



City of Grand Prairie

City Hall
317 College Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

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

Absent 1 - Council Member Tony Shotwell

Staff Presentations

- 1 Joe Pool Debt Retirement - Presented by Kevin Ward, General Manager, Trinity River Authority

Kevin Ward, General Manager, Trinity River Authority, stated that Grand Prairie had a liability of \$5.45 million with 6% interest rate. He said with the recalculation of the interest rate after refunding the debt, the interest rate was lowered retroactively. The Trinity River Authority paid off \$5.45 million on behalf of the City of Grand Prairie.

Council Member Copeland asked if Joe Pool Lake and the surrounding area would always be Corp property. Mr. Ward replied that he was not sure what the Federal government would do in the future.

Presented
- 2 Live Life Grand Update - Presented by Amy Sprinkles, Marketing/Library Director

Beth Owens, Brand Era, stated that in 2016, they did a photo shoot of various city assets (i.e. parks; education; Lone Star Park). Brand Era also filmed sports events and did TV commercials and radio spots featuring the Grand Prairie jingle. Mayor Pro Tem Clemson asked how much an interview on Channel 8 (WFAA) costs. Ms. Owens replied it is around \$4500. Mayor Jensen pointed out that some events such as the Main Street Kickoff when Colleen Coyle did a weather cast was not paid. He added that when the city does TV interviews, the media are more apt to attend and do PR for city events. In addition to the TV and radio spots, there was a direct mail and the Look Book, a billboard campaign and 10 aerial flyovers. Ms. Owens said in 2017 they plan to do ads on radio and TV and on billboards. Mayor Jensen said that

on May 5, members of the media are being invited to the city suite at Lone Star Park. Council Member Copeland asked if the AirHogs had been approached about advertising. Amy Sprinkles, Marketing Director, said she had not been given a budget for that but would do a photo shoot at the stadium.

Presented

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Prairie Lights Update - Presented by Mae Smith, Duane Strawn and Chief Dye

Duane Strawn, Parks and Recreation Manager, said in 2016 Prairie Lights has 39 event days; 40,103 vehicles; with an average of 1,028 vehicles per day; and 231,044 visitors. He said that the Fair Grounds in Orange County, CA has been added to the list of cities sharing lights.

Mr. Strawn said they put out information to visitors to come during the week which resulted in more weekday attendance. He said very little is spent on advertising because of the excellent media coverage Prairie Lights receives. The customer surveys showed that 90% said their experience was excellent or very good and 95% said staff was extremely or very friendly. He said there is a possibility of El Paso and a city in Nebraska being added to the cities for shared lights.

Mr. Strawn said new for 2017 is Prairie Lights radio and the introduction of the "Fast Pass." There will be more communication boards and the tent area will feature arts and crafts. Chief Christy Martinez stated that on peak nights and weekends there will be 7 traffic control officers; 1 traffic control and tent supervisor; and 1 officer on tent duty. She said that 1,592 police manpower hours were spent in 2016 for the event. Chief Martinez said In 2017, there will be added motorcycle officers to rove Lake Ridge Parkway to try to keep congestion to a minimum so that non-guest traffic can travel smoothly on Lake Ridge in both directions. She said they are acquiring past attendance records to forecast potential attendance in the park and will conduct standardized training to all Prairie Lights police supervisors.

There will be enhanced lighting at the intersection of Lake Ridge and Lynn Creek Parkway and overhead digital signs as well as message boards to communicate wait times. Chief Martinez said there will be surveillance enhancements to deter criminal activity although there had been very little criminal activity at past events.

Council Member Copeland asked if there would be porta-potties on Lynn Creek. Mr. Strawn said porta-potties are located on Lynn Creek extension and just before the gate. Council Member Copeland said visitors need a way to get out of line if needed.

Presented

Agenda Review

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson asked Council if there were any questions on Consent Agenda items 6 through 25. There were no questions.

Executive Session

Mayor Jensen convend a closed session at 5:19 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." Mayor Jensen adjourned the executive session at 5:51 p.m.

Recess Meeting

Mayor Jensen recessed the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

6:30 PM Council Chambers

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

Pastor Perry Crenshaw gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and to the Texas Flag were led by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wooldridge.

Presentations

- 4** 2017 National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation -
Presented by Mayor Ron Jensen
- Mayor Jensen read the proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and presented it to the Public Safety Telecommunications staff.*
- Presented**
- 5** City of Grand Prairie "Heart Safe Award" - Presented by Robert Fite, Fire Chief
- Chief Robert Fite said the Heart Safe Award is given by the NCTCOG Regional Committee. There are only four cities in the DFW Metroplex which have received this award. Chief Fite went over the criteria for the award.*
- Presented**

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson moved, seconded by Council Member Thorn, to approve Items 6 through 25 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6** Minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 7** Action rejecting proposed CPI rate increase per telecommunication access line from the Public Utility Commission (PUC)
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 8** Price agreement for UPS System Maintenance & Repairs from DC Group for up to \$17,000 annually for preventative maintenance services and repairs and a one-time cost of \$15,400 for battery replacement for a year one total cost of

\$32,400, for one year with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$100,400 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

- 9 Price agreement for Asbestos Survey Services from Farmer Environmental (up to \$100,000 annually) 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

- 10 Price agreement for LED (Light Emitting Diodes) Traffic Signal Indications with Texas Highway Products at an estimated annual cost of \$23,300 with four one-year renewal options totaling \$116,500 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 term.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 11 Price agreement renewal #1 for Concrete Paving with Santos Construction as the primary in the estimated annual amount of \$10,308,525 and with McMahon Contracting as the secondary at the estimated annual amount of \$9,469,952

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 12 Creek Erosion Buyout - Purchase of house and lot located at 410 Windhurst Drive

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 13 Change Order/Amendment No. 2 to the Engineering/Design Contract with KSA Engineers for north side drainage improvements at the Grand Prairie Municipal Airport, in the amount of \$75,000

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 14 Change Order 1 to contract with Josh Barnett Productions, Inc. for design, construction and revenue sharing of Prairie Lights, Round Rock "Rockin Lights", and Sugarland Skeeter Baseball Stadium holiday light parks, to

remove the annual not to exceed amount on revenue sharing and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options 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

- 15** Contract with Blackboard, Inc. for mass notification system services through a GSA cooperative agreement in the annual amount of \$46,629 with four optional one year renewals totaling \$233,145; and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal option 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** TRA Easement and offer letter for Robinson Rd/IH 20

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 17** Change Order No. 1 with Durable Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$85,205.00 for signal modification at Main and NW 4th St.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 18** Change Order/Amendment No. 8 in the net amount of \$63,865.39 with Austin Bridge and Road, L.P. for MacArthur Paving and Drainage Improvements

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 19** Purchase of Phillips LED (Light Emitting Diode) light fixtures from Dealers Electrical Supply in the amount of \$85,173.10 through a national interlocal agreement with BuyBoard.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 20** Ratification of the application for the FY2017 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant in the amount of \$31,400 and, if awarded, authorize the City Manager to accept the grant by signing the Sub-Recipient Agreement and other grant related documents from the Office of the Governor-Homeland Security Grants Division

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4879-2017

- 21** Resolution to authorize City Manager, Tom Hart, to apply for and if awarded accept funding for the FY2017 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant by signing the Sub-Recipient Agreement and other grant related documents

from the Office of the Governor-Homeland Security Grants Division.

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4880-2017

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Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Force Account Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation and Union Pacific Railroad for Railroad Advance Preemption at the Union Pacific Railroad mainline crossings (Bagdad Road, SE 14th Street, Beltline Road, Center Street, 2nd Street, 19th Street and 23rd Street) in the total project cost of \$1,713,200, of which \$1,273,692 is federally funded, \$40,188 is State funded, \$171,320 is Railroad funded, and \$228,000 is locally funded

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4881-2017

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Resolution authorizing the City accept a purchase offer by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to sell 0.3217 (14,012) of one acre as fee title from the north side of IH 30 along their project limits from Northwest 7th Street to Beltline Road, Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, required for the construction of a frontage road

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4882-2017

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Ordinance authorizing the abandonment of drainage easement at 2930 114th Street

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10249-2017

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Ordinance amending the FY 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Professional Engineering and Surveying services contract with Grantham and Associates, Inc. for the Fish Creek Road Preliminary Alignment and traffic study from Belt Line Road to Westchase Drive in the amount of \$174,810 plus a 5% contingency of \$8,740, for a total of \$183,550

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10246-2017

Items for Individual Consideration

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Ordinance Updating Water & Wastewater Impact Fees amending Article 22.3.16; Schedule 22.3-1a of Unified Development Code

Ron McCuller, Public Works Director, said the City Council had conducted a public hearing at the March 21, 2017 meeting to hear public input on the proposed fee

increases for North and South Sector Impact Fees. He said there is a 13% increase for north sector and a 29% increase for south sector fees. He said that the Council Standing Committees and the City Council had each had a presentation on these proposed fees.

Council Member Swafford moved, seconded by Council Member Thorn, to approve Item 26, Ordinance updating water and wastewater impact fees. The motion carried unanimously.

Enactment No: ORD 10247-2017

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Public hearing and ordinance authorizing the abandonment of an unneeded portion of the street right-of-way of NE 3rd Street between E. Church Street and E. Main Street, with contingency

Steve Norwood, Director of Planning and Development, said the far northern portion of the street is unimproved and Uplift Academy requested abandonment to build across the right-of-way. The easement will not be abandoned until utilities are re-routed at the school's expense.

Mayor Jensen noted this was a public hearing and invited those who wished to speak to come to the podium. There were no speakers.

City Manager Tom Hart introduced Steve Norwood, Director of Planning and Development.

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson moved, seconded by Council Member Thorn to close the public hearing and adopt an ordinance abandoning unneeded portion of street right-of-way. The motion carried unanimously.

Enactment No: ORD 10248-2017

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Reject bids for 1401 Ranch Road and 1701 Corral Road (tabled at the January 10, 2017, February 7, 2017, March 7, 2017 and April 4, 2017 Council Meetings)

Council Member Fregoe moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wooldridge, to table Item 28. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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Board Appointments

Council Member Copeland moved, seconded by Council Member Swafford to appoint Katrina Jones to the Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Citizen Comments

Steve Kille, 410 Windhurst, thanked the Council for being proactive in buying out his home as a result of creek erosion (Ref: Item 12 on the Consent Agenda).

Adjournment

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the April 18, 2017 meeting.

Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary