

City of Hempstead
Commerce and Civic Association Meeting
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025

1. Call to Order:

President Cheryl Hardwick called the HCCA Executive Board to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call of Board Members:

Board Members present were President Cheryl Hardwick, Vice President Melissa Hegemeyer, Secretary Katherine Ward, Treasurer Raul Villarreal and Board Members James Garfield, Vicki LeBlanc, and Kenneth Pilcher.

3. Approval of the May 6th, 2025, Executive Board Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc to accept the minutes from the HCCA executive board meeting on May 6th, 2025, and a second was made by Secretary Katherine Ward. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

4. Report on the Memorial Day Parade and Program from Monday, May 26th, 2025:

President Cheryl Hardwick reported on the Memorial Day Parade and Program. She thanked the First Baptist Church of Hempstead for the free hot dogs, chips, and water, the volunteers that helped, to the County Officials, Mary Ann Drawl and Francis Rodzen, Marcy Richards, the Waller ROTC, Pastors John Brandt and Fred Thomas, and to the Hempstead High Cheerleaders.

5. Approval to pay Waller County Express for advertising for the Memorial Day Parade and Program in the amount of \$54.00:

A motion was made by Board Member James Garfield for HCCA to pay the Waller County Express for the advertising for the Memorial Day Parade and Program in the

amount of \$54.00 and a second was made by Secretary Katherine Ward. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

6. Approval for a Watermelon Festival Ad in the Rural Connection in the amount of \$484.50:

A motion was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher to pay the Rural Connection in the amount of \$484.50 for the Watermelon Festival Ad and a second was made by Treasurer Raul Villarreal. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

7. Discussion on helping with a Zydeco Festival in August 2025:

The HCCA Board discussed having a Zydeco Festival in the month of August. The date has been set for Saturday, August 16th, 2025.

8. Discussion on the Watermelon Festival Sponsorships:

President Cheryl Hardwick talked about the sponsors that we had received for the Watermelon Festival and the sponsors that board members needed to still work on.

9. Discussion on the upcoming 35th Annual Watermelon Festival:

The HCCA Board discussed the upcoming 35th Annual Watermelon Festival. We will need all board members to help with the festival. The Watermelon Festival will be discussed in detail during the Watermelon Festival after the HCCA executive board meeting.

10. No monthly HCCA meeting for the month of July 2025:

It was agreed by the HCCA Board that we would not have a monthly HCCA meeting in July due to it being the same week as the Watermelon Festival.

11. Old Business:

No old business.

12. New Business:

Secretary Katherine Ward talked about the upcoming City of Hempstead's 4th of July Celebration with fireworks and the Brown Sugar Band will be playing at the City Park with thanks to Board Member Kenneth Pilcher.

13. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher to adjourn the meeting and a second was made by Board Member James Garfield. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 P.M.

Submitted by Secretary Katherine Ward_____

Approved and signed by President Cheryl Hardwick_____