councilman Reeves and amended by motion by Councilman Hershman and seconded by Councilman Crittenden to approve a variance to the existing ordinance limiting usage of a vehicle assigned to a specific department to allow the maintenance employee usage of the Utility Department truck to drive to and from work as well as perform duties for the Utility Department for the next two months.

Vote:

Councilman Young	Yes
Councilman Hershman	Yes
Councilman Crittenden	Yes
Councilwoman Earhart	Yes
Councilman Reeves	Yes

Motion carried.



9:52 P.M Regular Session Adjourned

Sudie Dawson
Sudie Dawson, City Secretary