

City of Grand Prairie

City Hall 317 College Street Grand Prairie, Texas

Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

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5:00 PM

Grand Prairie ISD Board Room

Call to Order

Mayor England called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present 9-

Mayor Charles England; Mayor Pro Tem Jim Swafford; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ruthe Jackson; Council Member Richard Fregoe; Council Member Greg Giessner; Council Member Mark Hepworth; Council Member Ron Jensen; Council Member Tony Shotwell and Council Member Bill Thorn

Staff Presentations

Tourism Commercials - Presented by Amy Sprinkles, Marketing Director

Amy Sprinkles, Marketing and Communications Director, introduced the "Street Team" who will be visiting venues in the city this summer. She also shared commercials that will be aired on radio and TV both in and out of state.

Presented

Agenda Review

Council Member Fregoe asked for clarification on the bid and award procedure with regard to Item 10 (Contract with Llano River Fence Co.). Marty Davis, Purchasing Director, said the bid was advertised on April 8 and bids were opened on May 4. He said there were two other vendors which could be used by the vendors who bid the project. The consultant drew up the specifications and the winning bid was based on one of those two vendors. Mr. Davis indicated the consultant was present as was a representative from Betafence. Mr. Davis said Ameristar had a question on the warranty and that has been investigated and the bid approved. He said that bidders could have bid on any of the three products. Mr. Fregoe stated it was his understanding that part of the fence had been installed previously and asked if this was the same vendor. Mr. Davis said it was not. Mr. Fregoe asked if the quality of the fence is the same as the previous fence. Elliot Neph, KSA Engineering, said he put the bids and specs together. He said Ameristar has fence installed on the airport already. He stated that Betafence fence is virtually identical to the Ameristar except for a strip in the top railing that is patented by Ameristar.

Mayor England asked Mr. Neph his opinion regarding the warranty. Mr. Neph said Betafence had been in the U.S. for four years and they purchased Payne Fence that has been in business for quite some time. He said the warranty was not in question.

Council Member Fregoe asked how the first part of fence got installed. Mr. Davis said it was probably part of a different construction project. Mr. Fregoe said the first part of the fence was most likely put in as part of the Mayfield Road fence, and it was determined that the rest of the fence would be put in a separate project. Mr. Hart

said they were two separate projects; with some funding under the Mayfield project and then additional funding was requested for this portion of the fence.

Council Member Shotwell said he had looked at the Betafence warranty on line and they excluded the pickets. Mr. Neph stated that Betafence said there is a mistake online and he had the actual warranty including the pickets.

Council Member Jensen said you could have a standard warranty and bid another warranty. Mr. Neph said the standard Betafence warranty includes the pickets. The warranty from the supplier includes the pickets (regardless of what it says online).

Executive Session

Mayor England convened an executive session at 5:20 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., Section 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations. The executive session was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Recess Meeting

Mayor England recessed the meeting at 5:40 p.m.
6:30 PM GPISD Boardroom

Mayor England reconvened the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ruthe Jackson gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to US Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Council Member Mark Hepworth.

Presentations

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Oath of Office for Council Members elected at the May 12, 2012 Election - Administered by Don Postell, City Attorney

City Attorney Don Postell administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members Greg Giessner, Ron Jensen, and Tony Shotwell.

Council Member Jensen stated the he appreciated the opportunity to serve the community and added that his fellow Council Members and staff were great to work with.

Council Member Shotwell stated that Grand Prairie is a great city to work in and thanked all of those individual who worked on his election. He said he was looking forward to working with the council again.

Council Member Giessner thanked his wife, Kelly, his children, and his mother (all of whom were present) for their support. He said he found it to be personally very rewarding to work for this dynamic city. He said he is proud of the staff and city managerment and was looking forward to continuing on the Council.

Council Member Shotwell stated he had started dating someone last summer and she really was not aware of what she was getting into with this election. He thanked Margie for her help and support during the election.

Council Member Jensen laughingly stated he started dating a girl 40 years ago (his wife, Rebecca) and she certainly did not know what she was getting into.

Mayor England said he was certain the candidates were glad the election is over. He extended his congratulations to all three of the newly elected Council Members.

Presentation of check from John Wright and Associates and the Grand Prairie Police Department to Special Olympics

Police Chief Steve Dye stated that he had received a check in the amount of \$5,103.34 from John Wright and Associates at the 2nd Annual Police Mototrcycle Cop event which had 50 participants. The check will benefit the Special Olympics.

Employee of the Month - Linda Townley, Parks and Recreation Department

Rick Herold, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced Linda Townley, Employee of the Month for June. City Manager Tom Hart presented Ms. Townley with an engraved clock and thanked her for her dedication to the city.

Recognition of Abraham Hall, Track Athlete, South Grand Prairie High School - Presented by Mayor Pro Tem Jim Swafford

Mayor Pro Tem Swafford read a proclamation honoring South Grand Prairie High School student Abraham Hall. The proclamation praised Mr. Hall's accomplishments on the track team including winning two 5A State titles in the 100- and 200-meter dash and having the fastest times in the United States this year. Mayor England expressed pride in Mr. Hall's athletic accomplishments and congratulated him on his appointment to West Point. Mr. Hall thanked members of his family, his coach and friends.

Consent Agenda

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson moved, seconded by Council Member Fregoe, to approve Items 6 through 20 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the May 15, 2012 meeting and Minutes of the May 21, 2012 Special Meeting to canvass the votes of the May 12, 2012 Election

Approved on the Consent Agenda

Final Change Order No. 5 for Utilitiex Construction, LLP in the negative amount of \$129,031 for the FY 10 I &I Replacements

Approved on the Consent Agenda

Contract with Tri Con Works L.P. for Phase VI Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Expansion in the amount of \$170,922, plus a 5% contingency of \$8,547, for a total of \$179,469

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Approved on the Consent Agenda

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Contract Amendment No. 5 with Birkhoff, Hendricks and Carter in the amount of \$312,667 for additional engineering services including bridge design and landfill road design

Approved on the Consent Agenda

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Contract with Llano River Fence Co. in the amount of \$539,602.43, for installation of a perimeter fence at the Grand Prairie Municipal Airport

Chris Babb, Ameristar Products, said his company had installed Ameristar on other city fences. He said the lowest bidder for the airport fence has chosen not to provide what was specified and KSA approved this. He said the difference in quality and aesthetics is vast between the Ameristar Product and what the lowest bidder provides. Mr. Babb said the product is not equal because of the warranty. He said Ameristar has a 20-year warranty and Llano excludes pickets under their warranty. They may have indicated they will cover pickets but do not for 99.9% of their customers. He said the city will have to call overseas to handle warranty issues, but with Ameristar, they are nearby and will respond immediately.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

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Price Agreement for Sodium Hypochlorite from Petra Chemical Company in the amount of \$96,750.00, and secondary to DPC Industries, Inc., in the event the primary awarded vendor cannot fulfill the requirements; and authorize the City Manager to execute up to four one-year renewals with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms

Approved on the Consent Agenda

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Price Agreement for Armored Car Services from Dunbar Armored (\$59,952); and authorize the City Manager to execute up to four, one-year renewals with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms

Approved on the Consent Agenda

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Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$49,196.42 with ED Bell Construction for Lynn Creek Parkway Extension from Lake Ridge Parkway to SH 360

Approved on the Consent Agenda

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Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a master inter-local purchasing agreement between the City of Grand Prairie and the Public Employees Benefit Alliance (PEBA) effective upon the date executed

Adopted

15	Resolution adopting amendments to the Public Improvement District (PID) Bylaws		
	Adopted		
16	Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a master inter-local purchasing agreement between the City of Grand Prairie and the City of Venus, Texas		
	Adopted		
17	Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a master inter-local purchasing agreement between the City of Grand Prairie and the City of North Richland Hills, Texas		
	Adopted		
18	Resolution denying Atmos Mid-Tex's Proposed Rate Increase		
	Adopted		
19	Ordinance amending the 2011/12 Capital Improvement Budget for various construction enhancements at the Summit for a total request of \$150,452		
	Adopted		
20	Ordinance amending the FY 11/12 Capital Improvement Project Budget and an engineering contract with Espey Consultants Inc.; dba RPS Espey in the amount of \$121,650 for the Fargo Outfall Rehab Project and a 5% contingency amount of \$6,083, for a total request of \$127,733		
	Adopted		
	Items for Individual Consideration		
21	Grand Prairie Sports Facilities Development Corporation, Board of Directors Appointments		
	Council Member Hepworth referred to a letter he had previously distributed to Council regarding action taken by Council in August 2011 regarding board term limits. He asked if there was anyone on Council who would propose tabling this item.		
	Mayor England stated that the motion died for lack of a second. Council Member Hepworth clarified that he had not made a motion to table, but was merely asking if anyone would propose tabling this item.		

Ayes: 6-

Mayor Charles England; Mayor Pro Tem Jim Swafford; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ruthe Jackson; Council Member Greg Giessner; Council Member Ron Jensen and Council Member Tony Shotwell

Council Member Jensen moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson,

to appoint Jim Swafford and Charles England to the Sports Facilities

Development Corporation. The motion carried as follows:

Naves: 3-

Council Member Richard Fregoe; Council Member Mark Hepworth and Council Member Bill Thorn

Citizen Comments

Mr. Gerald Buchanan, 863 Kitty Hawk Lane, stated he was representing homeowners at Curtis Wright Village. He said that the senior residents face a significant problem trying to enter or leave their development from Desco onto Carrier Parkway. The exit/entrance at HWY 161 is northbound only so that restricts the residents. He said there are no street lights at either entrance/exit. He said Curtiss Wright Village with 109 residents requested that the city install a motion activated stop light at the intersection of Desco and Carrier Parkway and install corner street lights. He added that there are 281 apartments with a population of 515 residents at The Landings Apartments and they have the same problem. He said he had discussed this with Jim Sparks, Transportation Director, on May 9 and he said that corner was on the agenda several years ago but was side aside in favor of the Grand Peninsula area. He again asked Council to help the residents by installing a traffic light or a 4-way stop sign and consider putting a street light at SH161 at the west end of Desco and on the east side at Carrier Parkway.

Adjournment

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson reminded everyone of Father's Day on June 17 and gave a special salute to those on the dais. Mrs. Jackson stated that on June 19, the Council would be moving back to the newly renovated Council Chambers and praised Mayor England for his leadership in getting this accomplished.

Council Member Shotwell invited everyone to the first event with Texas Family Musicals at the Uptown Theatre taking place on Sunday, June 10. He said Johnny Crawford was present earlier and he will star in "The Foreigner." He said Mr. Crawford starred in "Indian Paint", a movie that was filmed in Grand Prairie 40 years ago.

Mayor England thanked the school district superintendent and school board for letting the council use this facility during renovation of the City Council Chambers. He said the chambers was 39 years old and never had any work done and needed extensive renovations.

Mayor England adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Catherine E. DiMaggio,		

The foregoing minutes were approved at the June 19, 2012 meeting.