

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 20, 2013

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 Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Stone, Standridge, Levine, Pettle and Taylor were present.

Staff Present: City Attorney James Shepherd, City Administrator Jeff Flanigan, Finance/H.R. Manager Johnna Boyd, Police Chief Bill Rushing, Officer Delia Hernandez and City Engineers John Birkhoff and Craig Kerkhoff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Andy Piziali led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Leonard Stanislav 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.

Joe Sterk, 4200 Pecan Orchard - stated that he bought his lot in Parker in 1998 and has always been a strong supporter of the City, is a City volunteer and pays his taxes. Parkerfest is a community event that has been successful even though some residents object to it. Parks and Recreation received a cut to their budget and were told to track the attendees to see how many Parker citizens and how many non-residents attend Parkerfest. Parkerfest is a celebration of our City, a thank you. This is being taken away from our City by City Council.

Andy Piziali, 6616 Estados Drive - read Dr. James Clay's letter dated 6/25/2013 into the record. See attached.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 6, 2013. [SMITH]

MOTION: Councilmember Pettle moved to table the minutes to a future date. Mayor Pro Tem Levine seconded with Councilmembers Stone, Standridge, Levine, Pettle and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2013 – 2014 PROPOSED BUDGET. [BOYD]

Mayor Mashall opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Marshall gave a brief overview of the proposed budget. See Exhibit 2A.

Mayor Marshall stated a second public hearing on the proposed budget and tax rate is to be held on September 3; with action to be taken by Council on September 10.

David Leamy, 5801 Rathbone - stated that he believes the proposed budget and decrease in tax rate shows we have a well managed City. He expressed concern with the possible need for a significant tax rate increase in the future. He would like to see the money cut from Parks and Recreations budget restored.

Joe Sterk, 4200 Pecan Orchard - stated he is concerned with the lower tax rate as there are infrastructure issues that need to be addressed such as the water line on Sycamore. He feels the line should be replaced rather than just repaired, as it continues to break. Mr. Sterk feels the City should charge itself for water so the City's water usage is tracked, especially for usages such as landscape watering in the medians.

Mayor Marshall closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2013 PROPOSED TAX RATE. [BOYD]

Mayor Marshall opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Marshall stated the proposed tax rate is a 2% decrease from last year's rate, reducing it from 3.77080 to 3.57088.

Andy Piziali, 6616 Estados Drive - reported that when he moved to Parker in 1990, the population was around 1,100 and the tax rate was .27 cents per \$100 valuation. Our population has tripled which has increased our City's infrastructure. A person's freedoms increase as taxes lower and allows residents to spend that money as they see fit.

Mayor Marshall closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A PRELIMINARY PLAT CREEKSIDE ESTATES; GENERAL LOCATED EAST OF MOSS RIDGE ESTATES; BEING APPROXIMATELY 59.5 ACRES; AND ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY TRANSITIONAL. [COUNCIL]

City Engineers John Birkhoff and Craig Kerkhoff were present to answer Council questions regarding Creekside Estates.

Mr. Birkhoff noted the developer's engineer prepares construction plans and plats in accordance with the City's subdivision regulations and submits them to the City. His office reviews the plans and plats for compliance. After his review, a list of issues that need to be addressed is returned to the developer's engineer for corrections.

Mayor Pro Tem Levine asked if the proposed bridge is located in the City of Parker or the City of Wylie and if the storm drainage will drain between lots 3 & 4, block A, and into the creek. Mr. Kerkhoff stated the bridge is on the city limit line and is in both cities. There are overflow culverts that will convey the water to the creek.

Mr. Birkhoff stated the developer's construction plans and preliminary plat are in compliance with the City's regulations and are ready for City acceptance.

City Attorney Shepherd noted that lot 8, block A is located in the flood plain and is inaccessible by any roadway. There is a sanitary sewer easement through the lot as well.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Levine moved to conditionally approve the preliminary plat with the following conditions; 1) Lot 8, Block A's current land owners dedicate this lot to the City of Wylie and they accept it. 2) An interlocal agreement is reached with the City of Wylie on the maintenance issues on Lot 8, Block A and the bridge. Councilmember Stone seconded with Councilmembers Stone, Standridge, Levine, Pettle and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AUDIO RECORDINGS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS ON CITY WEBSITE. [PETTLE]

Staff has posted the recordings of Council meetings on the website for the past 60 days as directed by Council. There were 158 people that listened to the July 15 meeting. New digital recording equipment is to be installed by the next meeting which will improve the quality of the recordings.

MOTION: Councilmember Pettle moved to continue recording the City meetings and posting the recordings to the City's website. Councilmember Standridge seconded with Councilmembers Stone, Standridge, Levine, Pettle and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2013- 423 APPOINTING THE 2013 AUDITOR. [BOYD]

BrooksCardiel performed the 2012 audit and staff was very pleased with their services and recommends them for 2013.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Levine moved to approve Resolution 2013-423 approving the terms and conditions of an engagement agreement between the City of Parker and BrooksCardiel, PLLC, providing auditing services for 2013.

Councilmember Pettle seconded with Councilmembers Stone, Standridge, Levine, Pettle and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2013-424 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT PERSONNEL. [SHEPHERD]

City Attorney Shepherd stated the proposed resolution reappoints those serving in the offices and positions for personnel in the municipal court. Included is a ratification of past service, and renewal provisions for future service.

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Resolution 2013-424 appointing Ray Noah, Municipal Court Judge; William Guyer, Associate Municipal Court Judge; Lori Newton, Municipal Court Clerk; David Hill, City Prosecuting Attorney; James Shepherd, Associate Prosecuting Attorney. Councilmember Standridge seconded with Councilmembers Stone, Standridge, Levine, Pettle and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ACCEPTING A GIFT OF A MARTIN BIRD HOUSE.

MOTION: Councilmember Stone moved to accept the donation and installation of a Martin bird house in the Preserve from Shirley Pritchett. Councilmember Standridge seconded with Councilmember Stone, Standridge, Levine, Pettle and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

ROUTINE ITEMS

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS - ANIMAL CONTROL, POLICE, BUILDING, WEBSITE

- Police Chief Rushing and Officer Hernandez (see handout) asked for National Night Out to be publicized on the City's website and any other means of publication to residents. They ask that neighborhoods planning to participate contact Officer John Paul to notify the Police Department of planned events.
- Mayor Marshall asked for reports from the Municipal Court to be included in departments' monthly reports. Councilmember Pettle is to get with Finance Manager Boyd on this project.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

September 3rd – Second Public Hearings on proposed FY 2013-2014 budget and tax rate
September 10th – Special meeting to vote on proposed FY 2013-2014 budget and tax rate
Training dates and schedules for boards and commissions.

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:

Mayor Marshall canceled the Executive Session.

Govt. Code 551.071—Confidential legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation regarding law enforcement, or the resolution of same.

12. ADJOURN

Mayor Marshall adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Z Marshall

ATTESTED:

APPROVED on the _____ day of
_____, 2013.

City Secretary Carrie L. Smith, TRMC, CMC

EXHIBITS
Public Comments
2A – Proposed Budget
4A – Approved Preliminary Plat
9A – Memo on NNO