



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2022

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 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Michael Slaughter and Councilmembers Diana M. Abraham, Terry Lynch, Cindy Meyer and Jim Reed were present.

Staff Present: City Administrator Luke Olson, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, Finance/Human Resources Director Grant Savage, City Attorney Trey Lansford, Public Works Director Gary Machado, Fire Chief Mike Sheff, and Police Chief Richard Brooks

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.

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

Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel—To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Government Code Section 551.071(1)—Consultation with City Attorney concerning Pending or Contemplated Litigation.

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 Lee Pettie recessed the regular meeting to Executive Session at 6:01 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Lee Pettie reconvened the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

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

No action was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Ed Standridge led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Sally Binnix 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.

Ed Standridge, 3607 Hogge Drive, spoke in regard to his concerns that “a few citizens in Parker seem to enjoy holding Parker back and gain attention being negative.” (**See Exhibit 1** – Ed Standridge’s email, dated October 18, 2022.)

Sally Binnix, 6305 Northridge Parkway, said she is Southridge Homeowners’ (HOA) president and spoke in regard to their subdivision’s concerns over the lack of traffic control at Dillehay and Ravensthorpe as the realignment of the roads is completed. It is a road hazard. The residents of Southridge would like to work with the City to find solutions.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mayor Pettie reviewed the following:

REMINDER – HOME HAZARDOUS WASTE - <http://www.parkertexas.us/416/Home-Hazardous-Waste>

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022, 10 AM – 2 PM

PARKERFEST - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022, 3 PM to 6 PM

EARLY VOTING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022 - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 23	October 24 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 25 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 26 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 27 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 28 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 29 Early Voting 7am–7pm
October 30 Early Voting 11am–5pm	October 31 Early Voting 7am–7pm	November 1 Early Voting 7am–7pm	November 2 Early Voting 7am–7pm	November 3 Early Voting 7am–7pm	November 4 Early Voting 7am–7pm	November 5
November 6	November 7	November 8 Election Day 7am–7pm				

CITY COUNCIL (CC) – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022, 7 PM – CANCELED – DUE TO NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION EARLY VOTING

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (P&R) – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022, 4 PM

HOLIDAZE - HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022, 4 PM – 6 PM

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 SEPTEMBER 20, 2022.
2. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2022-715 FINDING THAT ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC’S (“ONCOR” OR COMPANY”) APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY’S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.
3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2022-716 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A 2023

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARKER AND THE ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, INC.

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2022-717 REGARDING THE SUSPENSION OF SELECT PARK RULES PURSUANT TO PARKER CODE OF ORDINANCE SECTION 97.11 FOR PARKERFEST 2022 ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. UPON SATISFYING CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

MOTION: Councilmember Abraham moved to approve consent agenda items 1 through 4 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Slaughter seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2022-706 APPROVING THE CAPITAL ASSET POLICY. [POSTPONED – 07192022]

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Slaughter moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-706 - Capital Asset Policy, as amended, adding “resolution” to page 1, section 1.03. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ROUTINE ITEMS

6. UPDATE(S):

CITY ADMINISTRATOR OLSON UPDATE ON FM2551

City Administrator Olson reported the TxDot Project has stalled. Staff has seen no work or received any information from TxDot. It appears North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) is doing some work to move ahead.

ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT UPDATE

City Administrator Olson said he is discussing the issues with Enterprise. Supply and billing issues are being corrected. Mr. Olson plans to update Council as he is made aware. He noted his concern with the high cost of vehicles.

ANY COMMITTEE UPDATES, AS NEEDED.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS

[September 2022 - Building Permit/Code Report](#)

[September 2022 – Court Report](#)

[September 2022 – Finance \(monthly financials\) Report](#)

[Investment 3rd Qtr. Report 2022](#)

[September 2022 – Police Report](#)

[September 2022 – Republic Services Inc., dba Allied Waste Services of Plan](#)

[September 2022 – Website \(PIWIK\) Report](#)

The reports were accepted.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION(S) FOR POLICE, FIRE, AND CITY STAFF FOR THE RECORD (Each valued at between \$0 - \$500)

AJ Siebert of VC3 Inc. Cyber Security donated one half dozen cookies from Tiff's Treats valued at \$10.00.

Paul Lopez & the ARBH Tax Section donated one dozen cookies from Tiff's Treats valued at \$20.00.

Sudheir Sakaria donated snacks valued at \$40.00.

Dublin Road Estates donated \$245 to Parker Police and \$245 to Parker Fire Departments via Charles C. and Kristl A. Pearl.

Phil & JoAnn DeNitto donated \$100 to Parker Police and \$100 to Parker Fire Departments.

Maryam Boroujerdi donated one dozen Bundt cakes valued at \$23.00.

Nina Cook of Houston, TX donated chips valued at \$20.00.

The Regh Family donated Nothing Bundt Bundtinis value \$25.00.

First United Bank of Durant, OK donated \$500 to Parkerfest.

Mayor Pettie, on behalf of herself, City Council, and City Staff, thanked the donors above for their kind and generous donations.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Mayor made note of several topics, e.g., water rate, facility, Capital Improvements (CIP), animal control fees, Dublin Road, fences, Council needs to discuss. She asked Council to check their availability and to be prepared when Staff prompts us.

Hearing no additional requests, Mayor Pettie encouraged everyone to email her requests. She noted the next regularly scheduled meeting, November 1, 2022 is canceled due to early voting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 15, 2022.

WORKSHOP

8. COUNCIL TERM LENGTH

City Attorney Lansford reviewed his PowerPoint, noting he prepared the information, as some residents and Councilmembers indicated they wanted information about possibly increasing the length of terms for Mayor and Council. The current two (2) year terms can be too short to accomplish their goals and complete projects. Others are tired of annual elections, and this could give Council and Staff a year off. There could possibly be an election cost savings. An increase in term length would require an election for vacancies and could not be filled by appointment.

Council requested this be placed on an agenda for Council to decide whether or not to place it on the May 2023 ballot. The residents would vote on whether to increase term lengths or not.

ADJOURN

Mayor Lee Pettie adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.



APPROVED:


Mayor Lee Pettie

ATTESTED:



Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 15th day
of November, 2022.

I have been Parker resident since 1999, I have served on numerous committees' and on the city council. I am proud to be a Parker resident!

What I want to talk about is my concern that we have a few citizens in Parker that seem to enjoy holding Parker back and gain attention being negative. When I moved to Parker, we were a progressive thriving community, the envy of DFW and touted to be the #1 community in DFW. We had pride in our "Uniquely Country" community. However, over the years we have become a small town with a stale attitude encouraged by a few who oppose any change. What happened to the pride of yesteryear?

If you read the paper or watch the news, many small towns much like Parker are progressing.

- Princeton has a newly completed municipal building;
- Celina with growth and country charm;
- Aubrey with its small-town atmosphere;

And the list goes on as identified in the Dallas Morning news, except for Parker. We have let our town fall behind.

Over the past years efforts have been made to pass a municipal building bond, where the employees of Parker have sufficient work space and at the same time reflects pride and professionalism in our community and DFW.

If we had positive support from Parker residents 5+ years ago today, we would be meeting in an attractive complex that would support our city requirements and reflect a progressive community. Instead, we endure over crowded space for our city employees and a deteriorating portable building for our Police Department. Which I might add that we pay a monthly lease that results in lost dollars for the city.

Today, because the cost of material and labor to build a complex even smaller than we have discussed, would be in excess of 30% greater.

Some citizens have asked why we are not moving forward as the decision is the responsibility of the council. However, to move forward, a positive vote on a bond from Parker citizens is necessary.

A further example of our decline is with the recent budget. The vote for a tax reduction was approved . . . but why? We have streets and infrastructure that need major repair. But more important is how we are treating our city employees compared to other local municipalities. Are they being rewarded for their contributions? Think of February with the freeze and the city workers were out in force away from their families working to support us the citizens, they each take pride in being there to assist you. And the list goes on. . .

So where do we go from here?

I for one have pride in Parker and all employees of Parker and will continue to support all city employees, Police and Fire, and the need for a new municipal complex. We need to regain the pride in our community and make Parker once again a growing jewel in DFW.