



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2021

The Council meeting was open to the public and live streamed. The City of Parker provided disposable face masks and hand sanitizer. Citizens were told, if they felt uncomfortable attending the meeting in person, they should send public comments to the City Secretary at PGrey@parkertexas.us prior to 3:00 PM the day of the meeting.

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. Mayor Pro Tem Ed Standridge and Councilmembers Diana M. Abraham, Terry Lynch, Cindy Meyer, and Michael Slaughter 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, Public Works Director Gary Machado, Fire Chief Mike Sheff, and Police Chief Richard Brooks

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Councilmember Terry Lynch led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Councilmember Michael Slaughter 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.

Joe Cordina, 4302 Boulder Drive, urged the Mayor and Council not to lose sight of the citizens advisory committee. The committee is starting to gather information for the new facility that could be very helpful. They plan on looking at similar size cities. Mr. Cordina stated with approximately one presentation a month, the process could take ten (10) months. Mr. Cordina indicated his information will help the City make the right decision and waste less time. He encouraged Council not to lose another opportunity, place the item on the Future Agenda Items for an agenda soon before all is forgotten.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mayor Pettle reviewed the "Items of Community Interest", as following:

- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (P&R) – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021, 6 PM -Virtual Only

The Mayor stated the (P&R) Commission meeting would be virtual and the access code is at the top of the agenda for that meeting on the City's website at www.parkertexas.us when that agenda becomes available.

- CITY FILING DEADLINE – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021, 5:00 PM

Mayor Pettle noted the filing deadline for the May 1, 2021 Municipal Election is next week, Friday, February 12, 2021, 5:00 PM.

- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (COMP) COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021, 6 PM – In-Person and Virtual

Mayor Pettle said the Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting would be in-person and virtual, and the access code is at the top of the that agenda on the City's website at www.parkertexas.us when that agenda becomes available as well.

- MUNICIPAL COURT – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021, 9:00 PM

City Administrator Olson noted Municipal Court for February has been canceled. Collin County is still in the "Red Zone" due to COVID-19 numbers, but he indicated the numbers were falling and Parker could possibly have court in March.

- CITY COUNCIL MONTHLY/QUARTERLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS WORKSHOP – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021, 3:00 PM

Mayor Pettle announced City Council would have a workshop Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 3:00 p.m., to review monthly/quarterly departmental reports, with the goal to make the reports as informative and useful as possible.

- REMINDER – May 1, 2021 – General Election (EV and ED Info)

Mayor Pettle noted, once again, the City of Parker, Texas, is scheduled to hold its municipal election on May 1, 2021 for three (3) Council at-large positions. Candidates, interested in running for City Council, could start the filing process Wednesday, January 13, 2021 and filing will close Friday, February 12, 2021, 5:00 PM.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 18	Apr 19 Early Voting 8am to 5pm	Apr 20 Early Voting 8am to 5pm	Apr 21 Early Voting 8am to 5pm	Apr 22 Early Voting 8am to 5pm	Apr. 23 Early Voting 8am to 5pm	Apr. 24 Early Voting 8am to 5pm
Apr 25	Apr 26 Early Voting 7am to 7pm	Apr 27 Early Voting 7am to 7pm	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1 Election Day 7am to 7pm

- PROJECTED 2021 TAX RATE PLANNING CALENDAR

- SOFTWARE PRESENTATION

Mayor Pettle indicated Parker resident Ellis "Skip" Cave contacted her, regarding software that could be useful with resident Question and Answer (Q&A) comments and feedback. Council discussed a suitable date/time and decided to invite Mr. Cave for a ten (10) minute presentation on February 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM, in conjunction with the next City Council meeting. Mr. Cave is to contact City Administrator Olson for presentation setup prior to the meeting.

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 JANUARY 12, 2021. [SCOTT GREY]

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 19, 2021. [SCOTT GREY]
3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 2021. [SCOTT GREY]

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to approve the consent, as presented. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 798 CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021 TO ELECT THREE (3) CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AT-LARGE; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH COLLIN COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR THE ORDER AND NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED WAS NOTICED AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW. [SHELBY]

City Attorney Shelby reviewed the item.

Mayor Pettle noted Ordinance No. 798 authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract for election services with Collin County for the General Election to be held May 1, 2021, in the amount of \$1,622.17. She also noted the Parker City Hall would be a "Voting Center" and the hours for early voting are listed on the front page of tonight's agenda.

The drawing for a place on the ballot will "tentatively" be held Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to approve Ordinance No. 798 calling for an election to be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 to elect three (3) City Council Members at-large; providing for early voting; authorizing the Mayor to execute a Joint General and Special Election Services Contract for election services with Collin County; providing for the order and notice of the election; finding and determining that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was noticed and is open to the public as required by law. Councilmember Lynch seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ROUTINE ITEMS

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pettle asked if there were any items to be added to the future agenda. Hearing no requests, she encouraged everyone to email her any requests. She noted the next regularly scheduled meeting would be, Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

UPDATE(S):

- DRAINAGE COMMITTEE [MEYER]

Councilmember Meyer asked to delay her committee update until the second Council meeting in March, March 16, 2021, because she had some things in progress that would be beneficial at that time.

- **SWAGIT PRODUCTIONS, LLC [OLSON]**

City Administrator Olson said SWAGIT is now working and demonstrated the Council meetings are now being live streamed. After each Council meeting, the video would be on our website for viewing the following morning, but in actuality even sooner. Closed captioning is in the process of being completed. Mr. Olson also showed everyone when you go to the City's website homepage and click on "City Council Meetings & Recordings"; click on "City Council Meetings" and the date (ex. Feb. 2, 2021), and then click on section(s) of the agenda how the video jumps to that section for viewing.

- **LEWIS LANE [OLSON]**

City Administrator Olson said depending on the weather, the Lewis Lane project should begin March 1, 2021 and be completed in approximately thirty (30) days. Lewis Lane will be shut down from Erin Lane to Middleton Drive. Residents in the area will be notified via city website eblasts and Homeowners' Associations (HOAs) Facebook pages. Lewis Lane is jointly owned by Parker, Lucas, Collin County, and private residents. The City of Parker is in the process of contacting the various entities to get the entire road repaired and possibly coordinate agreements for future maintenance issues.

- **DUBLIN ROAD [MACHADO]**

Public Works Director Machado said Dublin Road "is a mess." Mr. Machado has discussed the issues with the contractor and the contractor plans to redo portions of the road as soon as possible, beginning Monday or Tuesday, depending on weather conditions. He asked that cars and trucks not use Dublin Road as a cut thru at least until the road repair is completed.

- **ACCEPTANCE OF FOOD DONATION(S) FOR POLICE, FIRE, CITY STAFF DUE AND OTHER(S) FOR THE RECORD (Each valued at between \$0 - \$500). [PETTLE]**

- 2020 1229 Paul Vermeer donated \$500.00 to the Parker Fire Department

Mayor Pettle on behalf herself, City Council, City and City Staff, thanked Mr. Vermeer for his kind and generous donation, stating how greatly this gift is appreciated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

- 6.– 9. Mayor Pettle asked City Council if anyone needed to recess into executive session at this time. Hearing no requests, the Mayor moved on to discuss future facility meetings. After discussion, Council indicated they wanted the meetings to be informative, so we needed to give staff enough time to collect the information needed, at the same time the City needed to be as expeditious as

possible so as not to give the perception of not having the proper follow through and/or lose momentum.

Councilmember Slaughter reminded Council they agreed to follow Dr. Garrett's plan.

Mayor Pettle adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.



APPROVED:



Mayor Lee Pettle

ATTESTED:



Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 2nd day
of March, 2021.