

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 7, 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, Threadgill, Evans and Levine present. A quorum was present.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Cordina introduced Allison Holt of Collin College to present for her government class.

Allison 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.

Mayor Cordina announced a family in Parker lost their home to a fire in the past week. Anyone able to assist the family was directed to contact Sue Lozano. Fire Department responded within 60 seconds of receiving the call.

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

1. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 17, 2009.

MOTION: Councilmember Marshall motioned to approve as written. Councilmember Evans seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow and Evans voting for. Councilmember's Threadgill and Levine abstained due to their absence at that meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

13. A. Financial Report: Mayor Cordina moved to item 13. A. Mayor Cordina introduced the City's new Finance Director Johnna Boyd. After meeting with the Mayor and several Councilmembers the main issue at this time is to generate the financial statements in a timelier manner. The goal is to close the month within 5 to 7 days.

Johnna has 20 plus years as an accountant. She has done a few research projects and created some spreadsheets to expand the monthly report to all revenue.

2. PRESENTATION BY BRIAN DAVIS OF CODE RED. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AN EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM.

Mr. Brian Davis with CodeRed gave a brief review of the CodeRed and Weather Warning System.

CodeRed started 13 years ago in California warning residents of the wildfires. They have 7 nationwide dialing bunkers, are 100% web based, software is not required, have patented Real Call Technology, and a proven track record. Their product is scalable for large to small customers.

It was discussed that Collin County is looking at implementing the Weather Warning System for all who register. A decision should be made in the next 3 months.

Staff is looking into a number of emergency notification services and will bring a full report to the planning session in June. It was agreed that if Collin County purchases the Weather Warning System, the City would not have a need to purchase the system.

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

City Secretary Smith introduced Mr. Bart Blaydes to the Council. Council motioned to appoint Mr. Blaydes to the unexpired term of Len Naldo. Mr. Blaydes will serve as a voting member with a term ending in June 2010. Mr. Blaydes is a Professor at Richland Community College and has been a resident of Parker for 22 years.

City Secretary Smith introduced Ms. Renee Sims to the Council. Ms. Sims was being considered to fill the unexpired term of Madeline Dickson. Ms. Sims has been a resident of Parker for 2 years and is flexible and willing to help the City in any way.

MOTION: Councilmember Levine motioned to appoint Renee Sims to fill the unexpired term of Madeliene Dickson as an alternate member with a term expiring in June 2009. Councilmember Marshall seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A TREE PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR TREES IN THE PRESERVE.

Councilmember Sumrow prepared an outline for the discussion.

**Proposed Community Recognition Program**

(Please consider the ideas below as initial thoughts, to be modified as appropriate during Council/Staff discussion.)

## Goal

- 1) To provide a mechanism for individuals in the Community (citizens and non-citizens of Parker) to give recognition to other individuals by planting a tree, thus creating a long lasting, “green” monument in keeping with the “country nature” of Parker.
- 2) To provide a mechanism for individuals to donate a tree to the City of Parker for forestation of the Preserve and grounds around City Hall.

## Process

- 1) Interested individuals contact City Hall (or access a form from the website) requesting that a tree be purchased and planted in recognition of an individual, or as a donation.
- 2) Payment for the tree (s) must be received before City Staff will purchase/plant a tree.
- 3) When the tree is planted, a picture of the tree will be taken, and added to a letter/certificate that will be given to the donor (or sent to the recipient.)

## Actions Required for Implementation of the Program

- 1) City staff would identify:
  - a. An appropriate vendor for tree purchases.
  - b. up to three types of trees that could be selected *[Per Assistant City Administrator Flanigan, the Park and Recreations Commission's (PRC) first choice is the Oklahoma Redbud. The plan will be sent back to the PRC for selection of two other trees.]*
  - c. the area in the Conservancy or City Hall grounds where trees may be planted
  - d. a vendor for a small (3x5) plaque on a chain to be personalized and hung from the tree
  - e. tax exempt (or not) status
  - f. appropriate price for donation/recognition (including cost of the tree, cost of the plaque, and cost of planting and ongoing maintenance) – recommend 2 X tree purchase price
  - g. Plan for planting and ongoing maintenance
  - h. Proper processing of funds received under Tree program
- 2) City staff would create:
  - a. an order form including:
    - i. Types of trees for selection
    - ii. Cost of trees
    - iii. Options of planting locations
    - iv. Wording for the plaque
  - b. A letter/certificate suitable for sending to the recipient
  - c. A place on the website to maintain pictures of the grove/list of names of recipients

Councilmember Evans suggested a map of the trees be placed in the Preserve for a name plate in recognition, instead of placing a plaque at the tree.

Newly appointed PRC Commissioner Blaydes commented on maintenance issues with plaques at the tree or hanging from the trees. In his experience the plaques are destroyed and/or lost on a regular basis.

Mayor Pro-tem Threadgill wants a firm set of rules for dedicating a tree. Each dedication request must be brought before the Council for approval.

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow motioned to send the program to the Parks and Recreation Commission to be finalized and brought back to Council for adoption. Mayor Pro-tem Threadgill seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AUTHORIZING THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR A PARK GRANT FROM COLLIN COUNTY.

Mayor Cordina updated Council on the status of Grants received from Collin County a few years ago. The City was not ready at that time to proceed with the trails plan. The County requested that the funds be returned for current projects. The City will be eligible to reapply in July 2009.

Mayor Cordina did ask Jeff Durham for any monies expended by the City to-date be considered as the City's in-kind match for any future grants.

Councilmember Marshall asked if the PRC would have time to prepare the Grant and return it to Council for approval prior to the deadline. Assistant City Administrator Flanigan noted the PRC would meet again April 22 and would have time to prepare the application.

City Attorney Shepherd commented the City is to allocate matching funds and add this to the planning session for discussion.

Councilmember Sumrow asked the Mayor why this had not been discussed by the Council prior to him going before the Commissioner's Court and giving the funds back. Mayor Cordina explained the Commissioner's Court was going to take the funds back and it was recommended that giving the grant back would be better for Parker than letting them take it back.

MOTION: Councilmember Evans motioned to send the Grant Application to the PRC to prepare and provide cost estimates and bring back to the Council by the end of May for consideration. Mayor Pro-tem Threadgill seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR A TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE GRANT.

This item was tabled to a future agenda.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2009-259 DENYING COSERV GAS LTD.'S REQUESTED RATE CHANGES; AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN ANY NECESSARY PROCEEDINGS AFFECTING CITY'S INTERESTS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL BODIES; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF REASONABLE LEGAL AND CONSULTANT EXPENSES.

City Attorney Shepherd stated due to the small number of citizens with Coserv service the Council should not feel it is necessary to pay Lloyd Gosselink for representation. His recommendation was to approve the resolution.

MOTION: Councilmember Levine motioned to adopt Resolution 2009-259 as presented. Councilmember Marshall seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STORAGE, COLLECTION, AND DISPOSAL OF BRUSH AND BULKY ITEMS OF SOLID WASTE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 PER DAY, FOR EACH DAY OF VIOLATION.

City Attorney Shepherd prepared a draft Ordinance for Council's review. After Council's discussion on the location permissible for trash earlier than 7 days prior to bulk pick up, it was decided to delete section 1.b. and amend 1.a. to read "more" instead of "less".

Staff noted there had not been any calls made to the City regarding any of these issues.

MOTION: Councilmember Levine motioned to adopt Ordinance 640, subject to deleting Section 1.b. and amending 1.a. to read "more" and not "less". Councilmember Sumrow seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Mayor Cordina asked the Council to decide on the style, verbiage, and materials to be used. The proposed sign is double sided cast stone with lighting. He requested to raise the sign and place a small flower bed around it as well.

10. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY ACTION ON THE 40-YEAR CELEBRATION.

Councilmember Evans gave an update on the event. Personal canopies will be used to save \$400. Mr. Herb Fisher lined up a Polka band to perform for \$400. There will be tours of the preserve. Presentation of Gazebo will be made by the Women's Club. Five Redbuds have been planted for presentations. Portable toilets will be rented. Mr. and Mrs. Leamy will provide the cake as a gift. The garden club will sell cookies and/or

brownies during the affair. Parker's Women's Club will sell Parker bags and directories.

11. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY ACTION ON THE APRIL 21 TOWN HALL MEETING.

Council discussed the presentation and agenda for the Town Hall Meeting. Presentations will be given by Oncor's Greg Ward and Collin County Appraisal District's Bo Daffin. Only the facts will be presented by the Council to educate the public. Mayor Cordina wants resident Elizabeth Morris to give a presentation. Mayor Cordina may call a special meeting on April 14, 2009 for final review of the presentation.

**ROUTINE ITEMS**

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12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS


13. UPDATES

- a. Financial Update – presentation by Finance Director was given at the beginning of the meeting.
- b. Corporation Update – no updates to report at this time.
- c. Police Chief Fragoso – Police Department Policies – Chief Fragoso stated the policies are in place for the Tasers.
- d. Animal Control Agreement Update – The item will be on the City of Murphy's 4/20 agenda.


14. ADJOURN

Mayor Cordina adjourned the meeting at 11:02 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Joe Cordina  
Mayor

ATTESTED:

  
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Carrie L. Smith, TRMC  
City Secretary

APPROVED on the 5th day of  
May 2009.