



Minutes - Final
City Council

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

4:30 PM

City Hall - Briefing Room
317 College Street

Call to Order

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Present 8 -

Mayor Ron Jensen; Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ruthe Jackson; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Council Member Richard Fregoe; Council Member Tony Shotwell; Council Member Jim Swafford and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Absent 1 -

Council Member Bill Thorn

Staff Presentations

1 Performance by Texas Family Musicals Cast

The cast from Texas Family Musical performed a few of the songs from their summer musicals.

Presented

2 July Parks and Recreation Recap - Presented by Kelly Eddlemon and Brandon Heuther

Rick Herold, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that July was Parks and Recreation Month and introduced Kelly Eddlemon who told Council about some of the activities that took place during July to celebrate. He also showed a video of residents and park venue participants who told why they love city parks and recreation facilities. Brandon Heuther invited everyone to attend the upcoming Chile Hatch festival. He said that another P3 Community Build Day will be taking place at Mountain Creek Park. The summer e-reading program held in cooperation with the Grand Prairie ISD for kids ages 6-15 has been a huge success.

Presented

3 FY14 Proposed Budget - Presented by Kathleen Mercer, Budget Director

Robert Meyers, Budget Department, presented the FY2013-14 proposed budget. Mr. Myers went over the strategies used to formulate the budget and future concerns with regard to the budget including: property values; sales tax; cost of goods (fuel and materials); and healthcare costs. Proposed revenues for the FY2013-14 budget are \$103,090,782. Proposed expenditures are \$102,569,822. He said there will be an average 4% increase to water and wastewater rates for residential, commercial, and industrial customers. There are no proposed rate increase in the Solid Waste Fund or for Storm Drainage fees. Mr. Meyers said that the budget workshop will be held on

August 23. The first public hearing on the budget will be held on September 3 and on September 17 the second public hearing and adoption of the budget will be held. Council Member Swafford thanked the budget staff and the Finance and Government Committee. He said the city is going into one of the best budget years in many years. He said there is a significant amount of cash but there are some significant concerns, in particular the employee healthcare premiums with an increase of 25%. Mr. Swafford expressed concerns about the city's ability to absorb these increased costs in the future and the new national healthcare act is also an uncertainty with how it is going to impact the city.

Presented

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West Nile Update - Presented by Jim Cummings, Environmental Service Director

Jim Cummings, Environmental Services Director, said that the city and counties are being proactive this year with regard to the West Nile Virus. He said that last year the city had trapped mosquitoes at five locations and this year are trapping at 44 locations. He said that 7 of these locations have had positive tests for the virus. He said there are more mosquitoes this year but less are carrying the virus. He said that he did not anticipate aerial spraying at this time, but in order to be prepared for that eventuality, an item was placed on the agenda to allow aerial spraying and for funding in the amount of \$215,000. Mayor Jensen said if the rest of the participating cities agree to aerial spraying, he would have a difficult time opting out. Council Member Shotwell said that the \$215,000 may or may not be spent, but he was concerned it may appear to citizens who read the agenda that the city will be aerial spraying. He asked that Mr. Cummings provide information on aerial spraying during the regular part of the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Giessner asked if the aerial spraying would include Tarrant County as well. Mr. Cummings said it would cover both Counties. Council Member Fregoe asked if aerial spraying occurs would it be for the whole city or just the affected parts. Mr. Cummings said if just portions of the city were to be sprayed, there would be a significant landmark such as an interstate to mark the area for spraying. Mayor Jensen asked that this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

Presented

Agenda Review

Council Member Swafford stated that Items 11 and 23 has been reviewed by the Finance and Government Committee. He asked that Item 15 (funding for the new Air Traffic Tower at the Grand Prairie Airport) be tabled for two weeks so that the construction fund amounts can be reconciled. Council Member Shotwell asked Mr. Sparks, Transportation Director, to clarify Item 22 (purchase or eminent domain of right-of-way for MacArthur widening). Mr. Sparks said staff has met with homeowners to acquire right-of-way and this should not be a problem. He said the right-of-way and utilities should be complete next year at this time and construction should begin in October 2014.

Executive Session

Mayor Jensen convened a closed session at 5:35 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., to discuss Section 551.087 "Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations." The closed session was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Recess Meeting

Mayor Jensen recessed the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

6:30 PM Council Chambers

Mayor Jensen reconvened the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Emil Balliet, Chaplain, Police Department, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to US Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Council Member Fregoe.

Presentations

Mayor Jensen noted that Council Member Thorn would not be present.

- 5** Employee of the Month - Darryl "Chip" McGee, Detective, CIB Investigations
- Presented by Chief Steve Dye

Chief Steve Dye introduced Darryl McGee, Detective, as Employee of the Month for August. Tom Hart, City Manager, presented Detective McGee with a city shirt and engraved clock and thanked him for his dedication to the city.

Presented

Consent Agenda

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson moved, seconded by Council Member Fregoe, to approve Items 6 through 15, table Item 15, approve Items 16 and 17, remove Item 18 and 19 for discussion and approve Items 20 through 23 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: Council Member Shotwell asked that the minutes reflect he abstained from voting on Item 6 (July 16 Minutes) because he was not present at that meeting.

- 6** Minutes of the July 16, 2013 Council Meeting and the July 23, 2013 CIP Worksession

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 7** Price agreement for EMS (Emergency Medical Services) disposable and non-disposable supplies, tools and pharmaceutical from Bound Tree Medical for \$230,000 annually for one year with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$1,150,000 if all extensions are exercised; Midwest Medical of Earth City, MO as secondary should Bound Tree be unable to deliver; and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options 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

- 8 Price Agreement Renewal #2 for Car Wash Services, with Supershine Car Wash, at an estimated annual cost of \$17,750 for a total of \$88,750 if all renewal options are exercised, and authorize the City Manager to execute any additional renewal options 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 term(s)

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 9 Price agreement with Centerline Supply Inc., for sign posts and hardware in the amount of \$25,267.50 for one year with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$126,337.50 if all extensions are exercised, and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of 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

- 10 Price agreement for one year with Casco Industries of Grand Prairie, TX, for personal protective clothing at an annual estimated cost amount of \$95,000 per year, 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

- 11 Contract with Falkenberg Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$115,305 for construction of trail improvements at Mountain Creek Lake Park

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 12 2014 Council Meeting Schedule

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 13 Place a proposal on the September 17, 2013 agenda to adopt a 2013 proposed tax rate of \$0.669998/\$100 valuation, and call two public hearings on a tax rate that exceeds the effective tax rate for August 20, 2013 and September 3, 2013

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 14 Change Order No. 5 to the construction contract for the South Sector Wastewater Force Main with McInnis Construction Company, Inc. in the net negative amount of -\$29,952.52

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 15 An ordinance amending the FY 2012/2013 Capital Improvements Budget for additional funding in the amount of \$100,000 needed to complete the new Air Traffic Tower at the Grand Prairie Municipal Airport.

Tabled

- 16 Ordinance amending the FY 2012/2013 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; and a Professional Services Contract with Espey Consultant dba RPS in the not to exceed amount of \$55,620 plus a 5% contingency of \$2,781 for a total of \$58,401 for Engineering Services related to Wastewater Master Plan support to include flow modeling, analysis of metering and charges from the Trinity River Authority and assistance in the application of Texas Water Development Board Loan for Automated Metering Infrastructure

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9562-2013

- 17 Ordinance amending the FY 2012/2013 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Change Order/Amendment No. 3 in the net total amount of \$64,644 with Barson Utilities, Inc for FY 11/12 I & I Replacement Improvements

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9563-2013

- 18 Ordinance amending the FY2012-13 CIP Budget in the amount of \$215,000 for aerial spraying of mosquitoes

Jim Cummings, Environmental Services Director, stated that West Nile Virus was progressing at a lesser level than last year, but the city needs to be proactive in case something happens that is not currently expected to happen. Item 18 allows Mayor Jensen to enter into an interlocal agreement for aerial spraying and Item 19 funds aerial spraying if needed. He reiterated that aerial spraying would only be done if the CDC and the medical community that works on this disease stated that it is needed. Council Member Fregoe asked Mr. Cummings to clarify that aerial spraying may be done on just a portion of the city. Mr. Cummings stated aerial spraying could be done in a portion of the city if the disease is active in only one part of the city, but it would be based on significant landmarks (such as interstates).

Council Member Shotwell moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, to approve Item 18 and 19 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Enactment No: ORD 9564-2013

- 19** Resolution authorizing Mayor Jensen to enter into an interlocal agreement for aerial spraying for mosquitoes
Adopted
Enactment No: RES 4639-2013
- 20** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Local Project Advanced Funding Agreement (LPAFA) with TxDOT for Traffic Signal System hardware and software upgrade.
Adopted
Enactment No: RES 4640-2013
- 21** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a master inter-local purchasing agreement between the City of Grand Prairie and the City of Rockwall, Texas
Adopted
Enactment No: RES 4641-2013
- 22** Resolution authorizing the acquisition by purchase or eminent domain of right-of-way and easement parcels needed for the MacArthur Blvd Widening Project, G # 36509015
Adopted
Enactment No: RES 4642-2013
- 23** Resolution requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board and authorizing the filing of an application for assistance for an interest subsidized loan for Phase I of an Automated Metering Infrastructure System
Adopted
Enactment No: RES 4643-2013

Citizen Comments

Deede Parikh, 634 Lynne Drive, spoke about kidney disease awareness week.

Jay Tanner, 616 Barnes Road, Cleburne, invited Council to the Grand Prairie Airport on September 14 when his group will be taking youth for rides in experiemntal aircraft.

Adjournment

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the August 20, 2013 meeting.

Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary