



# City of Grand Prairie

City Hall  
317 College Street  
Grand Prairie, Texas

## Minutes - Final City Council

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Tuesday, June 2, 2015

4:30 PM

City Hall - Briefing Room  
317 College Street

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### Call to Order

**Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.**

**Present** 8 - Mayor Ron Jensen  
Council Member Richard Fregoe  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson  
Council Member Jeff Copeland  
Council Member Greg Giessner  
Mayor Pro Tem Jim Swafford  
Council Member Lila Thorn  
Council Member Jeff Wooldridge  
**Absent** 1 - Council Member Tony Shotwell

### Staff Presentations

- 1 Introduction of new "My GPTX" application - Presented by Amy Sprinkles, Marketing and Communications Director  
  
*Whitney Fowler, Marketing Department, introduced a new city smart phone app which is a free download. The key feature of the app is the ability to report issues around the city such as graffiti, code issues, etc. Other information that can be found on the app includes garbage pickup, recycling pickup, voter precinct number, nearest city facilities and links to city news and social media sites.*  
  
*Council Member Copeland asked if weather alerts could be linked to this app. Brad Meine, IT Department, said that it could be set up to do push notifications.*  
  
**Presented**
- 2 Cycle Grand Prairie - Grand Prairie On-Street Bicycle Master Plan - Presented by Walter Shumac, Transportation Director  
  
*Walter Shumac, Transportation Director, stated the Transportation Department had submitted a request for some assistance with NCTCOG for a bike master plan and Grand Prairie was one of the cities selected to receive assistance from the School of Urban and Public Affairs at UTA. He introduced Alan Klein, Assistant Director, Institute of Urban Studies, who introduced the students who worked on this project. Ms. Tharani Krishnakumar stated they had studied current conditions and existing issues in Grand Prairie through the use of interviews and an online survey on the city's website. Ms. Krishnakumar stated that they received 150 responses to on-street interviews and 250 responded to the online survey.*  
  
*Ms. Krishnakumar explained the benefits of bicycling and the results of the survey findings. She said most people stated they would like to ride to parks but felt there*

was no place to ride and heavy traffic hindered riding. Other destinations included places of employment, schools, attractions and connections to other surrounding cities.

Ms. Krishnakumar said the vision and goals of the bicycle plan include wellness through transportation and to create an excellent city-wide quality of life. Goals to create this vision include encouraging cycling events; education; marketing; training; installation of end of trip cycling support facilities; connecting cycling facilities to parks, schools, etc. Ms. Krishnakumar went over various types of protected bicycle lanes. She then displayed maps of proposed bike lanes through various parts of the city.

Council Member Wooldridge said he had driven through cities with bike lanes and that Grand Prairie has bike lanes but until there is a master plan these lanes cannot be marked as such. Daon Stephens, Transportation Planner, said some streets are recommended for bike lanes but do not meet criteria. He said the recommendations made in this report would be turned over to the Parks and Recreation department to fill in the gaps in trails to make an integrated system.

#### **Presented**

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#### **Update on Flooding in the City - Various Department Managers**

Romin Khavari, City Engineer, said Grand Prairie is officially out of the drought. He said the Joe Pool Lake dam has functioned as it was designed to do. There have been 19 inches of rain in 24 days in Grand Prairie. The rain raised Joe Pool Lake to 16.18 feet above the conservation pool. The marina has flooded and many trees are underwater. The Padera Lake dam on US287 which was built in the 1950's was stabilized and prevented the dam breaching. He said Mt. Creek Lake was built for power plant operation. The Willow Bend Mobile Home Park was evacuated because of flooding and 150 residents from the park were sheltered at Tony Shotwell Recreation Center. The residents were only sheltered for 24 hours and went back home on Saturday, May 30. Two apartments were flooded at the Fox Hollow Apartments. Seeton Road flooded and was closed for a time. Main Street at the railroad also saw some flooding. The Shady Grove area (Gilbert) has some flooding because this whole area of town does not have much storm drainage system. The Indian Hills Area has also had historical storm drainage problems, but not much structural flooding. Lynn Creek Parkway's new drainage system worked very well. The England Parkway retention ponds functioned as designed. The Lake Parks retention ponds worked as designed also.

Council Member Giessner asked if the Joe Pool Lake outlet sends an alarm when water is about to be discharged. Chase Wheeler, Emergency Management Coordinator, replied that it does. Council Member Copeland asked if Joe Pool Lake only will recede as water is let out or will it recede naturally. Mr. Khavari replied that the Corps of Engineers is not letting water out now and it will take months to recede. Council Member Clemson stated that many residents were asking for sandbags but they were not available. Mr. Wheeler said the state was not allowing cities to request them.

Mr. Wheeler said Governor Abbott has asked President Obama for an emergency declaration. There is a declaration within the State but only for counties that have met a monetary threshold for damages. The threshold is an \$8.4 million loss (uninsured damage) county-wide. Grand Prairie can apply for flood mitigation funding. Jim Cummings, Environmental Services Director, said record rain means a bumper crop of mosquitoes. He said the floodplain mosquitoes do not carry West Nile. The city can only use pesticides when there is a positive case of West Nile, however, the city

can use larvicide in standing water. Citizens can contact Environmental Services for larvicide. Ron McCuller, Public Works Director, said his department was behind on the brush schedule because of the flooding and he was not sure how long it would take to catch up. Brush pickup fees will be waived for 30 days. Mr. Cummings said residents can bring brush to the landfill for free. Mr. McCuller said he had received lots of complaints about water standing in back yards, but the city cannot do anything about that because it is private property. He added that many bar ditches need cleaning, but it is a continual maintenance issue. The lift station at Joe Pool Lake will need electrical replaced. Sewer lines were getting rainwater in them causing issues with manholes overflowing. The flooding also caused many issues with potholes in the streets. Council Member Copeland asked if labor hours would be counted toward the \$8.4 million in damages. Mr. Wheeler said that it would. Beverly Grogan, Parks Department, said the lake parks would be closed through June. Water did not get into the Loyd Park cabins. She said damages to the parks could not be assessed at this time.

Council Member Wooldridge asked about the Oasis Restaurant at the marina. Mr. Wheeler said the line to the Oasis had snapped when it went as high as it could. Chief Steve Dye said when shelters are activated the Police Department provides security as well as tracking the possibility of sex offenders in the shelter.

#### **Presented**

### **Agenda Review**

Chief Dye referred to Consent Agenda Item 18 (grant for body cameras) and stated this was a federal grant for body cameras which became available on a short time frame.

Mayor Jensen said he would be nominating Council Member Swafford as Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member Clemson as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. He said Council Members Giessner and Clemson's terms on the Sports Corps have expired and will be nominated for reappointment. He also expressed his desire to continue as President of the Sports Corps.

### **Executive Session**

Mayor Jensen convened a closed session at 5:31 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., Section 551.071 "Consultation with Attorney" CH Realty VII-Ascendant 1 Dallas 360 Global Logistics Park v. City of Grand Prairie; Case 3:15-cv-00718-M Rodriguez v the City of Grand Prairie; Watson v. City of Allen, et al; Cause No. 4:15-cv-00335-A; Grand Prairie Professional Baseball, LP v. City of Grand Prairie; and George Reynolds v. The City of Grand Prairie. The closed session was adjourned at 5:52. p.m.

### **Recess Meeting**

Mayor Jensen recessed the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

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### 6:30 PM Council Chambers

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

**Larry Land, Victim Relief Ministry Chaplain, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and to the Texas Flag were led by Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe.**

#### **Presentations**

- 4** Eco-Educator Award - Presented to Coach Tony Warren
- Council Member Swafford read a certificate of recognition for Coach Tony Warren for receiving the WFAA-TV Project Green Eco-Educator Award and he and Mayor Jensen presented the certificate to Coach Warren.*
- Presented**
- 5** Grand Prairie Fire Department 2015 American Heart Association Gold Award - Presented by Chief Robert Fite
- Chief Robert Fite said this award is given to cities which 75% of the time get a patient from the first medical contact until the catheter is in place in the hospital within 90 minutes. He said for eight quarters the EMS department has achieved this 100% of the time. In 2015, there are only four cities given this award: Plano, Garland, Rowlett and Grand Prairie and all these cities except Grand Prairie have a heart hospital located in their city.*
- Presented**
- 6** Recognition of Republic Services Employee - Presented by Chief Robert Fite
- Chief Fite recognized Jose Gonzalez and Erasmo Zuniga, Republic Waste Management employees. He stated that a few weeks ago on their route they saw smoke coming from a house and called 911 and made sure all occupants were out of the house and then alerted neighbors. He said the two employees reacted to the situation just as they should have.*
- Presented**

### **Consent Agenda**

**Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe moved, seconded by Council Member Swafford to approve Items 7 through 22 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 7** Minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 8 Price Agreement through a Master Inter-local Agreement with the City of Garland, for Consultant Services with Public Consulting Group, Inc (PCG) of Boston, MA to prepare annual cost allocation reports for the Texas Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program at an estimated cost of \$22,000 annually for one year with the option to renew for three additional one year periods totalling \$88,000 if all extensions 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 terms

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 9 Price Agreement for annual truck maintenance with Stewart & Stevenson in the amount of \$30,000 annually, for one year with renewal options for four, additional one-year periods totaling \$150,000 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% 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 preventative maintenance and repairs to Stryker brand stretchers and power load systems with Stryker Medical of Portage, MI, for \$43,080 annually for one year with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$215,400 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% 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 Authorize the City Manager to amend the existing Overdrive e-book contract to increase investment in e-books from \$15,000 a year to up to \$45,000 a year, through end of contract in May 2017, as approved budget funding allows

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 12 Change Order/Amendment No.1 for Bob Owens Electric Company, Inc. for Country Club Park PID electrical installation in the total amount of \$3,402.

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 13 Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) construction contract to Pogue Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$5,069,871 for Fire Station No. 10; plus a 5% construction contingency in the amount of \$253,494; plus a \$190,000 furniture, fixture and equipment (FFE) budget allowance for a total funding

request in the amount of \$5,513,365

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

**14**

Purchase of furnishings as part of the CMO suite, Council Briefing Room, Marketing, Information Technologies, Economic Development, Executive Conference Room, former Finance area, and Water Utility Service area remodel project from Wilson Office Interiors in the amount of \$168,163.93 (\$161,301.76 through cooperative purchasing agreements with TCPN, TXMAS; and \$6,862.17 through informal bids); and ancillary products and services related to renovations in an amount not to exceed \$103,836.07 through State approved purchasing process; and authorize City Manager to authorize contract for each for a total amount requested of \$272,000

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

**15**

Ratify Amendment #5 to Lightasmic! for a decrease of \$70,000 due to a reduction in Prairie Light displays and approve Amendment #6 to Lightasmic! to increase \$31,000 on the current contract for LED light conversion costs and provide \$40,000 on the renewal to cover added displays

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

**16**

Resolution supporting a Municipal Setting Designation for a site located at 1830 and 1840 E. Division in Arlington, Texas

**Adopted**

Enactment No: RES 4752-2015

**17**

Resolution in support of a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance for \$39,901 in total funding with an agreement for \$11,970.30 to be allocated to funding Dallas County projects and \$1,955.15 to be allocated to the City of Dallas for fiscal administration fees and expenditures leaving a net amount of \$25,975.55 to the City of Grand Prairie

**Adopted**

Enactment No: RES 4753-2015

**18**

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for grant funds to; purchase body worn camera equipment, receive training and technical assistance, and implementation support from the United States Department of Justice's (U.S. DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Body Worn Camera (BWC) pilot program administered by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) in the amount of \$104,391

**Adopted**

Enactment No: RES 4754-2015

- 19** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding / Interlocal Agreement (MOU/ILA) among participating Local Governments for Criminal Justice Information (CJI) sharing via the Dallas County Techshare Prosecutor (TSP)

**Adopted**

Enactment No: RES 4755-2015

- 20** Ordinance amending the FY 2014/2015 Red Light Safety Fund; Outside legal fees pertaining to property litigation in the matter of CH Realty VII-Ascendant I Dallas 360 Global Logistics Park, LP v. City of Grand Prairie, etal and Red Light camera litigation in the matter of James H. Watson, etal v. City of Allen, etal

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 9866-2015

- 21** Ordinance amending the FY 2014/2015 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Construction contract with XIT Paving & Construction in the amount of \$319,291 for Intersection Improvements at Carrier Parkway and Corn Valley Road; Material testing with Reed Engineering in the amount of \$5,633.95; 5% contract contingency in the amount of \$15,964.55; In-house labor distribution in the amount of \$15,964.55 for a total project cost of \$356,854.05

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 9867-2015

- 22** Ordinance amending the FY 2014/2015 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Professional design services contract with Quorum Architects, Inc. in the amount of \$378,000, a 5% contingency in the amount of \$18,900, and a not to exceed \$10,000 reimburseables allowance for a total of \$406,900 for development of an overall facility needs program and the design of a new Kennel Addition at the Prairie Paws Adoption Center; and \$12,500 to cover subsurface geotechnical investigation, engineering site survey, and other necessary related costs for a total request of \$419,400 (at the May 5, 2015 this item was postponed to the June 2, 2015 meeting)

*Debra Danof, 1909 Wedgewood Drive; Virginia Stinchfield, 4535 Friars Circle; Jennifer Danhof, 1909 Wedgewood Drive; and Deborah Barclay, 1726 Emerald Street, submitted speaker cards in support of this item.*

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 9868-2015

## Public Hearing on Zoning Applications

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S150405 - Site Plan - Bardin Road Warehouse (City Council District 4). Approval of a Site Plan to permit the construction and operation of a 430,180 sq. ft. speculative industrial warehouse intended to accommodate up to four (4) tenants. The 20.73-acre property, split zoned Planned Development 30 (PD-30) and Planned Development 55 (PD-55), is located at the northwest corner of Bardin Road and Matthew Road. The property is also located within the S.H. I-20 Corridor Overlay District. The agent is Lisa Swift, GSO Architects, the agent is Vanessa McElroy, RLG Engineering Inc. and the applicant is Gary Horn, Mohr Acquisitions LLC. (On April 6, 2015, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request by a vote of 9-0. The City Council tabled this case to the May 5, 2015 meeting. On May 5, 2015 this case was postponed to the June 2, 2015 Council meeting.)

*Jim Hinderaker, Chief City Planner, stated this case was postponed from the Council's May 5 meeting. The case is for a speculative warehouse at 4000 Matthew Road with 430,180 sq. ft. He said Council had expressed concerns regarding the access on Bardin and Matthew at the May 5 meeting. He said the case meets all requirements of the UDC and the Overlay District.*

*Mr. Hinderaker said the applicant is seeking accesses for each of four tenants. He said since the May 5 Council Meeting, the developer had done a TIA and at this time staff is in support as originally presented. Walter Shumac, Transportation Director, said he has reviewed the TIA and the numbers and projections of traffic including truck traffic on Matthew and Bardin. He said that 850 during p.m. peak is the highest coming out of the area. The level of services ranges from A through D (with D being the most congestion). The level of service with this development stays at Level A. The analysis says the traffic does not significantly impact this area. Council Member Giessner asked for current peak hours. Mr. Shumac said it is currently 300 and it would take 1300 to go to a Level B. Mr. Shumac pointed out this is a four-lane undivided road and is designated to take that amount of traffic. Council Member Wooldridge asked how many trucks are using it now. Mr. Shumac said possibly one truck an hour. Mr. Wooldridge asked what the highest number is estimated to be. Mr. Shumac said six trucks per hour very conservatively, probably 3-4. Council Member Copeland asked how the TIA could make projections without knowing who the tenants would be. Mr. Shumac said there is a standard transportation model and they have a lot of history on this type of development, square footage and nearby similar uses.*

*Lisa Swift, 5310 Harvest Hill, Gary Horn, 3424 Granada, Dallas, Vanessa McElroy, 5445 W. Siesta Drive, Dallas, and Rhett Dallius 2435 N. Central Expy, Suite 750, Richardson were present to answer questions.*

*Council Member Giessner asked Mr. Horn if the city were to allow access points off Matthew, would he allow a right turn lane only on Matthew for egress. Mr. Horn agreed with that. He said he had looked at the issues and how to address them. He said this development has a 4000 Matthew address and he went on Google maps and that takes drivers from the service road to turn right, but if you put in Bardin it does not take you to Matthew, so it may make sense to change the address to*

*Bardin. Council Member Giessner asked Mr. Horn if the development could get by with three accesses on Bardin and one on Matthew. Mr. Horn said there was no egress on the west so it is a problem if you take out the southern access.*

*Council Member Wooldridge asked if four tenants would have the same address. Mr. Horn said they could have multiple addresses and addressed as suites. Mr. Wooldridge said they could use the Cooper building, but there is a dropoff there. Mr. Horn said their finished floor is 8 ft. below the Cooper building and Cooper only brings vehicles into the area on one side. Mr. Wooldridge said it seemed like the developer would want to build it up so it would drain. Mr. Horn said the floor is built up. Council Member Copeland said he liked the idea about the right turn only but asked if that would be pushing a problem to Great Southwest Parkway and I-20. Mr. Shumac said he had looked at traffic on Great Southwest Parkway, but Great Southwest Parkway could handle traffic with no problem. Mr. Wooldridge asked if the development was using Matthew or not, could they still use Matthew. City Attorney Don Postell replied that they could.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe moved, seconded by Council Member Thorn, to close the public hearing and approve Case S150405 as presented.**

**Council Member Copeland asked for an amendment to say only right turn onto Matthew. Mayor Jensen stated that the tenant said he would put a right turn only at that one right turn. Amendment to put right turn signs at exit. Both Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe and Council Member Thorn accepted the amendment. The motion carried.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Council Member Richard Fregoe; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Council Member Greg Giessner; Mayor Pro Tem Jim Swafford and Council Member Lila Thorn

**Nayes:** 1 - Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

## **Items for Individual Consideration**

**24**

A public hearing regarding the FY 2016 Transit Grant Application for "The Grand Connection" and approval of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit Fiscal Year 2016 grant application with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for \$191,670; the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for \$262,000; and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for \$167,847. The City will provide a matching requirement of \$243,574 with the balance of \$21,950 from Dallas County and fare revenues. The total budget to operate "The Grand Connection" for Fiscal Year 2016 is \$887,041.

*Mr. Shumac stated this was a public hearing for the Grand Connection grant application for funding with the City's share being \$243,574. Council Member Swafford stated the Finance and Government Committee had reviewed this item at their meeting earlier in the day and there was a lot of discussion. He said this is an extremely critical service to those who do not have other transportation. The Grand Connection makes over 40,000 trips per year.*

**Council Member Swafford moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe, to**

**close the public hearing and approve Item 24. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Council Member Richard Fregoe; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Council Member Greg Giessner; Mayor Pro Tem Jim Swafford; Council Member Lila Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Enactment No: RES 4756-2015

**25**

Second and final reading of an ordinance approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2014 and 2015 Rate Review Mechanism Filings

*Mr. Postell stated this was the first of two readings that will result in a small increase in gas rates which was negotiated by a consortium of cities to keep rate increases to a minimum and staff recommended approval.*

**Council Member Clemson moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe, to approve the first reading of an ordinance approving Atmos rates. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Council Member Richard Fregoe; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Council Member Greg Giessner; Mayor Pro Tem Jim Swafford; Council Member Lila Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

**26**

Grand Prairie Sports Facilities Development Corporation, Board of Directors Appointments and Appointment of President

**Council Member Swafford moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe, to reappoint Council Members Greg Giessner and Jorja Clemson to the Sports Corporation and to reappoint Mayor Jensen as President. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Council Member Richard Fregoe; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Council Member Greg Giessner; Mayor Pro Tem Jim Swafford; Council Member Lila Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

**27**

Selection of Mayor Pro Tem and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

*Mayor Jensen thanked Mr. Fregoe for his service during the past year to the Council and to him personally, and to Tony Shotwell as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem.*

*Mr. Swafford thanked Council for electing him Mayor Pro Tem and he looked forward to working with the Mayor and Council. He said he had the pleasure to serve as Mayor Pro Tem a few times in past years.*

*Ms. Clemson thanked Mayor Jensen and Council Members for their support and said it was definitely a pleasure to serve the City and the City Council.*

*Mr. Fregoe said he had served as Mayor Pro Tem for two terms and two times as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem and that it was a great opportunity to serve the city of Grand Prairie. He extended congratulations to Mr. Swafford and Ms. Clemson.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe moved, seconded by Council Member Wooldridge to**

**nominate Jim Swafford as Mayor Pro Tem, and Jorja Clemson as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Council Member Richard Fregoe; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Council Member Greg Giessner; Mayor Pro Tem Jim Swafford; Council Member Lila Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

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## **Citizen Comments**

*Ray Bush, 1336 Bold Forbes, read a nomination for Council Member Copeland as Legislator of the Year by the Vietnam Veterans Chapter #1013. "Jeff Copeland is a newly elected member of the Grand Prairie City Council, winning an election last year for an at-large council seat vacated by a long-time legend and friend of veterans, Mrs. Ruthe Jackson. It is not for any legislative action that I am nominating Mr. Copeland. It is for his action last year at the Texas State Council meeting in Arlington hosted by the Grand Prairie Chapter #1013. I had asked Jeff to be the auctioneer for that event. Jeff was very quick to respond with a resounding 'yes.' This was a job that had normally been taken by our state officers. I had witnessed Jeff's ability at other auctions and realized that he could be a great asset to our state meeting. Jeff started his time at the podium by explaining that he was not a veteran but explained how that his family had a long history of serving our country with many veterans. His love for veterans and our sacrifices was totally evident as he brought tears to many eyes. His ability to connect with the audience of veterans was both entertaining and served the purpose of enhancing the bids to the point that the nightly receipts were far greater than anticipated. That was very important especially considering the lower than normal quality of the items offered for bid. The auction was the highlight of the fall TSC meeting and will be long remembered by all who attended. Mr. Copeland waived his normal high fee for serving as auctioneer and made several contacts with other chapters that will be holding future TSC meetings. I expect that it is not the last time we will experience a Jeff Copeland auction. It is with great sincerity that I nominate Jeff Copeland as Legislator of the Year."*

## **Adjournment**

**Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.**

*The foregoing minutes were approved at the June 16, 2015 meeting.*

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*Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary*