

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 17, 2009

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 Cordina called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, and Evans present. Threadgill and Levine were absent. A quorum was present.

Staff present: City Attorney Jim Shepherd, City Administrator Dena Daniel, Assistant City Administrator Jeff Flanigan, City Secretary Carrie Smith, and Police Chief Tony Fragoso.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cordina introduced Boy Scout Chris McDonald from Troop 285. Chris joined the meeting to earn his Citizenship and Community Badge.

Chris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

No comments.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 3, 2009.

MOTION: Councilmember Marshall motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Evans seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, and Evans voting for. Motion carried 3-0.

2. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 639 CANCELING THE MAY 9, 2009 GENERAL CITY ELECTION.

Incumbents Marshall, Sumrow, and Threadgill were unopposed and will serve a two year term expiring in May 2011. The Councilmember's will be sworn into office in May.

MOTION: Councilmember Evans motioned to adopt Ordinance 639 cancelling the May 9, 2009 general election. Councilmember Sumrow seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, and Evans voting for. Motion carried 3-0.

3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON FILLING A VACANCY ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Dr. Len Naldo resigned his seat on the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Commission has recommended Mr. Bart Blaydes for the seat. Mr. Blaydes is a professor at the community college and 22-year resident of Parker. His class did an exercise on the Preserve and parts of the project were incorporated into the adopted Park Plan.

Councilmember Evans asked him to serve on the board a few months ago and requested the Council appoint him to the seat. Mr. Blaydes was on Spring Break and was not able to attend the meeting. Councilmember Evans said she would invite him to the next meeting for introductions.

Mayor Cordina requested to see the student's renditions for the Park Plan.

Councilmember Marshall stated he was comfortable with Mr. Blaydes qualifications and had no issue with appointing him to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Councilmember Sumrow stated she was bothered by the process that has taken place for this appointment, but would support appointing him tonight subject to him coming before the Council as soon as he is available.

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow motioned to appoint Mr. Blaydes to the unexpired term of Len Naldo on the Parks and Recreation Commission subject to Mr. Blaydes attending a City Council meeting in April. Councilmember Marshall seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, and Evans voting for. Motion carried 3-0.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Cordina and Councilmember Sumrow requested a tree be presented on April 19 at the 40-year Celebration to Dr. Naldo for his service on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AN EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM.

City Secretary Smith gave the Council a brief review of the Emergency Notification System. She noted, on February 2 Global Connect gave an online presentation at the Council Meeting. Since that time Mayor Cordina and Staff have met with and reviewed two other companies.

After the three meetings, Staff would recommend CodeRed as the most experienced (11 years) and having the most beneficial tools for government entities. CodeRed only works with government entities and they have over 300 clients here in Texas, including Collin County, Melissa and Anna. They have features and services not provided by the other companies. CodeRed is the only ENS that has direct connection with the national weather warning system. This service is an automatic notification for persons in the path of severe weather.

Collin County received a grant through Homeland Security and provides all Collin County residents that register with the CodeRed Service, but it does not include weather warning. Residents can register at http://www.co.collin.tx.us/public_information/features/code_red.jsp.

The cost for the CodeRed system is a flat \$5000 annually. The Weather Warning System is a separate module for \$2500 if purchased with the CodeRed. If the City chose to only have the Weather Warning System the cost would be \$5000.

Council requested Staff schedule a demo with CodeRed for the next regular meeting.

Assistant City Administrator Flanigan spoke with Jason Lane of Collin County Homeland Security regarding the CodeRed System. Currently the system is used for major emergencies such as major flooding in areas of Collin County. The County is working with the larger cities in the County asking them to pay for their portion of Weather Warning and the County would pay for the smaller cities. If they reach an agreement, the Weather Warning may be implemented in 6-months to a year.

Mayor Cordina noted he had spoken with Commissioner Hoagland and he will request the weather warning system be placed on a future agenda. Mayor Cordina stated he will make a presentation to the Commissioners Court in support of moving forward with the Weather Warning System.

For clarification Councilmember Sumrow stated Parker could wait 6 to 12 months for the County to implement the Weather Warning and not spend \$5000.

Councilmember Marshall stated this type of service had been discussed at one of his recent trainings and a situation that had occurred was calls to city hall for additional information. How would we handle these calls?

This item was tabled to the next regular meeting.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL WITH THE CITY OF MURPHY.

City Attorney Shepherd noted he and City Administrator Daniel met with City of Murphy's Kim Parker earlier in the day regarding the agreement.

Loose/Stray Animals

- If the animal has an identifiable owner the run fee of \$50 plus impoundment fees are paid by the owner.
- If the animal is not tagged and placed for adoption the adopter pays the run fee of \$50 plus adoption fees.
- If the animal is euthanized the City of Parker will be charged \$80.

Wild Animals

- If the animal is inside the residence, the property owner will be charged the \$50 run fee.
- If the animal is running loose the City of Parker will be charged the \$50 run fee.
- If the animal is sick or injured the City of Parker will be charged the \$50 unless Parker employees can handle the call.

It is the goal of both entities to reduce the paperwork as much as possible. At the meeting Ms. Parker requested the City of Parker field all incoming calls during business hours for tracking purposes. Parker police department could be dispatched

at the same time as the animal control officer. Murphy's Animal Control Officer does not have authority to issue a ticket in Parker.

Traps would be available for Parker residents for a deposit of \$65 paid directly to the City of Murphy at the time the trap is picked up. Parker would adopt Murphy's animal control fee schedule.

City Attorney Shepherd recapped amendments. 1) 3-month trial with all calls going through the City of Parker. 2) Owner pays fees directly to City of Murphy. 3) Resident pays on wildlife inside structure. 4) Wildlife running loose billed to the City of Parker.

MOTION: Councilmember Marshall motioned to approve the agreement subject to amendments. Councilmember Evans seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, and Evans voting for. Motion carried 3-0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE DISPOSAL OF AN OBSOLETE COPIER.

The Administration Department purchased a new copier in 2006. The old Sharp copier was given to the Police Department. The machine is 10+ years old and no longer working. The machine is obsolete and of no value.

Staff request the Council grant permission for Staff to have the machine disposed of properly with a vendor that performs this service.

City Property number's

Copier –City of Parker #1029
Sticker # 0000263

The copier was
disposed of on
March 18, 2009.
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Copier attachment-City of Parker # 1028
Sticker # 0000262

MOTION: Councilmember Evans motioned to authorize staff to dispose of the obsolete copier. Councilmember Marshall seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, and Evans voting for. Motion carried 3-0.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PREPARE AND TAKE BIDS ON THE ELEVATED WATER TOWER PROJECT.

Assistant City Administrator Flanigan stated the City Engineer was preparing the bid specifications and requested to move forward with the bid process. The process will take 7 – 8 weeks and the bids will be brought back to Council for approval.

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow motioned to authorize Staff to move forward with the bid process for the elevated water tower project. Councilmember Evans seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, and Evans voting for. Motion carried 3-0.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON SIGNAGE FOR CITY HALL.

Assistant City Administrator Jeff Flanigan recapped from the last meeting. Council had requested visual representation of the sign and location. Photo one is on the left of the entry and would be the least expensive as it would not require boring under the driveway for electrical power. After speaking with Police Chief Fragoso it was determined the sign would be placed 18 ft off the street as not to interfere with visualization.

Councilmember Sumrow stated she did not like the large signage. City Administrator Daniel agreed and stated she preferred the smaller blocks like the entry signs; however it is more costly and not as sturdy.

After a lengthy discussion on the design and placement of the sign, the item was tabled and additional rendering were requested.

ROUTINE ITEMS

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

- Budget work session was originally scheduled for July 13 and 14th, rescheduled for July 20 and 21.
- Town Hall meeting set for April 21 to discuss the facts and take comments on the Oncor Powerlines.

10. UPDATES

- a. Groundbreaking Ceremony
 - i. Mayor Cordina stated the ceremony went fantastic. There was a great turnout and the folks brought their own shovels and everyone dug in.
- b. Public Safety Building
 - i. Weather permitting we could see the foundation in 2 – 3 weeks.
- c. McCreary Road Update
 - i. Councilmember Marshall stated the project is moving right along. Collin County will reimburse the City 50% of the cost.
- d. Newsletter
 - i. The spring issue is near completion and is to be mailed no later than April 1.
- e. Bulk Trash Pick-Up And Curb Side Refuse
 - i. Mayor Cordina stated the Council needs to create an ordinance for the process of placing items out for collection.

f. Financial Reports

- i. Councilmember Marshall gave a brief overview of the City's finances. The finances are accurate and look good. More timely reports will be given in the future.

g. Monthly Department Reports

- i. No comments.

11. ADJOURN

Mayor Cordina adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

APPROVED:




Joe Cordina
Mayor

ATTESTED:



Carrie L. Smith, TRMC
City Secretary

APPROVED on the 7th day of
April 2009.