

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

**APRIL 5, 2016**

**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 Time 6:00 p.m. Council members Levine, Pettie, Standridge, Stone and Taylor were present.

Staff Present: City Administrator Jeff Flanigan, Finance/H.R. Manager Johnna Boyd, City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, City Attorney Jim Shepherd, Fire Chief Mike Sheff, Assistant Fire Chief Mark Barnaby, Police Chief Bill Rushing, Police Captain Kenneth Price, Police Officer Greg Wells and Police Officer Joseph Sagnibene

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 P.M. TO 7:00P.M. – Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code the City Council may hold a closed meeting.**

**1. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN:**

- a. Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel and 551.071 confidential legal advice—To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, compensation, and/or duties, of the Police Chief.**

Mayor Marshall recessed the regular meeting at 6:01 p.m.

**2. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.**

Mayor Marshall reconvened the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m.

**3. ANY APPROPRIATE DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION ON ANY OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBJECTS LISTED ABOVE.**

No action was taken.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AMERICAN PLEDGE:** Police Chief Bill Rushing led the pledge.

**TEXAS PLEDGE:** Police Captain Kenneth Price led the pledge.

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

Louis Zettler, 4202 Donna Lane, spoke again in regard to his concerns with speeding drivers along Donna Lane. Mr. Zettler showed City Council the GoPro camera, with radar speed gun, he purchased to photograph and measure the speed of vehicles along Donna Lane. He said he already clocked several vehicles speeding and commented drivers seemed indifferent to speed limit signs, unless they realized they were being watched. Mr. Zettler asked that traffic signs be placed in more visible places along Donna Lane; additional stop signs be added to the new development, Donihoo Farms, entrance and Donna Lane at Windmill Creek Lane; and for additional police presence for traffic enforcement. He said he spoke with the developer, Stephen Sallman, and they planned to continue working together to encourage traffic to take other routes rather than Donna Lane.

**RECOGNITION**

Mayor Marshall recognized retiring Police Chief Bill Rushing for his service with the City of Parker, Texas. Chief Rushing thanked everyone for their support.

**CONSENT AGENDA** Routine Council business. Consent Agenda is approved by a single majority vote. Items may be removed for open discussion by a request from a Councilmember or member of staff.

**4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 15, 2016. [SCOTT GREY]**

Mayor Marshall said he had minor changes to item #6, "CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON IMPACT FEE PROPOSAL AND COST INFORMATION. [FLANIGAN]". He asked City Council to table the March 15, 2016 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to table the March 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Councilmember Standridge seconded with Councilmembers Levine, Pettie, Standridge, Stone and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

**5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON HISTORICAL PLAQUE FROM COLLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (PARKER COTTON GIN). [DONNA JENKINS]**

Collin County Historical Society Member Donna Jenkins reviewed the Collin County Historical Marker application for the Old Cotton Gin in Parker briefly, stating both, she and fellow Collin County Historical Society Member Fran Lewis, worked together on this project. Ms. Jenkins said details of the presentation ceremony would be made available, as soon as they were determined. She asked for City Council's support on this item. (See Exhibit1 – Collin County Historical Marker Application.)

MOTION: Councilmember Stone moved to approve and accept the Old Cotton Gin Historical Marker, located on city property just east of Parker City Hall. Councilmember Standridge seconded with Councilmembers Levine, Pettie, Standridge, Stone and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ENGINEERING CONTRACT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-504. [SHEPHERD]

Mayor Marshall recapped, stating at the February 29, 2016 City Council meeting, City Council approved Birkhoff, Hendricks, and Carter, LLP, as City of Parker's engineering firm, subject to a satisfactory contract negotiations; and then at the March 15, 2016 City Council meeting, City Council moved to table the engineering contract/agreement and resolution, pending further legal review and possible revisions. City Attorney Shepherd said all requested changes had been made.

MOTION: Councilmember Stone moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-504 (Professional Engineering Services Agreement), with Birkhoff, Hendricks, and Carter, LLP, to provide engineering services for the City of Parker. Councilmember Taylor seconded with Councilmembers Levine, Pettie, Standridge, Stone and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON IMPACT FEE CONTRACT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-506. [SHEPHERD]

Mayor Marshall asked City Administrator Flanigan to summarize. Mr. Flanigan stated Impact Fees were discussed at City Council's Annual Planning Session and several City Council meetings, with City Council moving to retain Birkhoff, Hendricks, and Carter, LLP, to complete a 2016 Water Impact Fee Analysis for the City of Parker, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000, at the March 15, 2016 City Council meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-506 (Professional Engineering Services Water Impact Fee Agreement), with Birkhoff, Hendricks, and Carter, LLP, to conduct and provide engineering services regarding a Water Impact Fee Analysis and other services for the City of Parker. Councilmember Standridge seconded with Councilmembers Levine, Pettie, Standridge, Stone and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON APPOINTING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IMPACT FEE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-507. [SHEPHERD]

Mayor Marshall asked City Administrator Flanigan to review the item briefly. Mr. Flanigan said City Council discussed Impact Fees and certain conditions of imposing those fees on numerous occasions; Council needed a Capital Improvements "Advisory Committee" to review and make recommendations, regarding the development of our Water Impact Fee, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 395; and the "Advisory Committee" would consist of the following:

- a. The five members of the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission.
- b. A representative of the real estate, building or development industry:  
JR Douglas.
- c. A representative of the Parker Extraterritorial Jurisdiction:  
Steve Sallman.
- d. The chairman and the vice-chairman of the Advisory Committee are:  
Russell Wright and Joe Lozano, respectively.

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-507 (Appointing Advisory Committee for Water Impact Fee), appointing an Advisory Committee for the Water Impact Fee. Councilmember Pettie seconded with Councilmembers Levine, Pettie, Standridge, Stone and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Shepherd commented that an updated Water Impact Fee timeline would be provided prior to their first meeting.

9. DISCUSSION ON CITY/SCHOOL ELECTIONS – EARLY VOTING, MAY 3, 7AM-7PM AND PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTIONS – EARLY VOTING, MAY 17, 7AM-7PM. [FLANIGAN]

Mayor Marshall recommended canceling the Tuesday, May 3, 2016, City Council meeting, due to City/School Election Early Voting; keeping the May 17, 2016 City Council meeting, at this time; and suggested setting special meetings if necessary.

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to cancel the regularly scheduled May 3, 2016 City Council meeting, due to early voting being conducted in City Council Chambers. Councilmember Standridge seconded with Councilmembers Levine, Pettie, Standridge, Stone and Taylor voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

## ROUTINE ITEMS

### 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Marshall asked if there were any items to be added to the future agenda and then he noted an April 19<sup>th</sup> Fire Department staffing and consultant discussion and inquired about the Allen Heights Bids. City Administrator Jeff Flanigan said the Allen Heights bids would be received by that time, but there would need to be some review. Mr. Flanigan did not think the item would be ready by April 19<sup>th</sup>, but should be ready for the following meeting. The Mayor restated the next regularly scheduled meeting would be Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

### 11. ADJOURN

Mayor Marshall adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



APPROVED:

  
Mayor Z Marshall

ATTESTED:

  
Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 17th day  
of May, 2016.

## COLLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL MARKER APPLICATION

Address/location of site being nominated (Be specific:) Parker City Hall 5700 East Parker Road, Parker, Texas, 75002 ; locate marker by the remains of the old cotton gin

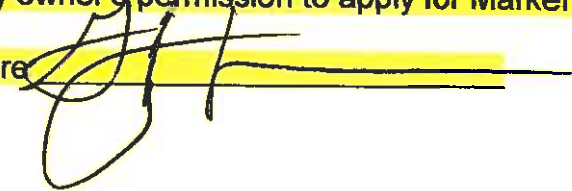
Applicant's Name: Donna Jenkins

Address, City, State, Zip: 3301 Stonehenge Drive, Richardson, Texas 75082

Telephone: 972-814-8928 E-Mail: donnajenkins1946@gmail.com

Do you have the property owner's permission to apply for Marker? Yes ☒

Property owner's signature



### LANDMARK IDENTIFICATION

Historic Name of Site Parker Cotton Gin

Type of Site: ☐ Event ☒ Commercial ☐ Farm ☐ Person ☐ Residence ☐ Other

Proposed location of Marker (preferably not in the right of way of a highway) Be Specific. 5700 East Parker Road; Parker, Texas 75002; locate near the remains of the old cotton gin

Do you have permission to locate marker on the property? Yes ☐ Date ☐

Owner's signature to locate marker on property ☐

Property owner's telephone: 972-442-6811 email: ☐

Do you plan to apply for the state marker, national registry, or historic cemetery marker? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes, apply to the state marker, national registry, or historic cemetery marker prior to submitting County Marker Application.)

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Use additional sheets as needed. Incomplete applications will be returned.

1. Please share information about the site including citations and references for unique historical facts.

After the Civil War, William C. Parker, the namesake of Parker came back home and purchased a gristmill on Maxwell Creek from J.E. Cox which was operated by oxen and later a windmill. By 1880 he also owned a cotton gin located just south of Parker Road. It was operated by mule power and later by wood and coal powered steam engine. The partial foundation of the gin remains east of Parker City Hall today.

(Information on William C. Parker can be found on Ancestry.com, Find a Grave.com, the Collin County Marriage Index, Tennessee State Marriages, U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, and the 1870 and 1880 Census.)

2. Please share information on what you have heard from neighbors, family, or former property owners about this property.

Fran Lewis, Parker resident, showed me the location of the old gin. Some of the foundation remains east of Parker City Hall.

3. Has this reference to this landmark ever been published, or mentioned in books, magazines, or newspapers. Explain and include a copy of the photo or article, if possible.

The Parker Gin was mentioned in Bev Zavitz's book, *Living in Murphy, Texas*.

4. Type the bibliography in this space.

Ancestry.com. 1870 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, Ancestry.com Operations , Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by Family Search.

Ancestry.com. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, Ancestry.com. Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by Family Search.

*Plano, Texas: The Early Years.* Wolfe City, Texas: Hennington Publishing Company, 1996.

Zavitz, Bev. *Living in Murphy, Texas.* Dallas: Jack Kenneth Publishing, 2004.

www.parkertexas.us. Official Website.

I understand the present cost of the marker is approximately \$1,100.00. Once the application has been approved, then the marker can be ordered.

- I understand I will receive a copy of the marker showing how it will look once it is cast and I am responsible for checking the wording for errors.
- Corrections on the marker must be submitted to the marker chairman immediately before the marker is cast. Once it is cast, changes cannot be made.
- I also understand it is my responsibility to organize a dedication ceremony (within six months of the placement of the marker) and invite the Collin County Commissioners Court, CCHC, and local officials. The Marker Chairman can give you guidance about the ceremony.

Applicant Donna Jenkins Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Person responsible for dedication Ceremony: Donna Jenkins

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_





## Parker Cotton Gin

Settlement in Collin County grew substantially from 1840-1860, and although citizens were mostly farmers, the majority of farms were small and cotton harvest was of little significance. There was little incentive for farmers to plant cotton since there was a lack of transportation to take the crop to market. This changed with the coming of the railroad in the late 1880s.

Cotton gins were the major industry tied to the farming community in the county, and it was no different in Parker, Texas. William C. Parker, namesake of the community, was a farmer and a successful businessman who owned a gristmill and a cotton gin. The cotton gin was first operated by mule power and later by steam engine fueled by wood and coal.

Wagons transported cotton to the gin where the wagon was weighed and cotton extracted from the wagon through a tube and then brought to a burr machine. Next, it was sent to separators that removed the seeds from the fiber. The seeds were either used for pressing oil or for planting. Cotton fibers were sent to be pressed into 500 pound bales. Empty wagons were again weighed to calculate the exact amount of ginned cotton. The gin owner charged the farmer for every 100 pound weight of cotton for his service. Cotton bales were moved to the train depot and transported to markets.

After World War II farmers began to move to cities to work and cotton production declined. The gin in Parker fell silent. Today all that remains of the Parker Gin is part of the original foundation.