



# City of Grand Prairie

City Hall  
317 College Street  
Grand Prairie, Texas

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Tuesday, March 5, 2019

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  
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

**Absent** 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Copeland

#### Staff Presentations

**1** Crime Rate Update - Presented by Chief Steve Dye

*Chief Steve Dye advised the crime rate has decreased compared to numbers in 2017 and Grand Prairie is now the seventh safest major city in Texas. He indicated this was accomplished with intelligence-led policing, community policing, and responsibly aggressive enforcement. Chief Dye reviewed performance measures within the Police Department. Council Member Jorja Clemson commented that being seventh safest major city is outstanding and should be celebrated and promoted.*

**Presented**

**2** 2018 Fire Department Community Report - Presented by Chief Fite

*Chief Robert Fite reviewed the 2018 Grand Prairie Fire Department Community Report and discussed various programs offered to citizens; Chief Fite advised the department has one hundred ninety-seven paramedics, nine of which are firefighters/paramedics/peace officers, and informed that the department also has its own TCOLE number. Chief Fite added that the fire department is ranked sixth in the nation for top arson investigators. He reviewed the financials, budget, and operating costs, advising ninety-one percent of the budget funds personnel. He reviewed the costs of various equipment. Chief Fite said the department took approximately nineteen thousand 9-1-1 calls last year. He also advised Station 5 and Station 6 are becoming the busiest, likely due to growth near Highway 161. Chief Fite pointed out there were 160 structure fires last year, thirteen thousand EMS calls of which sixty-one percent were transports to either MCA, Arlington Memorial or Baylor Irving. He noted children are still transported to Dallas and Fort Worth children's hospitals. Chief Fite reminded Council that Emergency Management oversees special*

events. He recognized Claudia Garabay for putting together the Community report.

**Presented**

**3**

**Matthew Road Mobile Home Update - Presented by Bill Crolley, Deputy City Manager**

Deputy City Manager Bill Crolley discussed location, challenges and issues with the mobile home park including problems with the private water well system and road maintenance. City Manager Tom Hart asked if one of the wells was no longer functional. Environmental Services Director Jim Cummings confirmed it had to be abandoned. Mr. Crolley reviewed cost estimates for street reconstruction and proposed putting a team together to work on making the roads passable for emergency vehicles. He advised a letter would be sent to property owners with this information and added that as part of The Big Event, Public Works plans to deliver asphalt millings but property owners would be responsible for their water, septic and street maintenance. Council Member Wooldridge mentioned there was a related case that came to committee but has since been dropped it. Mr. Crolley noted there are approximately three houses built in the mobile home park and the rest are mobile or manufactured homes. Mr. Cummings advised if a septic fails, it cannot be repaired but instead has to be replaced. Council Member Humphreys asked if the city is liable if there is a fire and emergency personnel cannot get to the property. City Attorney Megan Mahan said no. Council Member Wooldridge advised Republic Services does not service this area. Council Member Swafford asked who owns the road. Mr. Crolley responded that there are three trustees.

**Presented**

**Agenda Review**

Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Giessner asked if anyone had questions on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Swafford indicated the Finance and Government Committee had reviewed several items and recommends tabling Item 18 regarding the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is not yet finalized by the auditors.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Jensen convened a closed session at 5:21 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., to discuss Section 551.072 "Deliberation Regarding Real Property" and Section 551.087 "Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations." Mayor Jensen adjourned the closed session at 5:43 p.m.

**Recess Meeting**

Mayor Jensen recessed the meeting at 5:43 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.

**The invocation was given by Pastor Luis Morales, Christian Community of Faith Church. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and to the Texas Flag were led by Council Member Jeff Wooldridge.**

### **Presentations**

**4 DFW Airport Proclamation**

*Council Member Cole Humphreys read the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Proclamation. Mayor Jensen presented the proclamation to John Terrell, Vice President of Commercial Development for Dallas Fort Worth International Airport and former Mayor for City of South Lake. Mr. Terrell thanked the Mayor and Council Members on behalf of the board. Mayor Jensen also recognized Ms. Washington who served on the DFW International Airport Board for several years.*

**Presented**

**5 National School Social Workers Week Proclamation - Presented by Mayor Ron Jensen**

*Council Member Jorja Clemson recognized school social workers for the work they do with many local non-profits and indicated they are valuable assets to Grand Prairie. Ms. Clemson read the National School Social Workers Week Proclamation. Mayor Jensen presented the proclamation.*

**Presented**

**6 Recognition of the 2018-19 South Grand Prairie Varsity Girls Basketball Team**

*Mayor Jensen recognized the 2018-19 South Grand Prairie Varsity Girls Basketball Team who exceeded expectations with their winning season. The coach read a list of the team's district and academic honors. Mayor Jensen congratulated the team.*

**Presented**

### **Consent Agenda**

**Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner advised there are no items to pull into Individual Consideration from the Consent Agenda but Item 18 is tabled pending the completion of the report by city auditors Weaver and Tidwell and would be considered in the March 19 City Council meeting. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Giessner moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7 through 29 and table Item 18, seconded by Council Member Fregoe. The motion carried unanimously.**

**7 Minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting**

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

**8 Price Agreement for Fence Repairs & Replacements from Llano River Fence**

Company, LLC (up to \$100,000 annually) and award a secondary Price Agreement to Diamond Fence & Concrete (up to \$100,000 annually) to be used only if the primary is unable to fulfill the needs of the City (each agreement will be for one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods totaling \$500,000 per contract 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 Price agreement for police promotional testing services from CPS HR Consulting (up to \$20,000 annually) for one year with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$100,000 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 electrical repair services for Water Utilities from George-McKenna Electrical Contractors at an estimated annual cost of \$80,000 through an interlocal agreement with the City of Irving, for one year with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods totaling \$240,000 if all extensions are exercised; and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations up to \$50,000 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 Reject All Bids on RFB# 19052 - Landscape Maintenance services for the Tourist Information Center

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 12 Construction contract with Musco Lighting for Phase 1 Parkhill Park football field lighting, in the amount of \$199,211 and a 5% contingency in the amount of \$9,961 for a total of \$209,172, through an national interlocal agreement with BuyBoard

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 13 Agreement with Dallas Area Agency on Aging for \$235,253 as a reimbursable meal (\$174,731) and Transportation program (\$60,522)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 14** Contract with Pro Maintenance for Wall Painting in the amount of \$56,000 - Oak Hollow/Sheffield Village PID (Council Districts 4 and 6)  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 15** Professional Engineering Services Contract with Walter P. Moore and University of Texas at Arlington for the development of a Flood Warning-Forecasting System Phase 3 in Grand Prairie in the amount of \$150,000  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 16** Contract with Tyler Technologies for the Software Upgrade and the existing Software Maintenance Agreement for the Digital Health Department building module in the amount \$24,950 and three years of annual subscription in the amount of \$26,593.66 which includes a 5% annual increase, for a total of \$51,544.20  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 17** Construction contract with Hellas Construction, Inc. for the Airhogs' Stadium Turf Renovations in the amount of \$268,370, plus a 5% contingency amount of \$13,418 for a total project cost of \$281,788, through a national interlocal agreement with BuyBoard  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 18** City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2018 (this item was tabled at the March 5, 2019 meeting)  
**Tabled**
- 19** Resolution approving the city's Financial Management Policy updated with clarification and edited modifications  
**Adopted**  
Enactment No: RES 5003-2019
- 20** Ordinance amending the FY 2018/2019 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Award a contract Document Scanning Services from DocuLynx for our Development Center in the amount of \$50,000  
**Adopted**  
Enactment No: ORD 10599-2019
- 21** Ordinance amending the FY 2018/2019 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Construction contract with Future Outdoors, LLC for the Epic Central Neighborhood Fence in the amount of \$337,502, field conditions with fence tie-ins, landscaping/tree removal, and accessory structure adjustments in the amount of \$10,000, and a 5% contingency amount of \$17,498, for a total project cost of

\$365,000

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 10600-2019

**22**

Ordinance amending the FY 2018/2019 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; ratify the emergency purchase with Home Depot, through their national interlocal agreement with US Communities, in the amount of \$44,376 and Entech Sales, through their interlocal agreement with BuyBoard, in the amount of \$36,142 for the emergency sewer repair at Tangle Ridge Golf Course in the total amount of \$80,518

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 10601-2019

**23**

Ordinance amending the FY 2018/2019 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Construction contract with Gra-Tex Utilities, Inc. in the amount of \$2,896,977.35 for Miscellaneous Water and Wastewater Improvements; Material testing with Alliance Geotechnical Group in the amount of \$36,958; In-house labor distribution in the amount of \$144,848.87; 5% contract contingency in the amount of \$144,848.87; for a total project cost of \$3,223,633.09

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 10602-2019

**24**

Ordinance amending the FY 2018/2019 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Acquisition of permanent water main easements and temporary construction easements for the construction of a new City 30-inch Water Main on Robinson Road

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 10603-2019

**25**

Ordinance amending the FY 2018/2019 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Planning Services Contract with David Pettit Economic Development for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Planning Services in the amount of \$47,500

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 10604-2019

**26**

Ordinance amending the FY2018/2019 Parks Capital Projects Budget; and contract with Musco Lighting for Mike Lewis Park baseball field lighting in the amount of \$64,910 and a 5% contingency in the amount of \$3,246 for a total amount of \$68,156, through a national interlocal agreement with BuyBoard

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 10605-2019

- 27 Ordinance amending the FY 2017/2018 Risk Management Fund Operating Budget to modify the "Approved Revenues" from \$4,536,073 to \$3,678,008, and the "Approved Expenditures" from \$3,513,891 to \$3,819,308 to result in a modified "Ending Resources" of \$1,888,581

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 10606-2019

- 28 Ordinance authorizing the abandonment of an un-needed drainage and utility easement located at 716 Caspian Way to Patricia J. Juszli Trust for \$250; Authorize City Manager to sign a quitclaim deed on behalf of the City

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 10607-2019

- 29 Ordinance amending the Police Department's authorized positions in each classification for Fiscal Year 2019

**Adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 10608-2019

### **Items for Individual Consideration**

- 30 Board Appointments

*Deputy City Secretary Mona Lisa Galicia read the proposed Board and Commission appointment of Anthony Langston for Zoning Board of Adjustments, Place 8, to fill a vacancy replacing Ed Gray. Council Member Clemson moved to approve, seconded by Council Member Humphreys. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Approved**

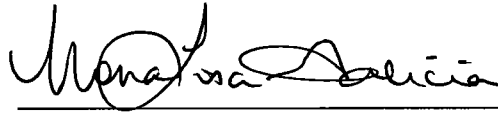
### **Citizen Comments**

*Ronneall Jones of 1813 W E Roberts Drive spoke requesting repaving of Sherman and W E Roberts Drive. He also said he desires to run for a Board or City Council position, although his first choice was to be a school board member. He said he had a felony, completed parole requirements and served his time; and he now wants to move forward. Mr. Jones said the City of Dallas allows for felony convictions to come under review by their City Council for council positions or board seats, and he would like to know if Grand Prairie has similar plans for bringing forth a resolution allowing felons to serve on City Council or Boards and Commissions. The Mayor advised that Public Works Director Gabe Johnson has made note of the street improvement request and that City Attorney Megan Mahan and City Manager Tom Hart noted the inquiry regarding the ability of convicted felons to serve, and the Mayor requested that Mr. Jones provide Ms. Mahan with his phone number so that she can follow up with him to provide the information he requested. The Mayor thanked Mr. Jones for his willingness to serve.*

## Adjournment

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

*The foregoing minutes were approved at the March 19, 2019, meeting.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mona Lisa Galicia", written over a horizontal line.

*Mona Lisa Galicia, Deputy City Secretary*