

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barna called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barna led the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

3. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Susie Quinn, City Secretary, certified a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

Mayor Eric Barna
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui
Councilmember Ben St. Clair
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins
Councilmember Sarah Fincanon
Councilmember Rob Thomas

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ray Shahan, resident, is still requesting a full investigation on PD3-10-590 regarding the zoning/rezoning of the Ranch subdivision. Shahan presented to Council highlighted copies from prior city council minutes regarding Windy Hill Farms, asking the council to revisit PD3-10-590 again to correct errors he believes were made just as they did for Windy Hill Farms.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of proposed municipal budget for fiscal year 2015-2016.

City Manager James Fisher, presented the proposed budget which includes a 2 (two) cent reduction on the tax rate making the proposed tax rate to .53 cents. Our appraised value continues a trend of increasing. The projected fund balance is \$2,589,403 but there will be an audit coming later in the year. The MCDC will fund \$714,900 for the FY16 budget to assist with community events, a groundskeeper position, contract mowing, and other items. MMDD will also fund some items totaling \$203,500.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

A. Consider and/or act upon the July 21, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

- B. Consider and/or act upon the issuance of a special permit to allow a fireworks display during the Murphy Maize Days celebration on September 26, 2015.

COUNCIL ACTION (6.A., 6.B.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Fincanon seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

7. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider and/or act on the application of Murphy Four Venture, LP requesting approval of a site plan, landscape plan, building elevations and construction plat for a proposed retail space located in the northeast corner of FM 544 and Maxwell Creek Road.

Director of Economic and Community Development Kristen Roberts, explained the proposed site being for retail. She mentioned the sidewalks on this plan are not shown on the attachments; the funds for sidewalks will be put into escrow if council allows. This provides for the sidewalks to be consistent for Murphy Marketplace. Eric Langford addressed council stating that six (6) businesses will be in this building with restaurant space being utilized. The names of the businesses could not be disclosed at this time. Council discussed the sidewalk escrow; the funds would be calculated at today's rates and not account for any price increases for the future. No further discussion at this time.

COUNCIL ACTION (7.A.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve a site plan, landscape plan, building elevations and construction plat for a proposed retail space located in the northeast corner of FM 544 and Maxwell Creek Road and to include escrow funds for the sidewalks. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

- B. Consider and/or act upon Resolution Number 15-R-820 approving the 2015 appraisal roll with a taxable value of \$1,916,589,023 as certified by Bo Daffin, Chief Appraiser of the Collin Central Appraisal District, and a protested taxable property value of \$58,428,710 under review by the Appraisal Review Board.

There was no discussion on this item.

COUNCIL ACTION (7.B.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve the 2015 appraisal roll with a taxable value of \$1,916,589,023 as certified by Bo Daffin, Chief Appraiser of the Collin Central Appraisal District, and a protested taxable property value of \$58,428,710 under review by the Appraisal Review Board. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

- C. Consider and/or act upon Resolution Number 15-R-821 establishing two dates, August 18, 2015 and September 1, 2015, at 6 pm, to conduct a Public Hearing on the City of Murphy Proposed tax rate of \$0.5300 per \$100 valuation and establishing two dates, August 18, 2015 and September 1, 2015 at 6 pm, for a Public Hearing on the proposed 2015-2016 municipal budget.

City Manager Fisher explained the resolution will institute the dates for the public hearings on the dates listed above.

COUNCIL ACTION (7.C):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve Resolution Number 15-R-821 establishing two dates, August 18, 2015 and September 1, 2015, at 6 pm, to conduct a Public Hearing on the City of Murphy Proposed tax rate of \$0.5300 per \$100 valuation and establishing two dates, August 18, 2015 and September 1, 2015 at 6 pm, for a Public Hearing on the proposed 2015-2016 municipal budget. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

- D. Discussion regarding the southeast sector study.

City Manager James Fisher explained we enacted a 90 day moratorium so we could get a clear picture of how these pieces will come together. The date for the public hearing may need to change due to the public hearing for the budget. We want input from the residents on how this affects them and also their thoughts on this matter. Fisher explained he wants to have a stakeholder's meeting so the people directly in that area who will be affected can have some one on one time to meet with staff and Freese and Nichols. Council asked for confirmation on their participation in this and how updates will be done.

Jodie Pennington, Maxwell Creek resident, requested information for a plan to repair damage created from the upstream area. He explained some of the incidents/damages that have been caused by situations coming from the upstream area. He requested for council to consider extending the moratorium another 90 days in order to have time to deliberate these types of issues.

Jim (James) Collins, owns approximately 4 acres on FM 544 near Maxwell Creek, and is interested in selling this property; businesses such as Top Golf have expressed interest in buying it from him. He is requesting not to have the 90 day extension. Collins also requested council and staff to clean up the creek to help with flooding because of the ninety degree turns in the creek. City of Sachse cleaned up to the city limit line after requesting permission to enter the property.

Keith Huyck, Maxwell Creek resident, explained to council when we get heavy rains that cause flooding as the water goes East into the floodplain. He is concerned if the property on the East side of the street gets developed it may force the flood waters to move towards his property. Council assured Keith the drainage will be improved with any development on Maxwell Creek that Council approves.

E. Discussion regarding the upcoming Community Survey.

City Manager James Fisher updated council on Decision Analyst provided draft questions from other cities and we are working to pare down the list so we don't have an extraordinary long survey. Council discussed questions that were repetitive and or not necessary. There was also discussion on how to word some questions especially in regards to funding things like street repair. Fisher asked council to contact Kristen Roberts on their input and asked for a few councilmembers to meet with Kristen Roberts to discuss more questions in depth. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui identified questions that he feels need additional study. Mayor Eric Barna, Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui stated they will meet with Kristen Roberts.

8. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

A. Timbers Nature Preserve

The bathroom has been delivered and is now in place. The project is still on track to be completed on time.

B. Betsy Lane Road Widening Project

We are working with COSERV to have them move their gas line. Fisher explained our Franchise Agreement was done in 1999 and there is nothing in the agreement that says COSERV will move anything in the Cities right of way.

C. South Maxwell Creek Parallel Trunk Sewer Line

This project is approximately 8% complete, currently there is 1500 linear feet installed.

D. North Murphy Road

We are working towards getting everything finished before school starts on August 24th. The area by Walmart is an accident area and we are working to improve tall grass, and other visual blockers.

Council asked if the HOAs and TxDOT have worked out the issues with the entrances, and Fisher explained that is still being worked out.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

ATTEST:


Susie Quinn, City Secretary



APPROVED BY:



Eric Barna, Mayor