

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

The Parker City Council met in a regular meeting on the above date at Parker City Hall, 5700 E. Parker Road, Parker, Texas, 75002.

Mayor Lee Pettie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Cindy Meyer, Cleburne Raney, Ed Standridge and Patrick Taylor were present. Councilmember Edwin Smith was absent.

Mayor Pettie introduced our new Finance/H.R Manager Grant Savage and congratulated Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey on her recent promotion.

Staff Present: Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, Finance/H.R. Manager Grant Savage, City Attorney Brandon Shelby, Police Captain Kenneth Price, Public Works Director Gary Machado.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Finance/H.R. Manager Grant Savage led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Police Captain Kenneth Price led the pledge.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** The City Council invites any person with business before the Council to speak. No formal action may be taken on these items at this meeting. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

Linda Nelson, 5802 Corinth Chapel, said she attended several of the last few City Council meetings and enjoyed the robust discussions. Ms. Nelson encouraged the Mayor, City Council, and City Staff to look for opportunities to meet with the citizens of Parker informally. She stated the City of Parker has lost sight of its goals and vision and suggested some of this could be rectified by more interaction between the Mayor, City Council, City Staff and Parker residents in less formal settings. Everyone needed to regain or develop friendlier relationships and trust.

Terry Lynch, 5809 Middleton Drive, said she loves Parker. As far as Home Rule, she suggested the citizens vote to see if they want to be a Home Rule City. She is unclear about what Home Rule can provide that the City is not already getting as a General Law City.

Jim Grim, 4200 Countryside Drive, said he has lived in Parker since 1992 and the day after Labor Day, September 5<sup>th</sup>, a contractor started asphaltting his road. Area residents are not happy. The road is showing cracks and wear and tear from the equipment being used and the contractor and workers are not cleaning up after themselves. He said he and his neighbors are upset, because they received no notice of the project, and he felt the work being done will negatively affect his property value.

Joffrey Majors, 4703 Windmill Creek Drive, said he has the same complaint as Mr. Grim. No notice, one day 15 trucks show up with asphalt and make a mess. Mr. Majors said

he has lived in Parker for 43 years, maintains his property, and loves Parker. Now, the street is asphalt and it is not edged correctly. He asked that it be fixed and edged properly.

Verna Majors, 4703 Windmill Creek Drive, remarked she fell in love with Parker many years ago. Now, their street looks awful and she fears this change will hurt her property value. The changes are hard to accept especially with new subdivisions be constructed. The trucks are either blocking the road or speeding.

**CONSENT AGENDA** Routine Council business. Consent Agenda is approved by a single majority vote. Items may be removed for open discussion by a request from a Councilmember or member of staff.

1. DEPARTMENT REPORTS-ANIMAL CONTROL, BUILDING, COURT, FIRE, POLICE AND WEBSITE
2. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2018-581, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("ACSC") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2018 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILINGS; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT REGARDING AMORTIZATION OF REGULATORY LIABILITY; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC'S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC'S LEGAL COUNSEL. [SHELBY]
3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2018-582 DESIGNATING THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF PARKER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019. [SHELBY]

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to accept item 1, departmental reports, and approve items 2, Resolution No. 2018-581, accepting a negotiated settlement between Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ASSC) and Atmos Energy Corporation, and 3, Resolution No. 2018-582, designating The Dallas Morning News (DMN) as the City's official newspaper for FY2018-2019. Councilmember Standridge seconded with Councilmembers Meyer, Raney, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2018-583 APPROVING PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 14 JAIL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARKER AND COLLIN COUNTY. [BROOKS]

This item would renew an ongoing contract between Collin County and the City of Parker for jail services. The city does not have jail facilities, so the City contracts this service. This agreement contains modifications agreed upon in the past such as liability allocation in Section 8. Civil Liability and includes the Mayor's City address in Section 11.02 Address (c).

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-583, authorizing the execution of an Interlocal jail services agreement between the City of Parker and Collin County with the modifications to liability in Section 8 and adding Mayor Lee Pettle and City address to Section 11.02 (c). Councilmember Standridge seconded.

Councilmember Meyer voiced concern about the increase in cost for jail services.

Captain Price said he was unsure why there was such a large increase in cost. He said he would check with Chief Brooks and Collin county Sheriff Jim Skinner and report back to the Mayor and City Council.

Councilmembers Meyer, Raney, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RE-ESTABLISHING PARKS AND RECREATION. [PETTLE]

After discussion regarding the re-establishment of a Parks and Recreation Commission, City Council agreed they are not opposed to having a commission. In fact, they agreed it could be a benefit to the City and our community. The concern is that there might not be enough community support or volunteers to arrange and take care of community events, such as Parkerfest. Council agreed these events required a great deal of time to publicize and administer properly. The commission would also be involved with the Living Legacy Tree Program, Trails and Preserve, supervising Boys and Girls Scout projects, and overseeing of the Tree and Trail plans, while determining their participation in the keeping Parker beautiful program.

City Council decided to see how much participation the commission might receive or see how many residents are truly interested in volunteering. Citizens were asked to be present at the next City Council meeting or email the Mayor and/or staff if they cannot be present in support of re-establishing the Commission. Once support is secured, the item would be placed back on a future agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to table the item, re-establishing the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Raney seconded with Councilmembers Meyer, Raney, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

6. DISCUSSION ON HOME RULE. [STANDRIDGE/RANEY]

After discussion, the Mayor and City Council determined Parker residents are interested, but more information should be made available to help educate the residents on exactly what Home Rule is, how it would improve life in Parker, and the impact it would have on the City. Former Mayor Pro Tem Scott Levine chaired the Home Rule Charter Commission and the Mayor and City Council thought it would be prudent to see if Mr. Levine would be willing to continue as chair. Council agreed the commission needs to be thoughtfully considered as representative of the City, so the membership criteria needed to be developed carefully.

The Mayor and City Council discussed what the best avenues of disseminating that information would be. They decided to have an article in the Fall Newsletter; provide information on the City's website, as well as e-blasting; and have another Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2016 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. City Attorney Shelby agreed to present information and Mayor Pettie would see if Mr. Levine is available as well.

## ROUTINE ITEMS

### 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pettie asked if there were any items to be added to the future agenda. There being no suggestions at this time she asked everyone to please email her any requests.

#### UPDATE(S):

- OCTOBER CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE/TIME DISCUSSION

Mayor Pettie said due to canceling the Tuesday, October 2, 2018 City Council meeting for National Night Out (NNO) and having the Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2016 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, a meeting would have to be scheduled around the Texas Municipal League (TML) Conference. She asked City Council to forward dates/times to Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey at [Pgrey@parkertexas.us](mailto:Pgrey@parkertexas.us) as soon as possible and asked resident to watch the City's website.

The Mayor reviewed the remaining updates, as follows:

- DECEMBER PLANNING SESSION DATE/TIME DISCUSSION

#### REMINDER(S):

- WATER RATES

Water Rates - Residential		Effective Oct. 2017	Effective Oct. 2018	Effective Oct. 2019	Effective Oct. 2020
Min Chg. - Includes 1 <sup>st</sup> 4,000 Gal		40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Volume Rate Per 1,000 Gal.					
4,001	15,000	3.85	4.10	4.20	4.35
15,000	30,000	4.75	5.10	5.25	5.40
30,001	50,000	5.95	6.35	6.55	6.75
50,001	70,000	9.50	10.15	10.45	10.75
70,001	Above	13.10	14.00	14.40	14.85

- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO) – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018, 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
- MAYOR PETTIE OFFICIALLY CANCELED THE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DUE TO NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO)
- FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – OCTOBER 7-13, 2018
- TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (TML) ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS OCT. 10-12, 2018 IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS. [PETTIE]
- REPUBLIC SERVICES HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) DISPOSAL AND DRUG TAKE BACK EVENTS ARE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, WHICH ALSO COINCIDES WITH EARLY VOTING

- 2018 NOV. EARLY VOTING PERIOD AND ELECTION DAY (NOV. 6) INFORMATION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 21	Oct 22 Early Voting 8am–5pm	Oct 23 Early Voting 8am–5pm	Oct 24 Early Voting 8am–5pm	Oct 25 Early Voting 8am–5pm	Oct 26 Early Voting 8am–5pm	Oct 27 Early Voting 7am–7pm
Oct 28 Early Voting 1pm–6pm	Oct 29 Early Voting 7am–7pm	Oct 30 Early Voting 7am–7pm	Oct 31 Early Voting 7am–7pm	Nov 1 Early Voting 7am–7pm	Nov 2 Early Voting 7am–7pm	Nov 3
Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6 Election Day 7am – 7pm				

## 8. ADJOURN

Mayor Lee Pettie adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



APPROVED:

*Lee Pettie*  
Mayor Lee Pettie

ATTESTED:

*Patti Scott Grey*  
Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 13th day  
of November, 2018.