

City Business
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The agenda for the October 10th Regular Council Meeting, subject to change between now and when posted on Friday, is expected to include discussion and action on the following:

1. A general review of the Park Policy with special consideration given to possibly removing the deposit requirements for local public and civic organizations.
2. The Ball Field agreement with HISD, which like the Law Enforcement Agreement, is subject to annual renewal.
3. Strategy for removing numerous street lights not in compliance with the Street Light Policy adopted last year.
4. Selection of an Engineer for the new Community Development Block Grant water line project.
5. Hico Emergency Services District request that the City adopt a new water rate for customers who have both commercial and residential components to their use.
6. An updated county-wide Emergency Management Plan.
7. Updates on and adjustments to the USDA Rural Development Loan/Grant Application. Staff recently learned that up to 50% of the cost associated with a project can be devoted toward refinancing existing loans.
8. Lease purchase agreements for the backhoe and skid steer loader.
9. A solid waste grant application through Central Texas Council of Governments to target either a clean-up project or maintenance on the transfer station.
10. Plans for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade.
11. Ratifying the 2011/2012 EDC budget.

As always, should you have questions or concerns regarding the agenda items or matters concerning the City, you are encouraged to contact your elected officials and/or attend the Council Meeting.

May God bless the City of Hico.