

City of Grand Prairie

Temporary Meeting Place Grand Prairie ISD Administration Building 2602 S. Beltline Road Grand Prairie, Texas

Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

4:30 PM

Grand Prairie ISD Board Room

Call to Order

Mayor England called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Present 8 -

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 and Council Member Bill Thorn

Absent 1 -

Council Member Tony Shotwell

Staff Presentations

Discussion of 2010 Crime Rate Information - Presented by Chief Steve Dye,
Police Department

Steve Dye, Police Chief, presented a report on the 2010 crime rate information. He explained that the material he provided compared Grand Prairie with 34 cities in Texas. Chief Dye stated that murder and sexual assault are very difficult for police departments to control or prevent (he referred to the recent murders at the bowling alley). He stated that with regard to property crime rate, Grand Prairie is the 4th lowest. The department has been using technology to a great advantage as well as community policing.

Chief Dye stated that the UCR is a self report system and the way that crimes are reported can vary widely among departments. Violent crime increased 18% from 2009 to 2010 and a possible explanation may be that choking was added to the violent crime category a few years ago. Burglary, theft and auto theft crimes decreased 5.77 percent from 2009 to 2010.

Chief Dye said the value of crime statistics is that when an anomaly shows up, it points out a specific problem which needs to be investigated to find out why. Intelligence led policing is used to see where crime is now but also where it may be going. Patrol officers are trying to decrease accidents by focusing traffic stops in areas with a high rate of accidents. He has also directed assignments on a daily basis in problem areas (burglary or traffic). A residential burglary task force has been established and in the last five weeks have apprehended 5 burglars. Last year to this date there were 158 burglaries; this year to date there have been 72. Officers patrolling neighborhoods has also helped decrease burglaries.

Some of the current police initiatives include meeting weekly to review intelligence led data to maximize resources; a citizen academy has been implemented to increase volunteerism; crime watches have been incorporated in the citizen academy; and the department's participation in the National Night Out events increased significantly this

year.

Chief Dye stated that the police lateral entry program will be implemented to attract the best recruits. Also, crime prevention through environmental design (i.e. building design and lighting to deter criminals) is being coordinated with the Planning Department. He said a problem solving unit is being formed to incorporate members from other city departments to create teams. A neighborhood police officer program will be implemented depending upon resources available to assign officers to certain geographical areas to determine problems and how to solve them. He said with SH161 coming through the city, we need to make the city as attractive as possible.

Chief Dye stated that a police department technology committee has been formed to see how to best spend technology dollars. One initiative is to geocode some offenses so officers can go on the internet system and see offenses of significance in their areas. Geocoding allows officers to find career criminals and their addresses in the city because a small percentage of criminals create a large percentage of crimes.

Agenda Review

Mayor England pointed out that there were several items on the agenda regarding the bond sale (Items 11, 12, 13 and 14) and that bond counsel was present to answer questions. There were no questions on the bond sale items or on other items on the agenda.

Executive Session

Mayor England convened an executive session at 5:11 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., Section 551.074 "Personnel Matters" to discuss the City Manager's Contract.

Recess Meeting

Mayor England recessed the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

6:30 PM GPISD BOARD ROOM

Mayor England reconvened the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Police Chaplain Emil Baillet gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Council Member Bill Thorn.

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Employee of the Month - Brandie Klein, Environmental Services - Prairie Paws

Dr. Patricia Redfearn, Solid Waste Manager, introduced Brandie Klein, Environmental

Services, as Employee of the Month for November. City Manager Tom Hart presented Ms. Klein with a city shirt and clock and thanked her for her dedication to the city.

Consent Agenda

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ruthe Jackson moved, seconded by Council Member Fregoe, to approve Items 3 through 20 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the October 18, 2011 Meeting

Approved on the Consent Agenda

Installation of security cameras at City Hall performed by Dallas Security Systems, in the amount of \$29,410.86, and access control, security cameras, and intrusion system at the Airport performed by Dallas Security Systems in the amount of \$51,936.82

Approved on the Consent Agenda

5 Interlocal Agreement with Ellis County for the repair of Gifco Road.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

Service Contract with the low bidder, Zagros Construction Company, for the repair of Jefferson Street Bridge over Mountain Creek Tributary, in the amount of \$273,420, and authorize a staff controlled 5% contingency fund of \$13,671 for a total amount of \$287,091.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

Street Sales Tax Program - FY 2011/2012 Street Maintenance Program as outlined for Grand Prairie Streets, Alleys and Pavement Leveling, utilizing approved Price Agreements and Service Contracts

Approved on the Consent Agenda

Price Agreement Contract for Pavement Leveling Services with Nortex Concrete Lift & Stabilization in the amount of \$266,935, and authorize the City Manager to execute up to four future one year renewals so long as funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during renewal term and as long as total cost of price agreement does not increase by twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contracted amount.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

Price Agreement Contract for Utility Cut Repair Services with New Star Grading and Paving (\$793,350), and authorize the City Manager to execute up to four future one year renewals so long as funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during renewal term and as long as

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	total cost of price agreement does not increase by twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contracted amount.
	Approved on the Consent Agenda
10	Purchase 8 LifePak 15 Defibrillators from sole source vendor Medtronics/Physio-Control of Redmond, WA for a total cost of \$255,269.20.
	Approved on the Consent Agenda
11	Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2011A
	Adopted
12	Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Certificates of Obligation, Series 2011A in the principal amount of \$7,430,0000
	Adopted
13	Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Water Wastewater System Refunding and Improvement Bonds, New Series 2011A
	Adopted
14	Ordinance authorizing the defeasance, payment and redemption prior to maturity of certain outstanding debt obligations of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas.
	Adopted
15	Ordinance amending FY 2011/2012 Capital Improvement Projects Budget and authorization of the purchase 5 Thermal Image Cameras from sole source vendor Metro Fire Inc. of Houston, TX for a total cost of \$63,950.
	Adopted
16	Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances, Emergency Water Use (Drought Contingency) Plan
	Adopted
17	Ordinance to amend the FY 2010/2011 Employee Insurance Operating Budget, incremental increase of \$250,000
	Adopted
18	Ordinance amending FY 2011/2012 Capital Improvement Projects Budget, replacement purchase of one (1) new 2012 Dodge Ram 4500 Frazer Type I ambulance from Frazer Ltd via Dallas Dodge Chrysler Jeep in Dallas, TX at a

cost of \$147,825 utilizing the HGAC price agreement plus the purchase of one (1) hydraulic stretcher at a cost of \$12,413 utilizing the City's price agreement with BoundTree Medical of Chicago, IL plus \$1,753 for make ready equipment for a total cost of \$161,991.

Adopted

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Ordinance providing for special pays for police officers and seniority pay for newly hired lateral police officers with prior full-time paid law enforcement experience; other seniority pay for City of Grand Prairie tenure, longevity pay, field training officer pay, certification pay, educational pay and shift differential pay and providing an effective date.

Adopted

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Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit an application for the Texas Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1 Program Income Grant in the amount of \$1.6 million to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties.

Adopted

Items for Individual Consideration

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Renewal of City Manager's Contract

Mayor Pro Tem Swafford moved, seconded by Council Member Jensen, to extend the City Manager's contract to October 31, 2012, increase the City Manager's base salary 3%, and to provide the City Manager with a 5-year CEO Retention Plan with a \$30,000/year incentive, both effective October 1, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 8-

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 and Council Member Bill Thorn

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Adjournment

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson reminded everyone that the Veterans Day event would be held on November 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans Park on Conover Drive. She added that the Rotary Clubs will be serving hot dogs after the ceremony.

Mayor England adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

The foregoing minute.	s were approved at the November 15, 2011 meeting
(Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary