

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 21, 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 7:05 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, and City Secretary Carrie Smith.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Marshall led the Pledge.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Cordina welcomed the public and recognized council, staff, and board members. He stated citizen comments will be taken after the presentations.

1. PRESENTATION BY ONCOR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ONCOR POWER LINES IN PARKER.

Gerald Perrin, Oncor Area Manager; introduced Greg Ward, Oncor Regulatory Manager. Mr. Ward gave a brief presentation on the proposed routes and application process. (See Exhibit 1) Mr. Ward stated the Public Utility Commission (PUC) makes the final decision and may not make their decision for one year and two months after the application has been filed.

Mayor Cordina accepted questions from the audience at random.

2. PRESENTATION BY THE COLLIN COUNTY TAX APPRAISAL DISTRICT ON THE APPRAISAL PROCESS.

Mayor Cordina introduced Collin County Chief Tax Appraiser Bo Daffin. Mr. Daffin gave a presentation on "What happens to land values?" (See Exhibit 2)

3. PRESENTATION BY CITY ON INFORMATION ON THE EXISTING AND PROPOSED ONCOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES IN PARKER.

Council gave a presentation to the public. (See Exhibit 3)

PUBLIC FORUM

4. THE CITY COUNCIL INVITES ANY PERSON WITH QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THE ONCOR POWER LINES TO SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL. COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES. GROUPS ARE ASKED TO SELECT ONE SPOKES PERSON TO SPEAK FOR THE GROUP.

Jim Archer, 4209 Springhill Estates Rd, stated there would be multi-family buildings under the power lines.

Tom Shanley, 4508 Dillehay Dr, asked if all property owners within 300 feet of the selected route would be notified. Mr. Ward stated yes.

Tom Stone, 7266 Moss Ridge Rd, stated "we picked our area because there were not poles. Normally you don't have a say so in what they do in utility easements.

Jerry Tartaglino, 4103 Pecan Orchard, Mr. Tartaglino was on the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council over the past 5 years stated we spent \$125,000 and were told they have the right to put these poles in the easement and we cannot stop them.

Harry Donaghy, 4613 Hackberry Ln represented some 170 homeowners in Springhill Estates. Mr. Donaghy gave a brief presentation. (See Exhibit 4) Mr. Donaghy presented the Council with a Resolution and asked that they take action.

Skip Cave, 4407 Springhill Estates Dr, Mr. Cave consulted attorney Jim Bailey and received some information on fighting this battle. 1) We cannot start early; we must wait until the hearings. 2) We must form an organization to review the preliminary and final study to determine alternate routes. All have to agree and find churches, schools, etc. to work with the organization. We need as many people to go to Austin as possible and we can have an attorney present.

Joe Sterk, 4200 Pecan Orchard Ln, stated for 3200 people we have plenty of power. He asked that Parker not allow the owner to sell land twice, like it was done in this easement.

Mr. Greg Ward encouraged the public to get involved in the process when the application is filed.

George Bednarz again asked the Council to look at the Resolution presented by Mr. Donaghy and take action. He stated, "We elected you and expect you to up hold our quality of life in Parker." He stated he was told years ago that the poles would be 80 foot and why are they now 120 foot. Mr. Ward explained that people have built out buildings and pools in the easements and there is now a need for taller poles. He asked if there are rules published in what can be put in the easements and if there could be more lines added in the future. City Attorney Shepherd stated in the 70's it was unlikely that the easement use was defined.

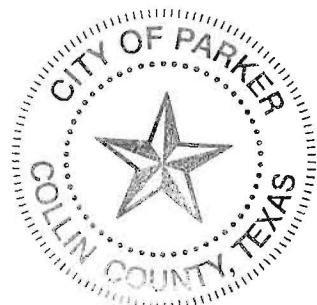
City Attorney Jim Shepherd stated reliability of service is better overhead, the damage can be seen.

Mayor Cordina thanked the public for attending.

ROUTINE ITEMS

5. ADJOURN

Mayor Cordina adjourned the meeting at 10:19 p.m.



APPROVED:


Joe Cordina
Mayor

ATTESTED:


Carrie L. Smith, TRMC
City Secretary

APPROVED on the 5th day of
May 2009.