



Minutes - Final
City Council

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

4:00 PM

City Hall - Briefing Room
317 College Street

Call to Order

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present 7 -

Mayor Ron Jensen; Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe; Council Member Jim Swafford; Council Member Bill Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Absent 1 -

Council Member Tony Shotwell

Staff Presentations

1 Retail Consultant Workshop - Presented by Bob O'Neal, Economic Development Director

Bob O'Neal, Economic Development Director, stated that the city has spent a lot of money beautifying the city through the use of public improvement districts, the park system, entryways and revitalization of the downtown area, and on public safety, not only for our citizens but in order to attract retail and commercial development. To do this the city needs to inventory available sites and market them to developers. Mr. O'Neal introduced Kyle Robertson, Retail Coach, who he has asked to look at Grand Prairie and inventory retail sites, set priorities and determine what message the city needs to send and to whom it should be sent. Mr. Robertson said his company looks at the retail climate, retail expansion, and how to build retail sales. He said that retail follows rooftops and with the housing market coming back this is a good sign for retail sector expansion. He explained how trends were moving for various retail areas: grocery stores are trending to be smaller and niche concepts; restaurants are moving to the fast and casual. He said the strongest retail sector at this time is for restaurants. There is a shrinking market for large groceries; video stores; video game stores; bookstores; and office supplies. Mr. Robertson said his company looks at how to expand retail; market analysis; community market analysis; retail trade area determination; demographic and psychographic profiling; workforce, traffic generators; and store spacing. He said the city needs to know competing communities and its advantages and disadvantages. They must also understand the local economy with a road-by-road analysis and by talking to existing retailers and restaurants. Potential retailers will look at pride of ownership, infrastructure, code enforcement, and vitality. The primary and secondary retail trade areas need to be determined and one way of doing this is a license plate survey to see where competitors' (i.e. neighboring cities) customers are coming from. Demographics used in this analysis would include: population; median age, education; psychographics; attitudes; values; preferences; lifestyles; and buying habits. An analysis of daytime workplace population would be done as well as identifying traffic generators and understanding traffic patterns. A submarket analysis would indicate where clusters of retail and future clusters may be located. Some of the essential location factors retailers would look for are accessibility, safety and security, regional exposure, parking and signage.

This analysis would assist the city in understanding the retailers' site selection process (site size, population, etc.) and would look at general site selection criteria for specific retailers. Mr. Robertson said that retail recruitment can take one to three years to bring national retailers to the city's market.

Mr. O'Neal said there will be a shopping center conference (regional) in Dallas this fall. He said different things are needed in the different parts of the city. Council Member Clemson asked if Retail Coach was working with other cities in the Metroplex. Mr. Robertson replied yes, but no cities in competing markets. Mayor Jensen said the city has SH161 which provides a great opportunity for retail development as well as the frontage roads on I-20 and I-30. He said staff is currently working on traffic counts in the city and the corners of I-20 and Carrier and Lake Ridge and Camp Wisdom have so many vehicles driving through which makes these areas prime retail sites. Mr. Robertson agreed and said the city needs to get this data into a format that retailers can understand and get it in front of the right retailers. Council Member Fregoe asked if the city would be contracting with Retail Coach. Mr. O'Neal said not at this time but he wanted to introduce Council to the plan and that he would be negotiating with them to see what the city's strategy should be and the scope of work specific to Grand Prairie, as well as a timeline. He said that a contract would come back to Council for approval. Mayor Pro Tem Giessner commented that this was exactly what citizens have been asking the city to do for many years.

Presented

2 Final Report on E-Reading Summer Program - Presented by B.J. Nichols, Park Board Chairman

B.J. Nichols, Park Board Chairman, introduced those who have helped make the summer e-reading program a success in its initial year. He said in conjunction with Grand Prairie ISD and the Parks and Recreation summer camps, the program had over 200 students in the reading program. One of the goals of the program was to keep students reading over the summer vacation and to help bring up reading levels. Mr. Hart said this program started as a result of Mr. Nichols bringing this idea to the city and the school as a cooperative venture. Mayor Jensen pointed out that Mr. Nichols' term on the Park Board had expired, but his appointment was extended as was the intent of new rules with regard to board term limits so that in certain circumstances board members can serve on boards for more than six years.

Presented

3 Proposed "No Texting" Ordinance - Presented by Police Chief Steve Dye

Police Chief Steve Dye stated that he was proposing the "no texting" ordinance because there had been no action at the State level to prohibit texting while driving. He said the proposed ordinance would not solve the problem but would bring about awareness of the dangers involved and would help to change driving culture. He said the ordinance is part of a larger educational awareness campaign. If passed, the ordinance will be unveiled at the Back to School event on August 24 to get information to adolescent drivers. He said the ordinance makes it an offense to read, write or send a text-based communication while operating a motor vehicle on a public street. It does not apply to an operator of an authorized emergency or a law enforcement vehicle serving in an official capacity. Text-based communication is defined as manually communicating in a non-spoken manner with another person in a written medium including: texts, instant messages, and email. Defenses include being stopped out of moving lanes of the roadway; strictly engaging in a telephone conversation including dialing or deactivating

the call; a global positioning or navigation system affixed to the vehicle; communicating with an emergency response operator, fire department, law enforcement agency, hospital, physician's office or a clinic regarding a medical or other emergency; or a hands free device. Chief Dye said this is not a moving violation and does not affect a driving record or insurance record. The ordinance will have a 90-day grace period and is punishable by a fine of up to \$200. Mayor Pro Tem Giessner asked why a similar law was not passed in Austin. Chief Dye said there were a number of good bills but the one that passed was vetoed by Governor Perry who felt it was encroaching on civil liberties.

Presented

Agenda Review

Mayor Jensen asked Mayor Pro Tem Giessner to take over the Agenda Review and to make the Consent Agenda motion during the regular meeting. (NOTE: with the passing of Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, who always performed this function, Mayor Jensen thought it was appropriate to ask the Mayor Pro Tem to continue the tradition). Council Member Fregoe asked for an explanation of Item 23 (changing meeting dates for the Airport Advisory Board to an "as needed basis" and abolish the Mid-Cities Joint Airport Zoning Board). Randy Byers, Airport Director, said that many board meetings are cancelled because there is no business to attend to so this change would allow meetings to be called when there is business to discuss. He said the Mid-Cities Airport Zoning Board had not meet in 30+ years. There was discussion on Item 34 (appointments to the Crime Control and Prevention District). Mayor Jensen asked to be placed on this board to replace Mark Hepworth. Mayor Jensen said with Council consensus he would move Citizen Comments after the Consent Agenda and would move Item 32 (naming a collector street to Bob Smith Parkway) before the Planning and Zoning hearings.

Executive Session

Mayor Jensen convened an executive session at 5:04 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A. to discuss Section 551.074 "Personnel Matters" - City Manager's Contract. Mayor Jensen adjourned the executive session at 5:40 p.m.

Recess Meeting

Mayor Jensen recessed the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

6:30 PM Council Chambers

Mayor Jensen reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Charles Hill, Calvary Baptist Church, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Council Member Clemson.

Mayor Jensen noted the passing of Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ruthe Jackson and said that she was the only politician he knew that everyone loved. He said there are very few

cities anywhere that have been graced by someone as special as Ruthe Jackson and added that she is irreplaceable. On behalf of Council Member Jorja Clemson (Ruthe Jackson's daughter), City Manager Tom Hart read the following statement into the record of the meeting:

"Words could never express our gratitude for your overwhelming outpouring of love and expressions of sympathy at the passing of our beloved Ruthe. She dearly loved her City of Grand Prairie and most of all, you, the people in it. Her impact and influence on our lives will live forever in our memories and our hearts. Thank you to all who helped make her memorial service "grand." She would have loved the way the City honored her in this special way -- flags, fire trucks and those wonderful police officers who escorted her. What a great way for our city to "show off" a great lady. She would want us to continue her legacy of dedication to her Lord, her family and her beloved Grand Prairie. She made it "happen in Grand Prairie" and it will take all of us working together to keep making it "happen in Grand Prairie." With the good Lord's help and our precious memories, we will carry on her tradition of excellence. As Ruthe would say, 'May God bless you forever.' The Family of Ruthe Jackson - Our Ms. Grand Prairie"

Mayor Jensen then called for a moment of silence in memory of Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson.

Presentations

- 4** Presentation by State Senator Kelly Hancock and State Representative Linda Harper-Brown Co-Authors of HCR54 Naming Grand Prairie as the Purple Martin Conservation Capitol of Texas

State Representative Linda Harper-Brown said she was pleased to recognize the City of Grand Prairie as the Purple Martin Conservation Capital of Texas. Representative Harper-Brown read the House Concurrent Resolution of the 83rd Legislature naming the city as the Purple Martin Conservation Capital of Texas and presented it Gisela Fregoe, President of the Purple Martin Landlords of North Texas. State Senator Kelly Hancock commented that this recognition was very appropriate in memory of Ruthe Jackson and her conservation efforts. Mrs. Fregoe said this was a very special event and thanked the Mayor and city staff and Council for their support in these efforts. She extended special thanks to Rep. Linda Harper-Brown and Sen. Kelly Hancock and presented them with certificates of appreciation. Mrs. Fregoe also presented Cathy DiMaggio, City Secretary, a certificate of appreciation for her help in coordinating this recognition.

Presented

- 5** Recognition of City Staff during Emergency Water Situation

Mayor Jensen thanked the city employees from the Public Works Department who worked on the recent water main break which could have resulted in drastic water restrictions but due to their hard work this was not necessary. Each employee was presented with an invitation to a recognition luncheon to be held at a later date.

Presented

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Giessner moved, seconded by Council Member Fregoe, to

approve Items 6 through 24 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6 Minutes of the August 6, 2013 meeting
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 7 Authorize the sale of one tax foreclosure property located at 709 College Street to the Grand Prairie Community Housing Development Organization
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 8 Purchase of 15 Motorola Radios and related equipment/parts from Motorola through an inter-local agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) in the amount of \$64,676.03
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 9 Price Agreement for Law Enforcement Uniforms from Red the Uniform Tailor (\$65,871 annually) through a Master Inter-local Agreement with the City of Frisco for one year with the option to renew for four additional, one year periods totaling \$329,355 (if all extensions are exercised); and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25 percent of the original maximum price as 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 Ratify the revision of the Fire Department's contract for defibrillator maintenance with Medtronics/Physio-Control for a cumulative value of \$51,013 due to equipment replacement.
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 11 Contract for e-book purchase and storage with OverDrive, Inc. for \$15,000 annually with the option to renew for four years totaling \$60,000 over the life of the agreement, if sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council during the renewal terms.
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 12 Change Order #3 in the amount of \$4,753.00 to add janitorial services for the Finance Administration Building.
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 13 One year price agreement with four one year renewal options for portable toilet rental, with Bluebonnet Waste Control, at an estimated annual cost of \$20,371.60, for a total of \$101,858 if all renewal options are exercised. 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

- 14 Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for funding to the Tarrant County 9-1-1 District 2014 P25 Radio Interoperability Assistance Program in the estimated amount of \$150,000 to purchase P25 compliant radios and equipment.

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4644-2013

- 15 Resolution authorizing the second-year grant application to the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) in the amount of \$162,000 for the Grand Prairie Police Department's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit to conduct commercial motor vehicle inspections, target aggressive drivers and conduct public awareness campaigns

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4645-2013

- 16 Resolution authorizing publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Certificates of Obligation

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4646-2013

- 17 Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an inter-local Agreement between the City of Grand Prairie and the City of Mansfield, Texas for infrastructure improvements (Paving, Drainage and Signal costs) at the intersection of England Parkway/East Broad Street and Day Miar Road.

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4647-2013

- 18 An ordinance amending Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas through the amendment of Article II, Special Operating Requirements by the addition of Section 25-13, Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving, relative to regulating the use of certain wireless communication devices while driving; providing for a fine of up to \$200 for each offense in violation of the ordinance; providing this ordinance be cumulative, providing for severability, publication and becoming effective September 1, 2013.

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9566-2013

- 19** 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.

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9567-2013

- 20** Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Capital Improvements Project Budget; Construction contract with the apparent low bidder, Pavecon, Ltd. in the base bid and alternate #1 amount of \$577,058.16 (Base bid of \$553,440.96 plus bid alternate of \$23,617.20) for Dickey Road Paving and Drainage Improvements; Materials Testing in the amount of \$17,779 with Alliance Geotechnical Group; In-House Engineering in the amount of \$28,853; 5% Contingency in the amount of \$28,853.00 for a total requested project cost amount of \$652,543.16

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9568-2013

- 21** Ordinance amending the FY 2012/2013 Capital Improvements Project Budget and a construction contract with the apparent low bidder, SYB Construction Company in the bid amount of \$278,014.50 for Bonham Street Water Replacement (Carrier to N.W. 6th Street); materials testing in the amount of \$7,638 with Alliance Geotechnical Group, In-House Engineering in the amount of \$13,901; and a 5% Contingency in the amount of \$13,901 for a total requested project cost amount of \$313,454.50

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9569-2013

- 22** Ordinance amending the FY 2012/2013 Baseball Fund Budget; a professional contract with Wrightson, Johnson, Haddon & Williams, Inc. for engineering services in the amount of \$16,470; construction contract to Lantek Communications in the amount of \$134,596 for audio system and speaker upgrades at QuikTrip Park, plus a 5% contingency in the amount of \$6,730 for a total request of \$157,796

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9570-2013

- 23** Ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances, "Airports/Aviation" to delete the "Appointment of a Member to the Mid-Cities Joint Airport Zoning Board", change meeting dates for the Airport Advisory Board to an "as needed" basis and to abolish the Mid-Cities Joint Airport Zoning Board

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9571-2013

- 24** Ordinance calling a Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in City Council Member, Place 7 at large on November 5, 2013

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9572-2013

Public Hearing Consent Agenda

Council Member Fregoe moved, seconded by Council Member Swafford, to approve Items 25 through 28 on the Public Hearing Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- 25** Resolution (A-07-13) establishing the timetable for annexation of Rock Island Road from Roy Orr to Belt Line Road thus establishing a mutual municipal boundary line between the City of Grand Prairie, Texas and the City of Irving, Texas.

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4648-2013

- 26** SU120201A - Specific Use Permit Renewal - 2735 Hunter Ferrell Road (City Council District 1). Consider a request to approve a Specific Use Permit Renewal for truck parking. The 2.22 acre property, generally located south of W. Hunter Ferrell Road and west of MacArthur Boulevard, is zoned Light Industrial (LI) District. The applicant is Chris Castillo and the owner is Joss Fernandez. (On August 5, 2013, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval to renew this SUP by a vote of 9-0.)

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9573-2013

- 27** SU120402A - Specific Use Permit Renewal - 3018 E. Main Street (City Council District 5). Consider a request for approval of a Specific Use Permit Renewal for a used automotive sales lot, general automotive repair, major component replacement, auto body and paint facility. The 1.3 acre property, located at the northwest corner of the intersection of E. Main Street and N.E. 31st Street, is zoned Commercial (C) District. The property is located within the Central Business District-Four (CBD-4) Corridor Overlay District. The agent is E.D. Hill and the owner/applicant is Diamond Virami. (On August 5, 2013, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval to renew this SUP by a vote of 9-0.)

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9574-2013

- 28** SU120503A - Specific Use Permit Renewal - (City Council District 5). Consider a request to Renew Specific Use Permit No. 889 to allow general

automotive repair, body shop, paint shop and major component replacement on 0.23 acres at 2212 -2218 Poulin Avenue. The subject property is currently zoned Light Industrial (LI) District. The property is located within the Central Business District Three (CBD-3) Overlay District. The owner/applicant is Pascual Duarte and the agent is Cruz Dominguez. (On August 5, 2013, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval to renew this SUP by a vote of 9-0.)

Cruz Dominguez, 209 S. Jefferson, Irving, TX 75060, submitted a speaker card in support of this item.

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9575-2013

Public Hearing on Zoning Applications

29

Z130801 - Zoning Change - Mira Lagos No. H (City Council District 6). Consider a request to approve an amendment to the single-family lot dimensional requirements contained in Planned Development No. 271A (PD-271A). The 58.59-acre property, generally located west of Joe Pool Lake and south of Seeton Road, is zoned PD-271A. The subject property is within the Lake Ridge Overlay District. The agent is Daniel Dewey, JBI Partners, Inc. and the owner is Ben Luedtke, Peninsula Investment. (On August 5, 2013, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request by a vote of 8-1.)

Jim Hinderaker, Chief City Planner, stated this zoning change was for the last phase in the Mira Lagos development which covers approximately 60 acres on the southeast corner of Seeton Road. He said the surrounding property is predominantly agriculture and to the west is part of the same PD. Amendments requested by the developer include: minimum lot size from 10,000 sq. ft. to 7800 sq. ft. and average lot size of 10,000 sq. ft.; reduce minimum lot width from 70 to 65 ft. on 30% of non-front entry garage lots; allow stucco on entry monumentation and walls. The proposed number of non-front entry garage lots for the gated lots would be 100%; for non-gated lots there would be 45 non-front entry garage lots out of 150 lots. These garage doors would be cedar doors. Mr. Hinderaker stated that Proposal 2 adheres to Resolution 3924 standards for non-front entry garage lots but there would be no cedar garage doors.

Ben Luedtke, 3001 Knox, Dallas, TX 75205, stated he was representing Hanover Property, the owner and developer of this project. He said Hanover wants to make this a unique development but still be complementary to the rest of Mira Lagos.

Council Member Wooldridge said the developer had asked for 2,000 sq. ft minimum house size but agreed to change to 2,200 sq. ft. minimum home size. Mr. Hinderaker stated that had been agreed upon and was stipulated in the zoning ordinance.

Council Member Wooldridge moved, seconded by Council Member Fregoe to close the hearing and approve Case Z130801 (with Proposal 1 for non-front entry garage lots). The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 7 -

Mayor Ron Jensen; Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe; Council Member Jim Swafford; Council Member Bill Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Enactment No: ORD 9576-2013

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Z130802 - Zoning Change - 1708 Ranch Road (City Council District 6). Consider a request for approval of a Zoning Change from Agriculture (A) to Single-Family-Five (SF-5) District for the construction of a Single Family Detached residence. The 0.43 acre property, generally located south of Camp Wisdom Road and east of Matthew Road, is zoned Agriculture (A) District. The agent is Roserrdo Guerreno and the owner is Martin Guerrero. (On August 5, 2013, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request by a vote of 9-0.)

Mr. Hinderaker stated this case was a request to construct a single family home in an existing mobile home park on a .43 acre lot. He said this conforms to SF5 standards, but there are no city services to this site. Mr. Hinderaker said staff recommended approval of this case. Council Member Swafford stated the Planning staff was creating a committee to discuss this type of request. Mr. Hinderaker said staff will refer this to the Council Development Committee.

Council Member Wooldridge asked if the owner was aware of safety issues involved because of no city water at this site particularly in case of fire. Mr. Hinderaker said the applicant was aware of this.

Oscar Guerrero, 1009 NE 19th Street, submitted a speaker card in support of this case.

Council Member Wooldridge moved, seconded by Council Member Fregoe, to close the public hearing and approve Case Z130802. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 7 -

Mayor Ron Jensen; Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe; Council Member Jim Swafford; Council Member Bill Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Enactment No: ORD 9577-2013

31

Z130803 - Zoning Change - 1402 Shady Gove (City Council District 1). Consider a request for approval of a Zoning Change on 8.55 acres from Single Family-One (SF-1) District to Light Industrial (LI) District for a concrete rebar fabrication and supply business. The property is located west of S. H. 161 and north of Shady Grove Road. The property is located within the S. H. 161 Corridor Overlay District. The owner/applicant is Martin Paul, FAB Co, LLC. (On August 5, 2013, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request by a vote of 9-0.)

Mr. Hinderaker said the Future Land Use Plan is for industrial uses at this location and it is located in the SH161 Corridor Overlay District. He said the applicant has asked to bring a site plan forward later if zoning is approved. The facility will be used

for rebar fabrication and will have some retail component. Mr. Hinderaker said staff recommended approval of this case.

Council Member Clemson moved, seconded by Council Member Swafford, to close the public hearing and approve Case Z130803. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 7 -

Mayor Ron Jensen; Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe; Council Member Jim Swafford; Council Member Bill Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Enactment No: ORD 9578-2013

32

SNC130801 - Street Name Change - Bob Smith Parkway (City Council District 4). Consider a request to name a minor collector street to Bob Smith Parkway. The street is generally located east of S. Great Southwest Parkway and connects Sara Jane Parkway to the W. Interstate 20 service road. The owner/applicant is the City of Grand Prairie.

Mr. Hinderaker said the proposed street name change was for a connector road north of the I-20 frontage road and connects to Sara Jane. Council Member Swafford stated that Dr. Bob Smith had significant amounts of real estate in Grand Prairie. He added that Dr. Smith was a great friend and made significant investments in Grand Prairie. Council Member Swafford read a biography of Dr. Smith outlining his many accomplishments and philanthropic projects. He added that Dr. Smith's daughter, Sally Mashburn, has worked with the city on many projects in this area. Mr. Swafford presented Ms. Mashburn with a street sign for "Bob Smith Parkway" and a framed copy of the ordinance naming this connector road as "Bob Smith Parkway."

Council Member Swafford moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Giessner, to close the public hearing and approve Case SNC130801. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 7 -

Mayor Ron Jensen; Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe; Council Member Jim Swafford; Council Member Bill Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Enactment No: ORD 9565-2013

Items for Individual Consideration

33

Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate - Hold a Public Hearing seeking citizen comments on Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.669998 per \$100 assessed valuation in accordance with the Texas Property Tax Code

Mayor Jensen said that the proposed tax rate is the same rate the city has had since he was elected to council in 2002. He said the valuations have declined since 2008 and this is the first year that equals the valuation of 2008. He invited anyone in the audience who wished to speak during the public hearing to come forward. There was no one who wished to speak. Council Member Swafford said a second public hearing would be held at the next Council Meeting. Mayor Jensen said on August 23rd the Council would have a budget workshop at the Ruthe Jackson Center which is open to the public.

The public hearing was held on the proposed tax rate.

34

Appoint Members of the Crime Control and Prevention District

Council Member Swafford moved, seconded by Council Member Jensen, to reappoint Greg Giessner, Tony Shotwell, Jim Swafford, and Bill Thorn to the Crime Control and Prevention District Board with a term to expire September 1, 2015, and to appoint Jeff Wooldridge to replace Ron Jensen for a term to expire September 1, 2014; and appoint Jorja Clemson to replace Mark Hepworth for a term to expire September 1, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 7 -

Mayor Ron Jensen; Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe; Council Member Jim Swafford; Council Member Bill Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

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Selection of a Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

Council Member Swafford moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Giessner, to appoint Council Member Richard Fregoe as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 7 -

Mayor Ron Jensen; Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe; Council Member Jim Swafford; Council Member Bill Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Citizen Comments

Bill Nash, 1734 Avenue B, asked Council to consider a ban on smoking in public buildings and a ban on plastic bags.

J.D. Stewart, 1909 S. Arbor Rose; Chester McCrary, 3637 Ridgewood Drive; and Steve Pryor, Members of the Grand Prairie ISD School Board, addressed Council and thanked them for the support and cooperative efforts of the city with the school.

Adjournment

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the September 3, 2013 meeting.

Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary