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Tom Fullen, MPA, CPM

Notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the City Council of Hunters Creek Village, Texas, to be held on **Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** in the City Hall at #1 Hunters Creek Place, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. Councilmember(s) and/or employees may attend this meeting via videoconference as allowed by Texas Government Code, however, there will be a quorum present at City Hall.

Anyone wishing to address the city council during the meeting must notify the City Administrator, Tom Fullen, before the meeting begins by: 1) filling out a speaker request form at the meeting; 2) emailing him at tfullen@cityofhunterscreek.com; or 3) calling him at 713-465-2150.

- A. Call to order and the roll of elected and appointed officers will be taken.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** *At this time, any person with city-related business may speak to the Council. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a member of the public comments or inquires about a subject that is not specifically identified on the agenda, a member of council or a staff member may only respond by giving a statement of specific factual information or by reciting existing policy. The City Council may not deliberate or vote on the matter.*
- D. **REPORTS**
 - 1. City Treasurer Monthly Report
 - 2. Police Commissioner Monthly Report
 - 3. Fire Commissioner Monthly Report
 - 4. Building Official Monthly Report
 - 5. City Engineer Monthly Report
 - 6. City Administrator Report
 - 7. Mayor and Council Reports and Comments
- E. **CONSENT AGENDA** *The following items are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion on these items unless a Councilmember requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.*

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 25, 2025.
2. Approval of the Cash Disbursement Journal for February 2025.
3. Approval of Auditor Services from Crowe LLP for FY2024.

F. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to decide whether or not to decline the 2025 consumer price index adjustment to the City's telecommunications right-of-way access line rates.
2. Discussion and possible action to approve a Joint Participation Interlocal Agreement with Harris County and City of Houston to construct improvements to the pavement along Memorial Drive from Chimney Rock to Greenbay Street.
3. Discussion and possible action to purchase a new radar sign in the amount of \$3,137.00.
4. Discussion and possible action to purchase an asphalt crack sealing machine in the amount of \$5,985.00.
5. Consideration and possible action to adopt a resolution: a) approving an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, to act as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect unpaid fines, fees and court costs as provided in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 103.0031; and b) authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement on the City's behalf.

REQUIRED LEGAL NOTICE

(A) The above referenced agreement is necessary for the unpaid fines, fees and court costs owed to the City of Hunters Creek Village (the "City") to be collected in the most effective manner. The City desires that such unpaid fines, fees and court costs be collected as provided in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

(B) The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP firm ("Linebarger") is fully qualified to provide this representation, being the largest law firm specializing in the collection of governmental receivables in the State of Texas, as well as the United States, and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for more than 40 years. In addition, Linebarger possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that the City does not currently possess.

(C) Linebarger has represented The City of Hunters Creek Village for the past six years (beginning in 2018) with competence and

professionalism, in the collection of unpaid fines, fees and court costs.

(D) The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the City due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in-house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

(E) Under the agreement, Linebarger will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 103.0031. This Article specifically provides for an additional collection fee, in the amount of 30 percent, in certain cases to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to the City.

(F) Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of the City because the unpaid fines, fees and court costs will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs to the City of implementing infrastructure and technology and employing in-house personnel.

6. Discussion and possible action to adopt a resolution of the City of Hunters Creek Village, the City of Piney Point Village, the City of Bunker Hill Village, the City of Hedwig Village, the City of Spring Valley Village, and the City of Hilshire Village to form a committee to make recommendations to the city councils of each of the above-named cities regarding the response to proposed legislation.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION It is anticipated that all, or a portion of the discussion of the following items, if any, will be conducted in closed executive session under authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act. However, no action will be taken on these items until the City Council reconvenes in open session.

H. RECONVENE into Open Session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council may convene a public meeting and then recess into closed executive session, to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda, if necessary, and if authorized under chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Situations in which a closed executive session may be authorized by law include, without limitation; (1) consulting with the Council's attorney to seek or receive legal advice concerning pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or any other matter in which the ethical duty of the attorney to the Council clearly conflicts with the general requirement that all meetings be open, § 551.071; (2) discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, § 551.072; (3) discussing a prospective gift or donation, § 551.073; (4) discussing certain personnel matters, §551.074; and (5) discussing security personnel or devices, § 551.076.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned authority, does hereby certify that this Notice of a Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, #1 Hunters Creek Place, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: March 21, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours before said meeting was convened.

Tom Fullen

Tom Fullen, City Administrator
Acting City Secretary



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