

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 5, 2016 AT 6:00 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins gave the invocation and Mayor Barna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

City Secretary Susie Quinn 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**

*None*

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Presentation by the Green Team regarding the upcoming Community Clean and Green event on Saturday, April 9, 2016.

Customer Service Manager and Keep Murphy Beautiful (KMB) Member, Candy McQuiston gave a presentation of the upcoming Clean and Green event. She explained the City will be taking items such as clothes, household items, document shredding etc. Once again curbside hazardous/electronic pick up will occur. To participate, residents must call and schedule their pick up by 4:00pm on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are being encouraged to sign up to help clean the Timbers Nature Preserve; about 155 have signed up. McQuiston also invited Council and residents to join KMB for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Moonlight Movie *Minions* and to come by the KMB booth for fun giveaways and information about recycling.

**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 on the March 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes.  
B. Consider and/or act on the March 29, 2016 special meeting minutes.

- C. Consider and/or act on approval of Resolution No. 16-R-826 authorizing signature authority to sign and endorse checks and drafts of the City of Murphy bank accounts.
- D. Consider and/or act upon authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the North Central Texas Council of Governments for the installation of a 90' communication tower at Murphy PD for the purpose of the Emergency Services Internet Protocol (IP) Network (ESInet) and Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) voice and data services.

***COUNCIL ACTION (5.A. through 5.D.):***

***APPROVED***

**Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.**

**7. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- A. Discussion regarding Murphy Public Safety radio system component replacements and upgrades to the system.

Fire Chief, Mark Lee explained he is the spokesperson for the great team, consisting of Chief Cotten, Wendle Medford, Bernie Parker, Linda Truitt, Kim Parker, Ron Goldsmith with the Plano Radio Shop, Bill Shipp, and also previous employees G.M Cox and James Fisher. Lee explained that the City joined the PAWM system, (Plano, Allen, Wylie, Murphy system) as a member city in 2009 and the City made a significant investment to put in the infrastructure at the water tower sight at a cost of approximately 1.8 million dollars at that time. The consoles the City had at that time were not replaced due to financial constraints but they were nearing the end of their life. Currently, those consoles are at the end of life and are in need of replacement. Parts are no longer available for the consoles and the Plano Radio Shop and our IT department is no longer able to patch them. The parts are no longer available and if they go down again, we will have a problem. The current mobile and hand-held's XTL/XTS-5000's will reach end of life December 2018 and the XTL/XTS 2500 will reach end of life December 2019. Currently, the various departments have a combined 12 (twelve) of the 5000 series and 72 of the 2500 series. There are many benefits for upgrading the system such as doubling the capacity to avoid congestion (heavy congestion may prohibit messages from getting through). By upgrading the system, it will essentially double the capacity. There will be 2 (two) microwave signals for Murphy, one pointing towards the Betsy Lane water tower, and one pointed to the Ave N tower in Plano; this redundancy would allow the City to continue without interruption if one fails.

The pricing in the packet currently shows the list price but the City will receive a 15% discount until December 2018 for all the replacement parts but not for the consoles as they are not considered replacement parts.

Director of Finance, Linda Truitt explained the total for this project is a total \$1,765,778 and explained she feels tax notes are the most fiscally sound way to finance this project with hopefully less than a 2.25% interest rate. The city could potentially have a delivery of funds in June if the private placement sale is in May. Questions from council regarded the tax notes and the length of term for the project if Council approves the project when it is brought back for approval. Truitt confirmed it would raise taxes about a cent and a half depending on the property valuations.

Lee explained, the team hopes to bring this back to Council for an action item April 19<sup>th</sup> to move forward, following that approval we will try to meet with the vendors in early May, and then work on implementing. Lee explained there was discussion on staff regarding potentially moving the dispatch center of the Police Department. He explained staff believes they can make it work in the space as is with some possible sound absorption being installed but we may have to look at moving/remodeling it in the future. There are some known-unknown items such as cabinets, sound absorption, chairs that will need to be purchased. There are also some unknown items such as possible roof penetration issues, power consumption issues, changes in installation costs, engineering costs, and other materials that are unknowns thus the reason for the healthy contingency. Known-knowns are items such as additional hand held radios for event and emergency managements. Lee gave the example of the recent tornados in Rowlett; when assisting agencies went into the field to help- there were many communication problems between the Rowlett and helping agencies. The additional radios would be checked out from a staging area and they would be on the frequency to allow everyone to communicate. Heavy equipment such as the backhoe and skid-steer will also have radios as safety management.

Council asked for clarification regarding the City's reserves and if the reserves might be used for this project. Truitt explained we can look into it. Council asked for more clarification regarding what exactly we will be getting from this project and potentially what we will be looking at in another seven (7) or so years.

Lee explained to make the system communicate it's about \$600,000 for new equipment.

**COUNCIL ACTION (7.A.):**

**NO ACTION**

B. Appointment of the Charter Review Commission members.

City Secretary Susie Quinn confirmed the receipt of eleven (11) applications for the Charter Review Commission and the Charter requires a minimum of eleven (11) members. The time table for ballot wording was discussed as all of the information has to be sent to Collin County by the last week in August, 2016.

**COUNCIL ACTION (7.B.):**

**APPROVED**

**Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to appoint the following members to the 2016 Charter Review Commission Bernard J Grant, Kevin McGillis, Revis Smith, James Holley, Will Ewin, John Wideman, Barbara Harless, Chi Egwuekwe, Michelle Foley, Jody Johnson, Christine Johnson. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.**

**8. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS**

A. Timbers Nature Preserve

Interim City Manager, Bill Shipp explained that the project is 95% complete with a few items such as tree/sod replacement that are being worked on as well as draining issues. Council asked for clarification on landscape for the stone seating areas. Director of Public Services Parker confirmed he believes the areas by the stone seating described will be "natural landscape".

B. Betsy Lane Road Widening Project

This project is continuing, sidewalks are nearing completion, and irrigation is continuing and finishing.

This project is 95% complete with only 61% of the contract time being used. Road and bridge work is complete, and sidewalks are nearing completion. Parker explained we are waiting to complete a few items but this project should be complete in approximately 6 weeks.

C. South Maxwell Creek Parallel Trunk Sewer Line

There are many challenges with this project due to rainfall.

This project continues to be behind schedule, the project is moving forward by working on the more northern side. Currently there are some possible costs that may be incurred due to the delays.

D. North Murphy Road

TxDOT has received all of the irrigation/entrance estimates and are working with the HOAs regarding resolutions for the HOA's entrances.

E. Upcoming events:

- April 22, 2016 Earthday, Candy McQuiston explained the environmental awareness celebration and presentations will be held in conjunction with the Moonlight Movies on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- April 30, 2016 Drug take back day at the Police Department will allow residents to drop off unwanted/unused/expired medicine at a location in front of the police department on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.087 (Economic Development) the City Council did not recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:

- A. Update and deliberation regarding economic development negotiations and projects.

**10. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION**

The City Council did not reconvene into Regular Session as Executive Session was not convened.

- A. §551.087 (Economic Development) Update and deliberation regarding economic development negotiations and projects.

- B. Take Action on any Executive Session Items.

*Executive session was not required.*

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the regular council meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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Susie Quinn, City Secretary



APPROVED BY:

  
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Eric Barna, Mayor