

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 26, 2012

#### **CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

The Parker City Council met in a special meeting on the above date at Parker City Hall, 5700 E. Parker Road, Parker, Texas 75002.

Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Levine and Pettle present. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: City Attorney James Shepherd, City Administrator Jeff Flanigan, City Secretary Carrie Smith, Finance/H.R. Manager Johnna Boyd, Municipal Court Clerk Lori Newton and Police Chief Tony Fragoso.

#### **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.

Mayor Marshall recessed the meeting to closed session at 5:30 p.m.

1. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN:
  - a. 551.074 Personnel—process and selection of an appointee to the vacancy created by Mayor Pro Tem Marshall elected as Mayor.
  - b. 551.087—deliberation regarding economic development proposal in the ETJ of the City as proposed by developer of property near Curtis Road and Lewis Lane.

2. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Marshall reconvened the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3. ANY APPROPRIATE DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION ON THE EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBJECT LISTED ABOVE.

MOTION: Councilmember Leamy moved to appoint Patrick Taylor to fill Z Marshall's unexpired Council seat, term expiring in May 2013. Councilmember Sumrow seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow and Pettle voting for. Levine opposed. Motion carried 3-1.

4. OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL APPOINTEE, IF AN APPOINTMENT IS MADE.

Mayor Marshall administered the Oath of Office to Patrick Taylor.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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AMERICAN PLEDGE: Councilmember Taylor led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Councilmember Leamy led the pledge.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** The City Council invites any person with business before the Council to speak to the Council. No formal action may be taken on these items at this meeting. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

No Comments

### **INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

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5. PUBLIC HEARING AND ANY CONSIDERATION ON A REQUEST TO ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 6.353 ACRES OF LAND IN THE RICHARD SPARKS SURVEY, ABSTRACT # 850, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments on a request for Annexation submitted by Henry Cleburne Raney, Lura R. Raney, Curtis Pohl, Alexander Dinverno, Marie Dinverno, Scott E. Fletcher, Maria J. Fletcher, Steve Rhodes, and Sally Rhodes to the City of Parker, Collin County, Texas, requesting annexation of approximately 6.353 acres of land in the Richard Sparks survey, Abstract # 850, Collin County, Texas. The land proposed by the Petitioners is to be annexed, zoned and replatted to become additions to Lots 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 of Block A of Brooks Farm Estates.

Mayor Marshall opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

No comments.

Mayor Marshall closed the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2012-360 APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH SENSUS METERING FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER METER EQUIPMENT.

The City of Groesbeck purchased the radio system from Aquametrics and it has been in operation for 2 years. Finance Manager Boyd and Municipal Court Clerk Newton visited the City to see the system and ask questions about the implementation of the project. They met with the utility billing staff, public works supervisor and his superior, all who were involved in the installation project.

I. Implementation

Implementation of the project included replacing all 1700 meters in the City. It was a turnkey operation with City inspections. There was a high level of support

provided by AquaMetrics and continuous presence throughout the 3 week project. The integration with the utility billing software, Asyst, was completed by an Aquametrics technician, and the system was operational within 30 days. The City of Groesbeck highly recommended doing the entire city at the same time.

They did not receive any residential complaints during the implementation process and actual sales were reduced due to education about the new system and promoting conservation. They used multiple medias to educate the residents of the changes, which included website, mailers and newspaper. They included the description of the trucks and installers with logos included so they could be recognized.

They are not using the IPERL meters, only the radio readers. In 2 years they have replaced approximately 20 radios mostly due to mowers damaging them.

## II. FlexNet/Asyst

They saw a dramatic improvement in the billing process and customer service. The billing process went from 8 days to 2 minutes and 30 seconds. Customers had an increased confidence and reduced arguing about the accurateness of the reading. A major advantage to the customers was the ability to provide information by the hour and day.

The learning curve was approximately 2 months. They ran both systems simultaneously to make sure there were no issues. AquaMetrics Service Representative Kenny Wetzel was always quick to assist with any issues or questions.

## III. Conclusion

They kept the old meters for 6 months and then broke each meter down to "clean brass" and scrapped them for \$30,000.

**MOTION** Mayor Pro Tem Levine moved to approve Resolution 2012-360 subject to: 1) amending section 3.1 to read "Each installation period shall be for a period not to exceed 180 days"; and 2) In section 4.3 defining and verifying "flow tube" and "fittings" are covered by the warranty. Councilmember Leamy seconded with Councilmember Leamy, Sumrow, Levine, Pettle and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

## 7. DISCUSSION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AMENDING RESOLUTION 2011-329 ENTITLED POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MAYOR.

Mayor Pro Tem Levine requested the Council rescind Resolution 2011-329 because he believes that it was created as a result of issues that are no longer relevant and it interferes with Mayor Marshalls ability to conduct day to day business in the City.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Levine moved to rescind Resolution 2011-329. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

Council discussion ensued. It was noted section (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) was quoted from the Texas Local Government Code. Section 1 items A-D were put in place to have some control on the previous Mayor and City Administrator.

MOTION: Councilmember Leamy moved to review and possibly amend Section 1. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Levine moved to rescind Resolution 2011-329. Councilmember Pettle seconded.

Councilmember Sumrow opposed rescinding the Resolution and would prefer it be amended. She feels the resolution gives the Council some control over the position of the mayor.

Councilmembers Levine and Pettle voted for. Councilmember Leamy, Sumrow and Taylor opposed. Motion failed 2-3.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2012-380 ACCEPTING AN ANNEXATION PETITION, AND SETTING TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS, FOR APPROXIMATELY 52.57 ACRES OF LAND IN THE ANN HURT SURVEY, ABSTRACT 428.

A request was received from Parker BEDELL Farms, Ltd., to annex 52.57 acres into the City limits. The parcel is better known as the "Bedell Tract".

MOTION: Councilmember Leamy moved to approve Resolution 2012-380 accepting the annexation and request and setting two public hearing dates, July 10th and July 17th. Councilmember Sumrow seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Levine, Pettle and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

9. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PURCHASING THE RIGHT TO REPRINT THE ARTICLE FROM D MAGAZINE.

In previous years the City has purchased the re-print rights to the D'Magazine article and used the re-print for the City website and newsletter. The cost to purchase the re-print rights is \$2000.

Mr. Steve Sallman was in the audience and offered to pay \$1000.00 of the cost.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Levine moved to proceed with the purchase of the re-print rights to D'Magazine at a cost of \$2000, subject to the reprint including the online article with D' Magazine's logo. Councilmember Leamy seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Levine, Pettle and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

## ROUTINE ITEMS

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS.

Levine – Resolution 2011-329  
Sallman Donation acceptance

11. ADJOURN

Mayor Marshall adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

ATTESTED:

  
Carrie L. Smith  
City Secretary Carrie L. Smith, TRMC, CMC



APPROVED:

  
Mayor Z. Marshall

APPROVED on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 2012.