

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 15, 2011

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Special Meeting on June 15, 2011 at 4:00 P.M. at South Fork Ranch, Dallas Palace Meeting Room, 3700 Hogge Road, Parker, Texas 75002.

Mayor Cordina called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Marshall, Evans and Levine present. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: City Administrator Dena Daniel, City Attorney James Shepherd, Assistant City Administrator Jeff Flanigan, City Secretary Carrie Smith, Finance/HR Manager Johnna Boyd, Police Chief Tony Fragoso, Sergeant Kenny Price and Court Clerk Lori Newton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

American Pledge: Eleanor Evans led the pledge.

Texas Pledge: Allison Sumrow led the pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS The City Council invites any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda to speak to the Council. No formal action may be taken on these items at this meeting. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

- Jasmat Sutaria, 5205 Creekside Court – would like Council to accept his application for Boards and Commissions to serve his community. Staff noted they did not accept his application because it was submitted after the May 31, 2011 deadline. Staff will be happy to accept his application for future appointments.
- Stephanie Casson, 1807 Dublin Road – concerns with “Agenda 21” and wanted to make the Council aware. President Obama signed the Executive Order creating the White House Rural Council. This Council can regulate how and what property owners in rural areas do on their land.
- Jack Barba, 5003 Old Gate Ln. – stated “Agenda 21” is European Socialism to take away our rights to drive cars and tractors.

WORK SESSION

1. ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION.

Recap:

- What needs to go back to this year’s budget?

- Growth rate from 2000 (1379) to 2010 (3811) census is 300%. Census numbers are to be used in the future.
- Preliminary Appraisal was a 2% increase. Net \$36,798 being M/O & I/S together. This information will be included for future presentations.

Administration

- Copier will be an extension of the current lease with a new machine. The cost is basically flat and in current budget.
- Computer replacement we currently have \$4,000 preliminary budgeted.
- We will look at alternative sources to assist with Laserfiche project.
- IPADS are approximately \$500 each. Eight will be needed for council, city administrator and city attorney. Thirteen will be needed for council, city attorney and executive staff. Saves approximately \$6,000 per year on paper packets. Council would like to look at these at the budget.
- Monitors \$1300 each. Bring back at budget.

Police Department

- There is a need to look at officer scheduling to insure 24/7 coverage
- Chief Fragoso does have a training plan for each officer and currently each officer trains approximately 100 – 120 hours per year. Minimum annual training for officers is 40 hours per year and that number will be increased in the near future. Council feels this is an excessive amount of training hours for officers and will need to be re-evaluated. Chief Fragoso noted there is a grant pending for free web training that reduces any costs to the City. Chief Fragoso feels the officer's skills will be lost without excess training due to the lack of calls within the City. The greatest concern is not the cost but loss of service. Council requested comparisons to justify the amount of training and the need for a new office, Chief Fragoso is to check with other police departments. Mayor Pro-tem Marshall figured the maximum number of officers needed, even with 120 of training per officer, is 6.53. Mayor Cordina would like Chief Fragoso's research to be cities with a similar foot print as Parker.
- The cost of an officer is an average \$60,000 including benefits. Mayor Cordina stated he is not apt to adding another officer. Currently we have 7 full-time officers and the need is 6.53, as Mayor Pro-tem Marshall stated earlier, plus we have reserve officers not included in the 6.53. The number will be put into the preliminary budget for discussion at the budget session.
- Bullet Proof Glass on Police Station is not in the preliminary budget but to be added for further discussion. This was not done at the time of the remodel due to money restraints. Mayor Cordina and City Administrator Daniel stated the glass was never mentioned.
- ALPR comes back in 3 years for discussion.
- Thermal imaging is to be added to the preliminary budget, 2-car mount (\$6,000 ea.) and 1- handheld. The City currently has one hand-held received by a grant a number of years ago.
- Traffic Counters range from \$5,000 for smaller units. Pole mounted counters provide adequate information and reports. Portable counter are \$20,000. Chief Fragoso recommended the smaller J-Mar box.

- Chief Fragoso is to prioritize the Police Departments needs for budget session.
- Chief Fragoso said the personal cameras can be pushed out to a later date. These items can be removed from the proposed budget.
- Chief Fragoso requested Unit 100 and 300 be replaced. Currently there is \$60,000 budgeted for 2 new Dodge Chargers. They are now requesting 1 Tahoe and 1 Charger. Public Works could use Unit 300 and make it last approximately 5-years. The rotation resolution was a guideline and says to be evaluated at budget time. The Fire Department has mentioned the need for an additional SUV. Council added 1-Charger and 1-Tahoe to the budget.

Public Works/Parks/Water

- Waterline project on Hogge Road is included in the preliminary budget.
- Most road projects are long term.

2. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY ACTION FOR THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT.

Mayor Cordina review his handout (Exhibit B)

Councilmember Sumrow reviewed her presentation (Exhibit C)

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow moved to amend Resolution 2011-334 an additional “whereas” should be added to define the function of the Personnel Committee, and the wording should come from slide 2 of the Personnel Committee presentation made by Allison Sumrow. Allison Sumrow will be reappointed Chairperson, Scott Levine will be appointed as the Council member on the Committee, and the position of Mayor will be added to the committee as a non-voting ex-officio member. Councilmember Leamy seconded.

MOTION AMENDMENT 1) Mayor is to be an ex-officio member without voting capacity; 2) city administrator is an ex-officio member with voting capacity.

Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Marshall, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY ACTION ON THE SALE OF THE 300,000 GALLON WATER TOWER.

An offer was received from Colorado City, Texas.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Marshall moved to sale the water tower to Colorado City, Texas subject to Colorado City paying all moving costs, refund costs for City of Parker’s advertising expenses and restore the ground area. Councilmember Levine seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Marshall, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Cordina adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Joe Cordina
Mayor

ATTESTED:

Carrie L. Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED on the 2nd day of
August, 2011.

Exhibit A – Planning Session presentation

Exhibit B – Mayor Cordina's presentation on Personnel Committee

Exhibit C – Councilmember Sumrow's presentation on Personnel Committee