

**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 18th day of March 2014 AT 6:30 P.M., AT 105 W TUTT ST (Old Middle School Cafeteria), 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 *.

* Minutes of February 18, 2014 council meeting.

PRESENTATION

Carl Hudman will present the Officer of the Year award.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. Approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidates and Order of Cancellation for the May 10, 2014 election.
2. Discuss, consider and take action on the Keep Howe Beautiful Board's flag proposal from the February 18, 2014 meeting.
3. Discuss, consider and take action on the Keep Howe Beautiful Board's request to use the C.C. Jones park for a circus.

4. Discuss, consider and take action to amend budget, to wit: increase line item 01-003-70410 by \$16,640 (salaries), increase line item 01-003-70310 (FICA) by \$1,206, and increase line item 01-003-70400 (retirement) by \$1,006 and 01-003-70320 Insurance-Health) to authorize adding one full-time police officer.
5. Discuss, consider and take action on adding a second bank account for the Police Forfeiture funds. The current account would be for pending and the new account would be for awarded and usable funds.
6. Discuss, consider and take action on additional construction cost. Council/Court bench, paint and minor repair in the breeze way.
7. Departmental Reports:
 - a. Police Department.
 - a. Utility Department.
 - b. Code Enforcement.
 - c. Municipal Court.
 - d. Administration.
 - e. Fire Department

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will convene in closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meeting law, Chapter 551, Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in 551.074 – Personnel:

Review contract for Police Chief

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discuss, consider and act upon contract for Police Chief.

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 14th day of March 2014

By _____

This is to certify that I, Joy Stevens, City Secretary, posted this agenda in the outside display at 3:30 p.m. on March 14, 2014 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.

Joy Stevens
City Secretary