

City Business
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When it's muddy, staff has been asked to leave the drive-in gates to City Park closed to prevent reckless drivers from doing doughnuts and tearing up the grounds. Anyone wishing to enjoy the park when the gates are closed may leave their vehicle in front of the gates, along Elm Street or in the parking area at Pete's Path and walk-in through the pedestrian gate. We regret this inconvenience to the responsible members of our community. Once the RV campground is improved, promoted and occupied, this practice will be discontinued as the RV occupants' presence should discourage vandalism.

The agenda for the March 19th Council Meeting, subject to change between now and when posted Friday, is expected to include discussion and possible action on the following:

1. Making the 20 MPH speed limit on 9th effective all the time instead of only when children are present. Action was deferred last month pending a traffic survey by the Sheriff's Office which has since been completed and will be available to help guide deliberations. One citizen stopped by City Hall to register opposition to this proposal.
2. Proposal for promoting a rabies vaccination clinic at the Hico Veterinary Clinic on April 6th from 1 to 5. Veterinarian Monte Gripp has agreed to reduce rabies vaccination rates for the clinic. The Council is being asked to authorize City funds for advertising. Rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats within the City must be kept current.
3. Proposal for improvements to the RV Park.
4. Plans for a Senior Citizen Center fundraiser.
5. Appointment of an Election Judge and 4 clerks for the May 12th City Election.
6. Appointment to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Board to replace outgoing member Jennifer Wurth who, with husband Michael, is moving to Santa Fe, New Mexico.
7. Amending the Water and Wastewater Utility Ordinance to, in compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requirements, to address backflow prevention where potential hazards exist.

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 as our system was designed to be a "government of the people, by the people, for the people."

May God bless the City of Hico.