



City of Grand Prairie

City Hall
317 College Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

4:30 PM

City Hall - Council Chambers
317 College Street

Call to Order

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

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

Staff Presentations

- 1** Parks, Arts and Recreation End of Year Review - Presented by Rick Herold, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director
- Rick Herold, Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation, distributed the Annual Report. He stated that Grand Prairie is eligible to go through Gold Medal process again. Mr. Herold said the key component to winning the Gold Medal are the city's political leaders and citizens engaged in the Park and Recreation Department. He thanked all city departments for their partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Herold said there are three pillars: social equity; health and wellness; and conservation. The department is working on being one of the first 130 cities to be a certified department. At the first council meeting in April, Erin Fralicks will update Council on Main Street Fest. Mr. Herold announced that Mayor Jensen and First Lady Rebecca Jensen are again presenting sponsors for the Uptown Theater 2016 Presenting Series. He said that Tangle Ridge Golf Course had an all time record first quarter.*

Presented

- 2** Tourism Update - Sara Dedeluk, Tourism Manager

Sara Dedeluk, Tourist Information Center Manager, updated Council on the "Go Grand or Stay Home" promotion. She said the center is funded by the 7% Hotel Occupancy Tax. The center distributes 80,000 brochures each year. There is also print advertising in "Texas Highways" and the "Texas State Guide" as well as the Chamber Directory, a city map, "DFW and Beyond," "See Texas First," "Life is Grand," "Pipeline," "Texas RV & Travel Guide" and the Metrotex Realtors. Ms. Dedeluk said the center does online advertising through social networks; radio; press releases and billboards. The new tourism website can be found at

visitgrandprairietx.com. She said the center is doing a winter and summer campaign in cooperation with DFWATC. In addition to the print and online marketing, staff at the center visit TXDOT travel centers, attend the Unity Dinner, the TTIA travel fair, take part in marketplace/trade booths and attend the TTIA Tourism College. Tourist Center staff also keep in touch with hotels and local attractions so they know what is happening in Grand Prairie. Ms. Dedeluk said visitors will now be able to book hotel, attraction tickets and packages online.

Ms. Dedeluk gave the following statistics: 2,310 are employed by tourism; \$241 million in total direct travel spending; \$1.4 million in Hotel/Motel tax; 80,000 brochures are distributed; 2400 hotel rooms, 14,413 people a year visit the Tourist Center; over 10 million people visit Grand Prairie. Ms. Dedeluk then previewed the new tourism marketing jingle.

Council Member Copeland asked if the Lodge would be included on the website for hotel availability. Ms. Dedeluk said it would not be included this year while staff is working out kinks in the Lodge software. Mr. Copeland asked if the Lodge was targeted as housing for ball teams in the area. Ms. Dedeluk said she had spoken to a few teams and they are more interested in the economical hotels.

Mayor Jensen announced that the Mayor's Community Table event will win either a first or second place award from the National League of Cities.

Presented

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Credit Access Lending Ordinance - Presented by Megan Mahan, Assistant City Attorney

Postpone

Agenda Review

Mayor Pro Tem Swafford asked to table Item 9 and 22. Mr. Swafford asked if there were bids from Grand Prairie vendors for Consent Agenda Item 8 (Electrical Repair Services for Water Utilities). Robert Myers, Purchasing Manager, said this was a specialized service and only a few contractors can perform this high voltage work.

Tom Hart, City Manager, said staff had a bid item for autobody repairs but received no bids from Grand Prairie vendors and so staff has gone back out for bids. Ron McCuller, Public Works Director, (referred to Item 8) and said George-McKenna Electrical has always provided the best telephone quote and is reliable.

Executive Session

Mayor Jensen convened a closed session at 5:22 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., to discuss 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.

6:30 PM Council Chambers

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

**The Invocation was given by Philip Mulvaney, Chaplain, Victim Relief Ministries.
The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and to the Texas Flag were led by Mayor
Pro Tem Jim Swafford.**

Mayor Jensen announced that a City of Euless Police Officer was killed in the line of duty this afternoon.

Mayor Jensen recognized Boy Scout Troop 540.

Consent Agenda

- 4** Minutes of the February 16, 2016 Meeting

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 5** Price agreement for emergency vehicle equipment installation from Priority Public Safety, at an estimated annual cost of \$90,000 with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$450,000 if all renewal options 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

- 6** Price agreement for legal advertising services from Fort Worth Star-Telegram (up to \$75,000 annually) for one year with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$375,000 if all extensions are exercised and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with the 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 renewal terms and reject bid 16035 for legal advertising services.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 7** Price agreement for forensic laboratory testing from Integrated Forensic Laboratories, LLC, a local vendor, at an estimated annual cost of \$150,000 with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$750,000 if all renewal options 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

- 8 Price agreement for electrical repair services for Water Utilities from George-McKenna Electrical, Inc. through an interlocal agreement with the City of Irving at an estimated annual cost of \$45,000 for one year with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods totaling \$135,000 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

- 9 Two 2-year annual lease agreements with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation to lease an 836K Compactor and a D8T-T4 Dozer for the landfill, in the amount of \$661,106.56 for this fiscal year, with a two-year total of \$1,322,213.12, through a national, interlocal agreement with Buyboard

Tabled

- 10 Professional Services Contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for Stormwater Utility (SWUT) 5-Year Program in the amount of \$84,930

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 11 Clarification of construction contract with Itron, Inc. for the provision of a fully functioning Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 12 Exchange of Surplus Right-of-Way - West Oakdale Extension (sale of the permanent right-of-way of 43,670 sq. ft. in exchange for surplus right-of-way of 25,832 sq. ft. and a cash payment of \$14,271

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 13 Change Order No. 5 with S.J. Louis Construction of Texas, Ltd. in the net amount of -\$59,597.20 for Avenue K Street Relief Trunk Sewer construction project

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 14 Ratification for Change Order No. 1 with George-McKenna Electrical Contractors in the amount of \$33,368.00 to install two soft starters for the two side car pumps for Lake Ridge Lift Station due to the May, 2015 Flooding Disaster

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 15** Purchase of Eventide recording equipment from VistaCOM, a State approved Department of Information Resources (DIR) vendor, in the amount of \$149,541.88, for interface with the new ASTRO 25 trunked radio system from Motorola Solutions

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 16** Resolution authorizing the City accept the purchase offers from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to sell 0.0291 of one acre as fee title , 0.0918 acre and 0.2197 acre as drainage easements from the south side of IH 20 along their project limits from SH 161 east to Carrier Parkway, Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, required for the construction of frontage roads

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4809-2016

- 17** Resolution appointing Bryan Arnold as Presiding Municipal Judge

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4810-2016

- 18** Ordinance amending Schedule III of the Traffic Register by extending the west end of the existing school zone for Larson Elementary School on Avenue K

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10012-2016

- 19** Ordinance amending the FY 2014/2015 Equipment Acquisition Operating Fund budget by appropriating \$1,163

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10013-2016

- 20** Ordinance amending the FY 2015/2016 Capital and Lending Reserve Budget by \$2,651; and purchase eight Lucas 2 Mechanical Chest Compression devices from sole source Medtronics/Physio-Control of Redmond, WA at a total cost of \$167,650.15

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10014-2016

- 21** Ordinance amending the FY 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Change Order/Amendment No. 1 to the Design Contract for Phillips Court Storm Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$46,540

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10015-2016

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Ordinance amending the FY 2015/2016 Baseball Fund and Capital Improvement Projects Fund Budget; for repair maintenance and water expenses and authorize the City Manager to approve Ballpark Amendment No. 2

Tabled**23**

Ordinance amending the FY 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Projects Budget by \$200,000 to replace ten (10) trailers for hauling backhoe tractors and related equipment

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10016-2016

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Ordinance canceling a portion of the May 7, 2016 city election and declaring unopposed candidates elected

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10017-2016

Citizen Comments

Mr. Ray Bush, 1336 Bold Forbes Drive, Chairman of the Commission on Aging, introduced Marty Brownlie a member of the Commission on Aging as well as a GPISD At Risk Counselor for many years. Mr. Bush introduced members of the Commission on Aging who were present (Gary Hiill, Bob Murphy, Greg Wiggins and Jack Cooper). Mr. Bush stated that the Commission would be updating a 2000 Directory of Senior Services.

Adjournment

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the March 22, 2016 Council Meeting.

Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary