



City of Grand Prairie

City Hall
317 College Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

4:30 PM

City Hall - Briefing Room
317 College Street

Call to Order

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

Present 9 - Mayor Ron Jensen
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Copeland
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner
Council Member Jorja Clemson
Council Member Mike Del Bosque
Council Member Richard Fregoe
Council Member Cole Humphreys
Council Member Jim Swafford
Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Staff Presentations

1 Epic VIP Night - Presented by Rick Herold, Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation

Rick Herold, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director, announced that the Epic VIP nights would be September 28 and 29. Mayor Jensen said the first night would be by invitation only and the next night Council Members would be given ten extra tickets to invite guests. Mr. Hart said all board and commission members would be invited the first night.

Presented

2 New standards governing temporary and permanent signage on residential and non-residential property - Presented by David Jones, Chief City Planner

David Jones, Chief City Planner, said the proposed standards are a response to recent Supreme Court Action against Municipal Sign Codes. He said the new standards incorporate strong visual elements and identify and eliminate signage that contributes to visual clutter. Mr. Jones said there is an updated list of prohibited signs and the Revised Permanent Sign pages now contain pictures and definitions. He said parking lot kiosk sign standards have also been added.

Presented

Agenda Review

Mayor Pro Tem Copeland asked if Council had questions on the Consent Agenda Items. Council Member Swafford noted that the Finance and Government Committee

had reviewed several items and they were recommended for approval.

Executive Session

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner convened a closed session at 5:00 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., Section 551.087 “Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.” Mayor Jensen adjourned the closed session at 5:55 p.m.

Recess Meeting

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

6:30 PM Council Chambers

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

The Invocation was given by Pastor Shawn Paschal, Inglewood Baptist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and to the Texas Flag were led by Council Member Jorja Clemson.

Presentations

- 3** Constitution Week Proclamation - Presented to Connie Mize, Texas Bluebonnet DAR Chapter Regent
Presented

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Copeland moved, seconded by Council Member Fregoe, to approve Items 4 through 20 on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4** Minutes of the August 21, 2018 Meeting
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- 5** Independant Contractor/Personal Services Contract for one year with Tom Cox for an amount not to exceed \$67,000
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- 6** Amendment to Grand Prairie Metropolitan Utility Reclamation District (GPMURD) agreement for \$165,000 per year for a Payment In Lieu of Taxas for reclamation of land from the flood plain through a series of levees, lakes and pump system for one

year with four additional one year options; Authorize City Manager to execute any renewal options in his discretion, with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original agreed upon amount 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

- 7 Change order No. 4 with Modern Contractors in the amount of \$19,840.95 for the Charley Taylor Recreation Center Expansion and Renovation Project

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 8 Purchase of automotive parts and repair services for fleet from Freedom Dodge Chrysler Jeep & Freedom Chevrolet (\$100,000 annually) through a national inter-local agreement with BuyBoard for one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods totaling \$500,000 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

- 9 Construction contract with North Rock Construction for the rehabilitation of two bridges over Fish Creek in the amount of \$673,836, plus a 5% contingency amount of \$33,692, for a total project cost of \$707,528

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 10 Contract with Ponder Company Inc. in the amount of \$72,030 for removal and replacement of the gym floor at Charley Taylor Recreation Center through the national interlocal agreement with BuyBoard and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$3,602 for a total contract amount of \$75,632.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 11 Contract with Kompan, Inc., in the amount of \$1,160,714.47 per US Communities agreement; contract with Whirlix Design LLC in the amount of \$459,578 and Total Recreation Products, Inc. in the amount of \$4,373.58 per BuyBoard agreement; and contract with Site Source Inc. in the amount of \$196,141 per BuyBoard agreement for a total of \$1,820,807.05 for Phase 1 playground equipment purchase for PlayGrand Adventures

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 12 Change Order/Amendment No. 1 with Texas Standard Construction in the negative net amount of (-\$29,000.53) for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Replacements in

Windsor Place and SE 10th/SE 11th Streets

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 13** Agreement with Lantana Communications to recast Avaya Maintenance (up to \$84,320.52 annually). This agreement will be for one year with the option to renew for two additional one year periods totaling \$252,961.56 if all extensions are exercised. 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

- 14** Change Order/Amendment No. 6 with Modern Contractors in the amount of \$60,645.39 for the Prairie Paws Additions and Renovations Project consisting of protective bollard provisions, additional fire protection, surgical light support and expanded synthetic turf extents

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 15** Purchase of Fire Alarm monitoring, inspections, and repair services for City buildings from LPS Fire, LLC \$98,212 through a national inter-local agreement with TIPS. This agreement will be for an initial term of 7 months, with the option to renew for two additional one year periods totaling \$294,636 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

- 16** Price agreement for asphalt road surfacing products from JLB Contracting (\$209,000 annually) through a Master Inter-local Agreement with the City of Fort Worth. This agreement will be for thirteen months with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$1,045,000 if all extensions are exercised. 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

- 17** Price Agreement Contract for Police Department uniforms, accessories, and duty gear from Galls, Inc. (\$200,000 annually) through a Master Interlocal Agreement with the City of Frisco. This agreement will be for one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods totaling \$1,000,000 if all extensions are exercised. 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

- 18** Ordinance amending the FY 2017/2018 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Purchases from multiple vendors in the total amount of \$162,547 (\$11,575 from Ed's Electric Service, \$23,816.56 from Lantana Communications, \$22,596.08 from Flair Data Systems, \$81,437.25 from GTI, \$12,877.24 from Graybar, and \$10,245 from Techline, Inc.) for City fiber and IT rework associated with preparing for the new City Hall Municipal Complex

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10510-2018

- 19** Ordinance amending the FY 2018/2019 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Street Maintenance Sales Tax Program as outlined for Grand Prairie streets, alleys, roadway resurfacing, pavement markings and pavement leveling, utilizing approved price agreements and service contracts

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10511-2018

- 20** Resolution declaring expectation to reimburse expenditures with proceeds of future debt in the amount of \$162,547 for multiple vendor contracts for City fiber and IT rework associated with preparing for the new City Hall Municipal Complex

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4966-2018

Items for Individual Consideration

- 21** Second 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 opened the second public hearing on the proposed 2018/19 Tax Rate.

Harold Willis, 538 Lindly, stated that he supported the proposed tax rate. He said there are many good things going on in Grand Prairie and he was happy about it. Mr. Willis asked why there has not been a casino at Lone Star Park. He also spoke about the need for medical marijuana in Texas.

Violet Dominguez, 643 Campolina Drive, stated she was against the proposed tax rate and had gathered 147 signatures online. She said there were new businesses opening up which should help with taxes rather than residents. She said that Mr. Hart had looked at the property tax for her address and it showed no increase in 2017-18.

Sandra Burdick, 1830 Sandra Lane, submitted a card in opposition to the proposed tax rate.

There were no further speakers or speaker cards submitted.

Presented

- 22** Second Public Hearing on the FY 2018/2019 Operating Budgets and Ordinance adopting the FY 2018/2019 City Operating Budgets

Mayor Jensen opened a public hearing on the proposed FY2018/19 Operating Budgets. He addressed those who had spoken in opposition to the tax rate and said he would consider that they were also in opposition to the budget since it is based on the proposed tax rate.

With no speakers or speaker cards, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing.

Presented

- 23** Second Public Hearing on the FY 2018/2019 Capital Improvement Projects Budgets and Ordinance adopting the FY 2018/2019 Capital Improvement Projects Budget

Mayor Jensen opened a public hearing on the proposed FY2018/19 Capital Improvement Projects Budgets. There were no speaker cards or speakers. Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing.

Presented

- 24** SN180801 - Street Naming - Exchange Drive (City Council District 5) - Street Name to establish Exchange Drive as the official name of the public road running in a north-south direction and located between W. Tarrant Road and the eastbound Interstate Highway 30 Frontage Road

Bill Crolley, Deputy City Manager, stated this street naming was part of the I-30 frontage road project.

Council Member Fregoe asked how staff arrived at Exchange Drive for the street name. Mr. Crolley said staff decided on the name from among others that were suggested.

Council Member Humphreys said that recently a site plan/zoning change was approved at this location. Mr. Crolley said there were no addresses on Exchange Drive.

Council Member Humphreys moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, to approve Case SN180801. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 9 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Copeland; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Council Member Mike Del Bosque; Council Member Richard Fregoe; Council Member Cole Humphreys; Council Member Jim Swafford and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Enactment No: ORD 10512-2018

Citizen Comments

Harold Willis, 538 Lindly, said millions of Americans are having a difficult time. He said some are able to get on disability but would rather be working. He said Oklahoma has legalized medical marijuana and now has to purchase cannabis oil from California. Mr. Willis said for chronic pain issues this is better than opioids. He said he would work with the city during the legislative session to get medical marijuana on the ballot.

Adjournment

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the September 18, 2018 meeting.

Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary