

**NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE  
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
CITY OF HOWE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS WILL BE HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2013 AT 6:30 P.M., AT 700 W HANING, HOWE, TEXAS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WILL BE DISCUSSED, TO WIT:**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE TO FLAGS**

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

**PUBLIC REQUEST** - At this time comments will be taken from the audience on any subject whether or not that item is on the agenda. All comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes. In accordance with the Open Meetings Law, Council may not discuss or take action on any of the items not posted on the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consider/approve consent items which are marked by an \*.

- \* Finance statements - September 2013
- \* Minutes of September 17, 2013 and September 23, 2013 council meetings
- \* Approve the Library Services Contract with Grayson County.
- \* Approve the Fire Protection Contract Agreement with Grayson County for FY14.
- \* Approve Christmas tree challenge with the City of Van Alstyne.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORDINANCE #728**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 545; NOW CODIFIED AS CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOWE, CHAPTER 2, ANIMAL CONTROL; REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DOGS AND CATS IN THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL VACCINATION OF DOGS BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN: PROVIDING FOR THE**

**ISSUANCE OF DOG TAGS, EVIDENCING SUCH VACCINATION AND ID; PAYMENT OF AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOUNDMENT OF ANIMALS AND THE DISPOSAL OF ANIMALS IF NOT REDEEMED; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOUNDAGE AND CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS SUSPECTED OF RABIES; DETAINING DANGEROUS, VICIOUS, FIERCE AND MISCHIEVOUS DOGS; MAKING IT AN OFFENSE FOR ANY OWNER OR OTHER PERSON TO OWN, KEEP OR HARBOR WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF SAID CITY ANY DANGEROUS, VICIOUS, FIERCE OR MISCHIEVOUS DOG AS DEFINED IN SAID ORDINANCE AND CONTAINING A PENALTY CLAUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PROPERLY PUBLISHED FOR HEARING AS REQUIRED BY LAW; CONTAINING A CONFLICT LIMITATION CLAUSE; AND CONTAINING A REPEALER CLAUSE.**

#### **END PUBLIC HEARING**

Discuss, consider and take action on Ordinance No. 728, Animal Control.

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

1. Discuss, consider and take action to rename Bledsoe Drive to L. B. Kirby Avenue
2. Discuss, consider and take action on resolution as it relates to the take-or-pay issue with Melissa.
3. Discuss, consider and take action to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Melissa as it relates to the take-or-pay issue.
4. Discuss, consider and take action as it relates to assisting the Howe Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a fire truck.
5. Discuss, consider and take action to approve the contract with Eddie Peacock, C.P.A. for pre-audit work.
6. Discuss, consider and take action to cancel contract for ambulance service with the City of Sherman.
7. Discuss, consider and take action to enter into a contract for ambulance service with the City of Van Alstyne.
8. Discuss, consider and take action at it relates to a web site and/or web master for construction and maintenance of a web site for the City of Howe.
9. Discuss, consider and give direction to city staff as it relates to street and road repairs.
10. Discuss, consider and take action to authorize city staff to advertise for bids on the waste water project at or near Farmington Road.
11. Departmental reports on activities for month of September:
  - a. Police Department.
  - b. Utility Department.

- c. Code Enforcement.
  - d. Municipal Court.
  - e. Administration.
  - f. Fire Department
12. Discuss, consider and act on lowering employee retirement and/or becoming a non TMRS city.

**ADJOURN**

Notes to agenda:

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in the Agenda.

The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.071 - Consultation with attorney, Section 551.072 - Deliberation regarding real property, Section 551.073 - Deliberation regarding prospective gift, Section 551.074 - Personnel, Section 551.076 - Deliberation regarding security devices, and Section 551.087 - Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations.

**DATED THIS THE 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2013**

By \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that I, Joy Stevens, posted this agenda in the outside display at 3:30 p.m. on October 11, 2013 at the City Hall of the City of Howe, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

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Joy Stevens, City Secretary

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Removed on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2013 at \_\_\_\_ o'clock a. m.