



# City of Grand Prairie

City Hall  
317 College Street  
Grand Prairie, Texas

## Minutes - Final City Council

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Tuesday, June 3, 2014

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

### Staff Presentations

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Police Chief Update - Presented by Chief Steve Dye

*Chief Dye updated the Council on his recent FBI trip to Scotland as the only North Texas Chief to attend and only one of 14 nationwide. He said Australia, Canada, England, and the US share counter terrorism intelligence and best practices. There will also be a meeting in Quantico at which all the country representatives will be attending. Chief Dye said he will be sharing the information from the meeting with area chiefs. He said that many times terrorists are found at the local level. Counter terrorism and cyber-crime are two areas that are adding to an already complex list of crimes that local departments have to deal with. He emphasized that terrorists are increasingly become home grown.*

*Tom Hart, City Manager, said he was impressed with the new recruit class. Chief Dye said he was proud of this class which is the largest ever with 24 recruits. He said the environment, attitude and benefits provided to our officers draws bright college students to our city, plus five local laterals from other departments and two from out of state. Council Member Copeland asked if these recruits are part of the 40 new officers. Chief Dye said that most are replacing retirements; 15 are filling General Fund slots and nine will be filling Crime Tax slots. Chief Dye said the November class will have 5-10 recruits. He said there were 227 officers when he started with the city and there are now 252; next year there will be 267. Council Member Copeland suggested putting this information in the Pipeline. Council Member Wooldridge asked how many laterals were in this class. Chief Dye said the lateral class is 8 weeks and there are 5 instate who will go through the academy and 2 out of state laterals will be part of the basic class.*

**Presented**

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TCAP Demand Response Program - Presented by Andy White, Assistant to the City Manager

*Andy White, Assistant to the City Manager, updated Council on the TCAP Demand Response Program. He said Grand Prairie has qualified for two programs: 4 CP (critical peaks from June – September) and the Economic Demand Response (only the police building qualifies). He said the program which is strictly voluntary, allows commercial customers to reduce their energy bills. In the 4CP, if you can reduce consumption during a 15 minute time period, this will be reflected in savings on the city's energy bill. There are three pump stations that qualify. Mr. Hart said he thought it was worth a try.*

**Presented**

## **Agenda Review**

*Mayor Jensen referred to Item 17 (Appointments to the Crime Control and Prevention Board) and stated that the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem have historically not been on the board and he would like to continue with that which would mean removing Mr. Fregoe and adding Council Members Thorn and Copeland. He added he would like to elect Mr. Fregoe as Mayor Pro Tem and Mr. Shotwell as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem.*

*Mayor Jensen referred to Item 18 (Appointments to the Sports Corporation) and said that his reappointment would only require a majority vote, but according to rules adopted a few years ago, Council Member Swafford's appointment would require a 3/4 vote. Mayor Jensen said the positions of Mayor and Chairman of the Finance and Government Committee should always be on the Sports Corporation and the Mayor should always be President.*

*Council Member Swafford said that Item 10 (Right-of-Way Mowing) was recommended for approval by the Finance and Government Committee but he had asked Mr. Herold to provide the bid tabulation and he had received the summary of bids.*

*Council Member Copeland asked for clarification on Item 12 (Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Addison). Mr. Postell said this was a typical agreement so that city can piggyback onto other cities who have already bid items.*

*Council Member Shotwell referred to Item 8 (Sale of Tax Foreclosure Properties) and asked how the minimum bid is set. Mr. Crolley said \$2000 is what is being used for most properties, but no appraisals are being done. Council Member Shotwell said minimum bids on some are low and asked Mr. Crolley to look into how the minimum bids are set. Council Member Shotwell asked Mr. Herold if the repairs to the Bowles Parking lot involved the whole lot (Item 15). Mr. Herold said it was only the portion by the pool.*

## **Executive Session**

*Mayor Jensen convened a closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., Section 551.074 "Personnel Matters" Cause No. 86538 City of Grand Prairie v. Thomas L. Mendenhall; and Section 551.087 "Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations." The executive session was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.*

## Recess Meeting

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

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## 6:30 PM Council Chambers

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Mayor Jensen reconvened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

**Pastor Tom Watson, Bowles Baptist Church, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to US Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Council Member Clemson.**

## Presentations

- 3** Raving Fan Presentation - Presented to Eric Chavez and Danny Contreras by Dr. Patricia Redfearn, Solid Waste Manager
- Dr. Patricia Redfearn introduced Danny Contreras and Eric Chavez who administered the Heimlich maneuver to Reuben Bronson, quite probably saving his life. Council Member Copeland thanked Mr. Bronson for his many years of service at the Landfill.*
- Presented**
- 4** Employee of the Month - Sheri Adams, Fire Department
- Chief Dye introduced Sheri Adams, Employee of the Month for June. Ms. Adams has done medical training and education for several years in the department and taught every employee CPR last year. Mr. Hart presented Ms. Adams with a city shirt and engraved clock and thanked her for her dedication to the city.*
- Presented**

## Consent Agenda

**Mayor Pro Tem Giessner moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe, to approve Items 5 through 16 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 5** Minutes of the May 20, 2014 Meeting
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 6** Amendment to the Commercial Electricity Service Agreement with Fexa Energy, LP for the "Economic Demand Response Program
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 7** Contract with Falkenberg Construction Co. Inc., in the amount of

\$173,518.15, for renovation of LBJ Park Phase I through a Master Interlocal Agreement with TXMAS contract #TXMAS-14-56020 expiring 9/30/14.

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 8 Authorize Sale of Twelve Tax Foreclosure Properties

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 9 Developer Participation Agreement for the construction of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Roy Orr Blvd and Oakdale Rd in the amount of \$105,000 and traffic signal equipment in the amount of \$30,000 for a total project cost not to exceed \$135,000.

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 10 Contract for right-of-way mowing and median maintenance services with Landworks at an estimated annual cost of \$89,557.03 for a one year contract; and authorize the City Manager to execute up to (4) 1-year renewal contracts with aggregate price fluctuation 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

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 11 Purchase of a replacement bucket truck for Street Services from Grapevine Dodge Chrysler Jeep (\$129,239.75) through a national inter-local agreement with Buyboard (#430-13)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 12 Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a master inter-local purchasing agreement between the City of Grand Prairie and the Town of Addison, Texas

**Adopted**

Enactment No: RES 4697-2014

- 13 Resolution in support of a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application for \$46,595 in total funding with an agreement for \$13,978.50 to be allocated to funding Dallas County projects and \$2,283.16 to be allocated to the City of Dallas for fiscal administration fees and expenditures leaving a net amount of \$30,333.35 to the City of Grand Prairie.

**Adopted**

Enactment No: RES 4698-2014

- 14 Ordinance amending the FY 2013/2014 Capital Improvement Projects Budget for the Dalworth Recreation Center Expansion and Improvements project in the amount of \$143,244; and change order #3 to the Construction Manager at

Risk contract with Pete Durant and Associates in the amount of \$103,151

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 9718-2014

- 15** Ordinance amending the FY 2013/2014 Capital Improvements Project Budget for repairs to the Bowles Park parking lot with Reynolds Asphalt & Construction through their current price agreement contract for an amount not to exceed \$65,000, and one of the on-call concrete repair vendors depending on their availability to perform the services needed, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 9719-2014

- 16** Negotiated Settlement with Thomas L. Mendenhall

**Approved**

### **Items for Individual Consideration**

- 17** Appointment to fill vacancies on the Crime Control and Prevention Board

**Mayor Pro Tem Giessner moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe, to remove Mr. Fregoe from the Crime Control and Prevention Board and appoint Council Members Thorn and Copeland to fill vacancies. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Council Member Greg Giessner; Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Tony Shotwell; Council Member Jim Swafford; Council Member Lila Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

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

**Council Member Shotwell moved, seconded by Council Member Clemson, to reappoint Ron Jensen to the Sports Corporation and as President and reappoint Jim Swafford. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Council Member Greg Giessner; Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Tony Shotwell; Council Member Jim Swafford; Council Member Lila Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

- 19** Selection of Mayor Pro Tem and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

*Mayor Jensen thanked Council Member Giessner for his service as Mayor Pro Tem during the past year. Council Member Giessner thanked the Mayor and Council for their support during his time as Mayor Pro Tem.*

**Council Member Swafford moved, seconded by Council Member Clemson, to appoint Richard Fregoe as Mayor Pro Tem, and Tony Shotwell as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Council Member Greg Giessner; Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Tony Shotwell; Council Member Jim Swafford; Council Member Lila Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

### **Citizen Comments**

*Thomas Varacky, 2050 Lasalle Trail, said his neighborhood is part of the Lake Parks PID. He said he would be leaving Grand Prairie to move to Florida. Mr. Varacky thanked Mayor Jensen for his help when he served as Council Member, District 6 and Council Member Wooldridge as well. He said he appreciated assistance from Bill Crolley, Planning Director, Lee Harriss, Special District Administrator, and Steve Collins, Code Department Manager. However, he said the neighborhood has gone through a drastic change. There are now vacant homes, unkempt lawns, and expired stickers on cars. Mr. Varacky said there seems to be some question as to who is responsible for these issues. He added that cars are blocking the sidewalk. Mr. Varacky asked for help from Code Enforcement with junk cars with invalid stickers. He said Code needs to make more trips through the neighborhood and perhaps an intern program could be set up to augment the Code Department staff.*

### **Adjournment**

*Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Shotwell invited everyone to attend the Crawfish Boil at Farmer's Market on Saturday, June 7. Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe thanked Mayor Jensen and the Council for the opportunity to serve once again as Mayor Pro Tem. He congratulated Council Member Giessner for his past year as Mayor Pro Tem.*

*Council Member Copeland reminded everyone of the AirHogs game that would be starting in just a few moments at AirHog Stadium. He asked for everyone's support of the hometown team.*

**Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.**

**The foregoing minutes were approved at the July 15, 2014 Council Meeting.**

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**Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary**