

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 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 7:01 p.m. Councilmembers Diana M. Abraham, Cindy Meyer, Edwin Smith, Ed Standridge and Patrick Taylor (arrived at 7:46 p.m.) 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 (arrived at 7:55 p.m.), Public Works Director Gary Machado, Fire Chief Mike Sheff, and Police Chief Richard Brooks

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Trudy Jackson 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.

Trudy Jackson, 3607 Hogge Drive (located across the street from Southfork Ranch), stated she was present at tonight's City Council meeting on behalf of herself and nearby neighbors. Ms. Jackson said she and her neighbors were disturbed by the noise emanating from Southfork Ranch's Arabian Festival. She noted one family was celebrating their 93-year-old relative's birthday outside and had to take the event inside. The Master of Ceremonies was extremely loud, talking over the music for hours. Ms. Jackson said she is glad the City formed a noise committee to investigate such issues and is looking forward to serving with the committee.

**ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

- HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION (HRCC) – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019, 7:00 PM
- COLLIN COUNTY PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE SEPTEMBER 1-30 “SAVE THE DATE” SPREAD THE HOPE. [PETTLE] [PROCLAMATION]

Mayor Pettle presented a proclamation, recognizing September as “Spread the Hope Collin County Peanut Butter Drive” and recognizing the invaluable contributions by the City of Parker, Texas’ residents. The Mayor also urged residents to drop off peanut butter in the lobby of City Hall for the benefit of the North Texas Food Bank until September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO) – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019, 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M

- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- WATER RATES

| Water Rates - Residential                     | Effective Oct. 2016 | 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               | 40.00               |
| Volume Rate Per 1,000 Gal.                    |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| 4,001 15,000                                  | \$ 3.55             | 3.85                | 4.10                | 4.20                | 4.35                |
| 15,000 30,000                                 | \$ 4.35             | 4.75                | 5.10                | 5.25                | 5.40                |
| 30,001 50,000                                 | \$ 5.45             | 5.95                | 6.35                | 6.55                | 6.75                |
| 50,001 70,000                                 | \$ 8.70             | 9.50                | 10.15               | 10.45               | 10.75               |
| 70,001 Above                                  | \$ 12.00            | 13.10               | 14.00               | 14.40               | 14.85               |

- 2019 NOV. EARLY VOTING PERIOD AND ELECTION DAY (NOV. 5) INFORMATION

| • Sunday                          | Monday                            | Tuesday                            | Wednesday                         | Thursday                          | Friday                            | Saturday                          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Oct 20                            | Oct 21<br>Early Voting<br>8am–5pm | Oct 22<br>Early Voting<br>8am–5pm  | Oct 23<br>Early Voting<br>8am–5pm | Oct 24<br>Early Voting<br>8am–5pm | Oct 25<br>Early Voting<br>8am–5pm | Oct 26<br>Early Voting<br>7am–7pm |
| Oct 27<br>Early Voting<br>1pm–6pm | Oct 28<br>Early Voting<br>7am–7pm | Oct 29<br>Early Voting<br>7am–7pm  | Oct 30<br>Early Voting<br>7am–7pm | Oct 31<br>Early Voting<br>7am–7pm | Nov 1<br>Early Voting<br>7am–7pm  | Nov 2                             |
| Nov 3                             | Nov 4                             | Nov 5<br>Election Day<br>7am – 7pm |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                   |

**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. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 20, 2019. [SCOTT GREY]
2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 27, 2019. [SCOTT GREY]
3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2019. [SCOTT GREY]
4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS-ANIMAL CONTROL, BUILDING, COURT, FIRE, POLICE AND WEBSITE

MOTION: Councilmember Meyer moved to approve consent agenda items 1 through 4 as presented. Councilmember Standridge seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2019-617 APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES THROUGH AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARKER AND CITY OF MURPHY, TEXAS. [BROOKS]

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-617 approving the execution of animal control services through an interlocal agreement between the City of Parker and City of Murphy, Texas. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2019-618 APPROVING PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

AMENDMENT NO. 1 JAIL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARKER AND COLLIN COUNTY. [BROOKS]

MOTION: Councilmember Abraham moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-618, approving and providing for the execution of contract amendment no. 1 Jail Services between the City of Parker and Collin County. Councilmember Meyer seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 782, ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE CITY FEE SCHEDULE TO COMPLY WITH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE HOUSE BILL 852 (BUILDING PERMIT FEE BASED ON VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION). [OLSON/MACHADO]

MOTION: Councilmember Abraham moved to approve Ordinance No. 782, adopting changes to the City Fee Schedule to comply with Texas Legislative House Bill 852 (Building Permit Fee, based on value of construction). Councilmember Smith seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 783, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("ACSC") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2019 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; 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 ORDINANCE 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 ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC'S LEGAL COUNSEL. [SHELBY]

MOTION: Councilmember Standridge moved to approve on Ordinance No. 783, approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division. Councilmember Smith seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

9. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2019-619 APPROVING A MODIFICATION OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PLANO AND CITY OF PARKER, TEXAS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT DISPATCH SERVICES. [SHEFF]

MOTION: Councilmember Abraham moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-619 approving a modification of the interlocal agreement between the City of Plano and City of Parker, Texas for Fire Department Dispatch Services. Councilmember Meyer seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

## ROUTINE ITEMS

### 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

#### UPDATE(S):

- HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION (HRCC) [SHELBY]

The HRCC will meet on Monday, September 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. to continue discussion on forms of government. Mayor Pettle urged everyone to attend the meetings. The meetings are open to the public.

- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP) [OLSON/MACHADO/TAYLOR]

City Administrator Olson indicated the CIP is a work in progress. He and the committee are diligently working to identify all the CIPs and to develop a spreadsheet to show the projects and their progress.

- COMMUNICATIONS [ABRAHAM]

City Councilmember Abraham noted she met with Chiefs Brooks and Sheff, discussing ways to establish an effective communication system for the City of Parker and its residents, during emergency events such as severe weather. Ms. Abraham said they were looking at different options such as sirens and weather applications. They were looking for short- and long-term solutions as well as multi-layered approaches. Councilmember Abraham also stated she plans to contact our neighboring cities to see what they may be using or to see if the cities can work together for more cost-effective solutions to be more fiscally responsible.

Councilmember Taylor arrived at 7:46 p.m.

- MUNICIPAL COURT [PETTLE/OLSON]

City Administrator Olson discussed many pros to the Municipal Court moving to days vs. evenings. Mr. Olson said for the most part it has been a positive experience for all.

Mayor Pettle asked if there were any items to be added to the future agenda. Hearing none, she encouraged everyone to email her any requests. She noted once again the October 1, 2019 City Council meeting was canceled due to National Night Out (NNO); therefore, the next regularly scheduled meeting would be Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Mayor Pettle congratulated Finance/H.R. Manager Grant Savage for one (1) year of service with the City of Parker.

City Attorney Shelby arrived at 7:55 p.m.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated the City Council may hold a closed meeting.

### 11. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN:

- a. Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel—To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
- b. Government Code Section 551.071(1)—Consultation with City Attorney concerning Pending or Contemplated Litigation

c. Government Code Section 551.071(2) – Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas Clearly conflicts with this chapter (Open Meetings Act)

Mayor Pettle recessed the regular meeting to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

**12. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.**

Mayor Pettle reconvened the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

**13. ANY APPROPRIATE DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION ON ANY OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBJECTS LISTED ABOVE.**

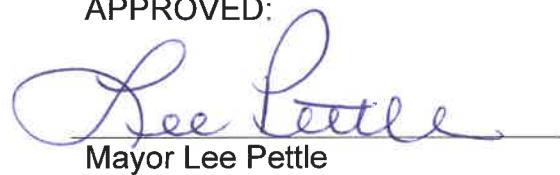
No action was taken.

**14. ADJOURN**

Mayor Lee Pettle adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

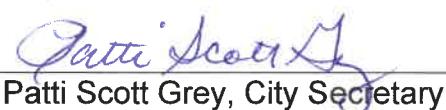


APPROVED:



Lee Pettle  
Mayor Lee Pettle

ATTESTED:



Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 15th day  
of October, 2019.