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The purpose of this newsletter is to let the citizens of our community become better informed about what's happening. Your comments & messages are welcome.

Council Meeting – May 19th

- Harvey Davis (Mayor), Eric Johns and Amy Werst (Council Members) joined the council. Outgoing Mayor Michael Warnken, and outgoing Council Members, Missy Warnken and Sandra Ramage were kind enough to open the meeting and welcome the new members.
- Mayor Davis conveyed the top priorities he found from conversations with citizens: updating ordinances, clean-up projects, better uses of the city hall, and quarterly community events.
- City Engineer Don Rauschuber briefed the council about some ongoing water system improvement projects.
- The City owns and operates the water system for Elliott Ranch subdivision. The City is reviewing bids from private contractors to help operate the Elliott system.
- The Mayor reminded the Council that Texas law requires all city officials to complete training about open meetings and open records laws.
- The Council voted to allow the Mayor to attend an investment workshop in Austin and to allow the City Secretary to attend a water software billing training in Tyler.

Council Meeting - June 2nd

- The Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2013 was approved. A copy of the Report and Financial Statements is on the city's website.
- An internal audit committee was formed. Councilmen Larry Odom and Eric John were appointed to the committee.
- Amy Werst and Kathy Davidson were appointed to manage and maintain the city's website.
- The council voted to sponsor an ice cream social at city hall on July 4th starting at noon.
- An updated travel policy was approved.
- Mayor Davis was approved to attend a two-day conference in Bastrop for newly elected city officials. The conference fee is \$180.

Council Meeting - July 7th

- **Bill Walters and George Cofer (Executive Director of Hill Country Conservancy) gave an update of the planned Walters Southwest project on the Gregg Tract adjacent to the city. Walters Southwest executed an agreement with the city in 2013 to facilitate a proposed mixed-use project that could include parkland, single family and multifamily residential and commercial uses. The concept includes Walters Southwest requesting that the commercial and single-family parts become part of the city. Mr. Walters and Mr. Cofer answered many questions from the city council and audience – mainly concerning the status of SH45. Hays County Commissioner Mark Jones also attended the meeting.**
- **The council selected two finalists as vendors to operate the Elliott Ranch water system. Don Raushuber, Kathy Davidson, Eric John, and Harvey Davis will interview the finalists and report back to the council.**
- **The council discussed how to address new information from the outside auditors that per diem payments to the Mayor and Council members must be paid as employees. The payments are \$25 a meeting for two Council members and \$50 a meeting for the Mayor. Three Council members do not receive a per diem because they are employed by the government entities. The council decided to delay action until the next meeting.**
- **The Code of Ordinances was approved. The Code may be found on the city’s website.**
- **A survey to city residents will be sent in July or August to request input on options for more uses of the city hall.**

Other news

- **On Flag Day, Saturday, June 14, members of our community came together to sing the National Anthem written 200 year ago by Francis Scott Key. The Smithsonian Museum organized the national “sing-a-long” inspiring communities across our country to sing The Star Spangled Banner at the same time! Cookies and punch were served.**
- **The July 4th Ice Cream Social was a big success with over 30 residents participating. Mark Lantrip’s butter pecan won the ice cream contest. Many thanks to Eric John for donating the plack and organizing the contest. A Barbecue Social will be organized for the early Fall.**
- **Mayor Davis will keep regular office hours – Thursdays from 5 – 7 pm.**