

City Business
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The agenda for the February 13th Regular Council Meeting, subject to change between now and when posted on Friday, is expected to include discussion and possible action on the following:

1. Bids received by Hamilton CAD on a property at 512 Star Street, Hico taken for back taxes which didn't sell when made available at a November 1, 2011 a tax sale.
2. Written rules of procedure, which for the most part reflect current customary practices, to govern Council agenda setting and Council meetings.
3. Calling an election for May 12th to fill the vacancies created by the expiring terms for the Mayor and 2 Aldermen (Ross and Wenzel).
4. The Auditor's Report for fiscal year 2010/2011 (this had been scheduled for last month, but the auditor postponed his report until this month).
5. Amendments to the 2011/2012 Budget.
6. Proposal to lower the speed limit on 9th Street beside the HISD complex to 20 MPH at all times rather than "when students are present".
7. Suspending a proposed Atmos Energy rate increase for an additional 90 days to allow the coalition of Atmos Texas Municipalities, of which the City is a member, adequate time to review the matter.
8. Appointment of a citizens' advisory panel to work with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council to revise the current Zoning Ordinance to make it a better fit for Hico.
9. Changes to the Animal Control Ordinance in response to recommendations provided by the Department of State Health Services, the agency which licenses Animal Control Officers.
10. Appointment of a rabies control authority for the City.

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

May God bless the City of Hico.