



HASLET HAPPENINGS

City of Haslet Monthly Newsletter

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City of Haslet
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 817-829-4415
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 817-884-1213
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CITY HALL HOURS:
Monday thru Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This Month's Meetings:

- City Council
Mon. 3/1/2021 @ 7 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Board
Wed. 3/10/2021 @ 7 p.m.
- City Council
Mon. 3/15/2021 @ 7 p.m.
- HEDC Type A
Wed. 3/24/2021 @ 11:30 a.m.
- HCEDC Type B
Wed. 3/24/2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Commission
Mon. 3/29/2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

All Meetings will be Virtual

CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Bob Golden
 Mayor Pro Tem Warren Robb
 Council Member Patricia Hilborn
 Council Member Tanya Morrow
 Council Member Harold Williams
 Council Member Jessica Clarke

MAYOR'S UPDATE—Haslet Pat Yourself on the Back!

(Feb. 22, 2021) On Groundhog Day, February 2, 2021, Punxsutawney Phil emerged from his burrow, saw his shadow, and declared there would be 6 more weeks of winter. However, in Texas, it looks like we decided to get that over in one week with our Arctic Outbreak last week.,

I could not be more proud to be a part of the Haslet community than I am at this moment. You folks took everything that Mother Nature could throw at you last week and responded with countless examples of kindness and compassion for your fellow residents. The stories I have heard of sharing firewood, in some cases even tending the fires, providing warm food for neighbors, just checking on the welfare of neighbors, etc., truly warm my heart. Some of us lost power, some did not; most of us experienced water issues; a few of us experienced excruciating damage to our homes; and all of us experienced periods of fear of the unknown – what was coming next? You handled that extremely well!

I do want to brag on our City employees. I am not aware of a single weather related traffic accident – due in large part to the dedication of our Public Works Department to pretreat our roads and bridges, and then to keep on top of developing changes in the weather conditions. Those folks, along with our Haslet Fire Department, met every challenge with determination and resolve to protect our citizens to the best of their ability. The City Staff that was not on the front lines quietly and efficiently provided the support that we needed to communicate with our citizens and keep us updated with the latest news from our energy and water providers.

Although the Mayor of a municipality is technically the lead during an Emergency Management situation and that individual is responsible for requesting outside assistance from the County and the State, a large part of the responsibility for reacting to an emergency is delegated to someone like the Fire Chief. In Haslet, that person is Chief Kirt Mays. Our Chief slept on a cot in his office at the Fire Station last week, to make certain he was available to immediately address any issue that arose during our event. He will be the first to admit that he had a lot of help, but the fact is, Chief Mays did a magnificent job leading us through the events of last week. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for the leadership and dedication that he exhibited to contribute to our safety!

By the way, Kathleen and I have both received our second COVID-19 vaccinations and although we both experienced minor reactions to the second shot, we are both very comforted to have received them and the associated protection that they provide. If you have not already registered for your vaccinations, I strongly recommend that you do so in order to receive your shots when you become eligible.

Enjoy the warm weather!

Bob Golden

TEXTMYGOV PROVED INSTRUMENTAL TO COMMUNICATING UP TO DATE INFORMATION DURING RECENT STORM AND OUTAGES**PLEASE SIGN UP FROM YOUR CELL PHONE TODAY**

During the recent unprecedented winter weather event that caused power outages, water shortages, and freezing temperatures causing all sorts of property damage, the City sent information and updates via website posts, social media posts and by text messaging directly to cell phones through TextMyGov. Many of you had power out which in most cases meant you did not have internet service. Many cell phones failed except for text messaging. The TextMyGov tool proved to be vitally important in getting information out quickly and easily to residents and businesses that had already signed up. **Please** take time to **send a text** message from your cell phone to **91896** with the phrase **Haslet1** as the message. You will get a return text acknowledging that you have opted in to receive messages from Haslet's TextMyGov. Help the city get messages to you as quickly as we can—especially during urgent times and emergencies. Thank you!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Begins	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Passover
28 Palm Sunday	29	30	31			

ALL COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS
ARE VIRTUAL MEETINGS



DATES TO NOTE THIS MONTH:

- March 1st City Council
- March 3rd Bulk Trash Pickup
- March 9th Municipal Court
- March 10th Parks and Rec Board
- March 14th Daylight Savings Begins Spring Forward
- March 15th City Council
- March 17th St. Patrick's Day
- March 24th HEDC Type A & HCEDC Type B
- March 29th Planning & Zoning Commission

HASLET PUBLIC LIBRARY CONTINUES AWARD WINNING SERVICES



Among the benefits of living in Haslet is the city's outstanding Haslet Public Library. Once again the Haslet Public Library has received the Achievement of Library Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA) for 2020. To successfully receive the award, the applicant must exhibit excellence in providing services to underserved and special populations, in enhancing services, in marketing their programs and services in innovative ways, in promoting cultural, topical, and educational programming, in providing literacy support, in providing summer reading clubs, in pursuing collaborative efforts, in supporting workforce development, in providing for digital inclusion, and in comprehensively training staff. According to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, 568 public libraries exist in Texas. Of those libraries, only 56 received this award in 2020. In addition to being recognized by TMLDA, the Northwest Independent School District's (NWISD) superintendent, Dr. Ryder Warren, recently wrote to City of Haslet Library Director Barbara Thompson to express gratitude for the Haslet Public Library's willingness to partner with the school district. Dr. Warren wrote, "I wanted to thank you for your support of our students, district, and community. The Northwest ISD community is blessed with great support, but you stand out by far. I know the Haslet Public Library has appropriately received lots of recognition and is a welcoming source of information, books, and programs for many of our families. It's no wonder, as you and your library staff go above and beyond. I especially want to thank you for always supporting the students' summer reading by making the books on NISD's Summer Reading Lists available. From providing drop off services so your patrons could check out books throughout the COVID pandemic to providing our office access to your historical records while we researched Haslet schools, your work and support is appreciated." The complete letter is available for viewing at www.Haslet.org.

Congratulations to Library Director Barbara Thompson and her staff for these recognitions of the great job they do everyday here in Haslet. Thank you citizens, City Council, Library Board, & Friends of the Library for continuing to support the Library. If you haven't checked out the Haslet Public Library, a great place to start is online at WWW.HASLET.ORG/192/LIBRARY. Here you can search the online catalogs, check out the monthly activity calendars, and sign up for the weekly newsletter. You can also follow and like the library on Facebook @hasletpubliclibrary. Call the library at 817-439-4278 with your questions—they are happy to help!

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CANDIDATES SET FOR MAY 1, 2021 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

Filing to appear on the ballot for the May 1, 2021 General Election ended Friday, February 12th. The candidates are as follows and shown in ballot order: Office of Mayor: Gary Hulse & Bob Golden, Incumbent Council Member Place 2: Kerry D. Ricketts and Harold Williams, Incumbent Council Member Place 4: Hector Najera and Patricia Hilborn, Incumbent Early voting will be held Monday April 14th thru Tuesday April 27th. Both early voting and election day voting will be held at the former Haslet Elementary School at 501 School House Road, Haslet.

SHOUT OUT TO CITY VOLUNTEERS



Usually at this time of the year the Annual Volunteer Banquet occurs and provides the opportunity to show appreciation to the men and women that donate their time to serve on the city's boards and commissions. Due to COVID concerns the banquet was cancelled so just want to convey "THANKS" to everyone for continuing to meet virtually to keep the "business" of the city progressing forward. The City sincerely appreciates your service!