

City Business
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The City received word last week that Hico's \$275,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal for replacement of some of the downtown water mains tied with the City of Hamilton's proposal with a Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) score of 95. The next highest score was 85. The CTCOG score represents 90% of the final score with the other 10% being determined by the State, so it would appear both Hico's and Hamilton's projects should be funded this year. Hico will contribute a 5% match, or \$13,750, toward the project. Now, to the agenda.

As of right now (subject to change until the agenda is posted on Friday), the following items are expected to be taken up by the Council at its Monday, July 11th Regular Meeting:

1. Request by Billy the Kid Museum to sponsor a Veteran's Day Parade to include the Fort Hood Mounted Cavalry on November 5th.
2. Re-visit assessing permits related to the sale of alcoholic beverages.
3. Re-zoning and sale of the Pecan Street Water Works Property at the northeast corner of Pecan and College.
4. The 2011/2012 Budget.
5. Replacement member (for Max Robertson who moved) and alternate members for the Planning and Zoning Commission.
6. EDC expenditure proposals for a Welcome to Hico Monument at Culbreath Park (\$2,200), Six Man Football Advertising (\$2,600), Building Front Improvement Project (50% matching contributions to businesses with a \$1,000 per business maximum and \$20,000 in total project funding.) and a second consideration of the TEEEX Community Planning Project (\$10,500 matching funds with \$10,500 TEEEX grant funding).
7. Possibility of renting part of the 2nd Floor of City Hall.

Should you have questions or concerns on any of the above matters, please contact your elected representatives and/or plan to attend the meeting.

At the Regular June Meeting, the Council adopted the following Mission Statement to provide guidance to the City in its various endeavors: "The Mission of the City of Hico is with open government, good stewardship and a helpful attitude to deliver quality municipal services, encourage measured growth and provide a safe, healthy and attractive place to live and raise a family." May God bless the City of Hico.