

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2019

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 Pettle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Diana M. Abraham, Psy.D., Cindy Meyer, Edwin Smith, Ed Standridge and Patrick Taylor were present.

Staff Present: City Administrator Luke Olson, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, Finance/H.R. Manager Grant Savage, City Attorney Brandon Shelby, Fire Chief Mike Sheff, Police Chief Richard Brooks and Public Works Director Gary Machado

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Tom Macduff led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Billy Barron 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.

Mayor Pettle noted Colonel Joseph Cordina provided the Mayor and City Council a letter to be included into the record. Mr. Cordina, 4302 Boulder Drive, voiced concern regarding population density and representation on the Home Rule Charter Commission (HRCC). (See Exhibit 1 – Colonel Joseph Cordina's letter, dated May 30, 2019.)

Mayor Pettle read Roxanne Bogdan's email into the record. Ms. Bogdan, 6701 Overbrook Drive, stated she had issues with the City's current Noise Ordinance and indicated she "would love to see some kind of committee" formed to address those issues. (See Exhibit 2 – Roxanne Bogdan's email, dated June 3, 2019.)

Billy Barron, 6707 Overbrook Drive, said he was tired. He and Ms. Bogdan had similar problems with noise and vibration, even on Sundays, from Southfork Ranch. Mr. Barron had two suggestions or changes regarding the current Nuisance/Noise Ordinance, 1) remove the exceptions and 2) change the decibel levels, because it has not been effective. While the changes to Ordinance No. 750, passed and approved July 11, 2017, were an improvement, there were still problems. Mr. Barron said he understood this was a complicated matter, which he thought would be better handled by a committee formed to research the issue, discuss options and report recommendations back to City Council. (See Exhibit 3 – Billy Barron's handout, dated June 4, 2019.)

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019, 7:00 PM, HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION (HRCC) MEETING

- **TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019, 7:00 PM, LONG TERM PLANNING**
Council agreed to add a Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 7:00 PM, Long Term Planning, if necessary
- **FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2019, CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**
- **TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019, 6:00 PM, BUDGET WORK SESSION**
Council agreed to add change the 6:00 p.m. time to 7:00 p.m. to accommodate Councilmember Taylor and City Attorney Shelby
- **TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019, 6:00 PM, BUDGET WORK SESSION**
There was discussion on changing this date to accommodate Councilmember Abraham, but decided to adjust the time only to 7:00 p.m.
- **TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019, 6:00 PM, BUDGET AND TAX RATE**
Council agreed to adjust the time from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to accommodate Councilmember Taylor.
- **TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019, 7:00 PM, BUDGET AND TAX RATE**
- **TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019, 6:00 PM, BUDGET AND TAX RATE**
Council agreed to adjust the time from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to accommodate Councilmember Taylor.
- **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019, 7:00 PM, BUDGET AND TAX RATE**
- **PROJECTED 2019 TAX RATE PLANNING CALENDAR**

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

1. ANY DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE NOISE PORTION OF THE NUISANCE ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 750). [PETTLE]

Council discussed the noise portion of the Ordinance No. 750 (Nuisance Ordinance) and agreed the last amendment was an improvement, but additional review and possible revisions should be considered.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to authorize formation of a committee, as follows:

Janna Timm or designee	Southfork Ranch
Billy Barron	Parker Resident
Roxanne Bogdan	Parker Resident
Trudy Jackson	Parker Resident
Brandon S. Shelby	City Attorney
Luke B. Olson	City Administrator

to research, discuss options and report recommendations back to City Council. In addition, the committee may expand as needed to accomplish their goal to research, discuss and make recommendations to Council improving the noise portion of the Nuisance Ordinance. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2. ANY DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL/EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. [PETTLE]

Council discussed professional/technical/educational memberships and determined employee memberships should be permitted by the City, especially when the membership, certification, and or license is required for the employee to do their job. Currently, the City does not have established criteria for memberships, certifications, and licenses. Council agreed Department Heads can make this decision as it affects their departmental budgets and the City Administrator would have responsibility of overseeing the process to determine whether the employee's membership in any organization benefits the city and/or the employee. Finance/HR Manager Grant Savage added the new financial software would be better able to track types and costs associated with professional/technical/educational memberships for future planning and budgetary questions.

3. ANY DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON STREET MAINTENANCE [PETTLE/MACHADO/OLSON]

Council, City Administrator Olson, and Public Works Director Machado discussed street maintenance. Mr. Machado suggested the City do street maintenance as necessary versus advertising in January/February and awarding bids in June/July. The City of Parker is competing with other cities for the same contractors and services. The City would be served better if maintenance was completed as it occurred. Council agreed with Mr. Machado's suggestion and noted there may need to be changes in the way street maintenance is handled in the budget. City Administrator Olson also suggested the City may want to investigate doing some of its own work, purchasing or renting some minimal equipment such as a dump truck, etc. Council tasked City Administrator Olson, Public Works Director Machado and Councilmember Taylor with doing the necessary research and bring recommendations back to Council at the planning and budget sessions.

ROUTINE ITEMS

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

UPDATE(S):

- **INCODE AND ENERGOV UPDATE [OLSON]**

City Administrator Olson noted this was the City's new technology software, staff was currently training, and the software was being customized to the City of Parker. Mr. Olson stated he was also researching various merchant services compatible with the new software to offer residents better services.

- **MAIL SERVICES IN PARKER [OLSON]**

City Administrator Olson said he is working with Congressman Van Taylor's office and only two (2) incidents have been reported since April 1 both regarding oversized packages being stuffed into small mail boxes. Mr. Olson said he would continue to monitor the situation.

- **FEE SCHEDULE [OLSON]**

City Administrator Olson said the City has a fee schedule and it has not been updated since February of 2016, but he would like to see the City hold off on making changes until the new software is implemented and ready to handle the changes. Otherwise, he foresees issues.

- **CONTRACT POLICY [OLSON]**

City Administrator Olson gave an update on the contracts, stating all the contracts are located and being maintained in one location as well as being kept in a spreadsheet. Mr. Olson is monitoring the contracts to ensure the vendors are meeting obligations and termination dates.

- **CODES [SHELBY, MACHADO, SCOTT GREY]**

City Administrator Olson stated Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission is still in the process of reviewing Parker's Zoning Regulations. [City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 156: Zoning Regulations].

- **CODIFICATION [SHELBY, SCOTT GREY]**

City Administrator Olson said City Staff is in the process of researching different codification companies to see what is offered as well as the cost associated those services.

- **SURPLUS [OLSON, MACHADO, BROOKS, SAVAGE]**

City Attorney Shelby indicated there is a process for surplus and salvable city items. A list of items is being prepared and being readied for auction and/or disposal.

- **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK [OLSON]**

City Administrator Olson said the Employee Handbook updates are underway with several sections under City Staff review.

- **SENSUS PORTAL (NOT METERS) [OLSON]**

City Administrator Olson noted the Sensus Water Portal is currently having maintenance issues. Those issues are being monitored and addressed. Recent weather, heavy rains and other conditions, have caused problems.

- **GROUND STORAGE TANK [MACHADO]**

Public Works Director Machado said the Ground Storage Tank painting project has been completed.

- **OLD GATE/COUNTRYSIDE STREET CONDITIONS [MACHADO]**

Public Works Director Machado said Old Gate/Countryside Street is an ongoing project at this time and conditions are being monitored. As issues are identified, corrective action, if needed, will be taken.

Mayor Pettle asked if there were any items to be added to the future agenda list. Hearing none, she encouraged everyone to email her any requests.

Mrs. Pettle stated the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting would be Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

5. ADJOURN

Mayor Lee Pettle adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.



ATTESTED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patti Scott Grey".

Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Pettle".

Mayor Lee Pettle

Approved on the 18th day
of June, 2019.

From the Desk of:

May 30, 2019

Colonel Joseph Cordina

4302 Boulder Drive
Parker, Texas 75002

To: Mayor Lee Pettle & Current City of Parker Council Members
Subject: Population Density and Representation, Home Rule Commission (HRC)

Dear members of the Parker elected leadership,

First of all, my absence at the June 4th meeting is unavoidable: a military commitment prohibits my personal delivery of this letter to you. That being said, let me express my appreciation to you for your kind service to our community. Having been chosen by the citizens of the City of Parker each of you has accepted a great deal of responsibility not only for fiscal & governance matters but also for our quality of life. It is on both of these topics I solicit your attention.

Please take note of the following information:

Current makeup of Home Rule Commission (HRC - 9 Representatives) by areas of the city:

Area	Voters (% of Total)	Commission Members
North/West	1024 (30%)	1 - Macduff
North/East	1085 (32%)	2 – Levine, Gilmore
South/West	830 (24%)	2 – Kercho, Adams
South/East	472 (14%)	4 – Marshall, Redmond, Barron, Livesay

Immediately obvious is that the West sectors equate to 54% of the Parker registered voters, with a count of 1,854 persons, and a total of 3 HRC members. Specifically, the North/West has 30% of the registered voter total (3,411) and has **a single representative for a ratio of 1:1,024**. The East sectors have 46% of the registered population yet have 6 representatives with the **South/East (a population of only 14% of voters)** holding a preponderance of 4 representatives **and a ratio of 1: 118** registered voters.

What does all this mean? Simply put, was enough thought placed into the selection process to consider the population densities as a major factor? I suppose that if there were almost NO VOLUNTEERS from the NW sector then the choices made might be as it is, but this is not the case. There were no less than three fully qualified, long-term residents from that sector and no fewer than two should have been chosen (using the illustration from the chart above).

Is it possible that the Council simply ignored the population factor? If so, it is not too late to "fix this inequity" since there is no law nor covenant that restricts the number of eligible voting commission members. The Council can fix this by one motion and vote.

Please bear one thing in mind: the N/W sector, consisting of Brookwood, Countryside, Donna, East Parker Road, The Knolls, Old Gate, Parker Ranch, Sycamore, Springhill, and Wagon Wheel is presently **the largest populated district in Parker.** In your judgment, could this be important when we consider what potentially may become the future governance method for our fine city?

Lastly, the harmony necessary within every community affects the quality of life we experience. We (the community members of Parker) are depending on you to do what is smart, and RIGHT. Would you agree that it is vital to listen to the inputs from the citizen-body both now and in the future?

May your leadership and wisdom be clearly demonstrated by your action to help in our climb to greatness for our ever-growing community!

Very truly yours,



Colonel Joe Cordina
USAF Retired



From: Roxanne Bogdan
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 8:26 AM
To: Patti Grey <PGrey@parkertexas.us>
Subject: Fwd: Noise Ordinance City Council Discussion

Patty Forgive me! Can you please correct the Chiefs Name for me. SOOOO Sorry! Parks was my moms doctor I was just talking with. OOOps! I've updated it below.

Good Morning Patty,

Can you please forward the following to the city council to be read into the minutes. I unfortunately am not able to attend the city council meeting Tuesday as I will be speaking to Murphy City Council at that scheduled time asking for grant money over there and I can't reschedule.

Good Evening Parker City Council Members,

I'd like to take this time to thank you all for your dedicated service to our city. I know your job isn't easy and I appreciate your time and effort that you put in for our residents.

I apologize for not being there in person, but I've got a commitment that I could not reschedule. I see that you are speaking tonight about our Noise Ordinance this evening and I'd like all of you to know that I personally am having an issue with the way things are today. Just this past Sunday, the booms of Southfork's Base in their music were heard in my bedroom with the TV on after 11pm & in the past after 1am. Frankly, this just is just a nuisance. I know everyone has been trying to make things work, and I appreciate the work of Chief Brooks and the others that have been involved, but I feel there needs to be a little more work on our noise ordinance.

I would love to see some kind of committee put together, to see how we all can work together as a team to come up with a solution. I would like to see our ordinance written that is fair to to cover all our residents as well as businesses. I would like it written simply in plain English that is both easy to understand and enforce. I've researched other cities and feel if we took some pieces from some surrounding communities that we could come up with Parker's own that fits our growing community. I would be willing to serve on such a committee, should you choose to go that route.

Once again, I thank you for your time & the opportunity to express my concerns.

Roxanne Bogdan
6701 Overbrook Dr.
Parker, TX 75002

City Noise Ordinances

June 2017

City	Objective				Notes
	Night Hours	Day Limit	Night Limit	Location	
Allen	8PM-7AM	65 dB(A)	58 dB(A)	Plainly Audible at 50ft	
Anna	10PM-7AM			Within 150ft of Residence	
Dallas	Sunset-8AM				Subjective Only
Fairview	10PM-7AM				
Farmersville	10PM-6AM			Within 500ft of Residence	
Flower Mound	10PM-7AM	57-62dB(A)	47-52dB(A)		Lower # repetitive sound
Frisco	10PM-7AM				
Garland	10PM-7AM	55dB(A)	50dB(A)	Within 500ft of Residence	
Lavon				Heard at 50ft	
Lucas					Subjective Only
McKinney	10PM-7AM	Based on Freq	-7dB of day	Within 500ft of Residence	
Melissa	10PM-7AM			Within 1500ft of Residence	
Murphy	9PM-7AM	60dB(A)	50dB(A)		
Parker	11PM-6AM	75dB	65dB, 55dB, 45dB		
Plano	10PM-7AM			Plainly Audible at 50ft	
Princeton	9PM-6AM			Within 500ft of Residence	
Prosper	7PM-7AM			Within 500ft of Residence	
Richardson	6PM-7AM				Subjective Only
Rockwall	10PM-7AM	55dB(A)	50dB(A)		
Rowlett	10PM-7AM	55dB(A)	50dB(A)		Subjective Only
Sachs	9PM-7AM				
Saint Paul	7PM-7AM	Based on Freq	-7dB of day		Subjective Only
Wylie	10PM-7AM				

June 2017

Exhibit 3