

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2017 AT 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barna gave the invocation and 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 Jennifer Berthiaume
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins
Councilmember Sarah Fincanon
Councilmember Don Reilly

4. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

City Manager Mike Castro provided a brief overview of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program that educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that one may face in their life. The program also provides training for each individual in basic response skills, e.g., fire safety, search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Utilizing the training learned in a classroom and through exercises, CERT members are able to assist professional responders following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to assist. CERT members are also encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community and work place. The graduates have completed the twelve (12) week course, met all of the criteria and passed all skills necessary to receive their Community Emergency Respond Team certification.

Mayor Barna, City Manager Mike Castro and Fire Chief Del Albright presented graduation certificates to Michael Andreescu, Shawn Hardy, Andrea Hoffman, Larry Hoffman, Amy Neher, Maria Reilly and Don Reilly. CERT Director Ron Hill was also recognized.

Those not in attendance but received their certification are: Karen Fey, Mary Hartman, Tom Hartman and Amy Christner.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments were presented.

6. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

- A. Radio Systems – Police Chief Arthur Cotten provided an update that tomorrow morning dispatch center consoles will be moved into the new dispatch center with two consoles up and running. Several partners, specifically COG (North Texas Council of Governments) will be here assisting to

ensure that the transition of the 911 system is moved accordingly with no interruption to the system.

- B. Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program – Public Services Director Tim Rogers provided an update that the program is currently in the The Ranch/Gables subdivision with six (6) of the nine (9) on the program list to be completed with a total of twenty (20) locations in that subdivision. The next subdivision will be Windy Hills Farms with eight (8) locations to repair and will begin in about three (3) weeks. Staff will have some street panel repairs on McCreary Road that will need to be repaired before moving onto Windy Hill Farms subdivision next week.
- C. South Maxwell Creek Sewer Line – Public Services Director Tim Rogers provided an update that the contractor has cleared the fencing in the areas on private properties and installed three of the four (3 of 4) gates for homeowners. Clean up is ongoing on the south end of McCreary with rain limiting construction. At the RaceTrac location, fencing has been installed in preparation for completing the project in the north end. In the next couple of days, subsurface exploration for the utilities with excavation beginning by the end of the week. Estimated project completion pending no weather problems would be around April or May.

Council had questions in regards to: The panel replacement on McCreary, is the city paying the bill for the replacement or does Wylie pay as well? Should staff be repairing concrete with the current temperatures right now? How will public awareness of lane closure be communicated?

Staff replied that the city pays and is responsible for the south bound lane only with completion of panels taking about forty-five (45) days. As long as temperatures remain at forty (40) degrees and rising the work can continue so staff will be monitoring temperatures. Public awareness communication will be communicated through email, Facebook, website and using a message board at the location with lane closures for the next thirty (30) to forty-five (45) days.

- D. FM544 Traffic Safety Update – City Manager Mike Castro received a preliminary update from the area TxDOT engineer that TxDOT will refresh the intersection pavement and markers at the crosswalks with repainting. Repairs will begin in a month but will be dependent on the weather. TxDOT is still researching on how to achieve additional lighting for the intersection (FM544 and Hawthorne). They have not officially agreed to the request but they are looking for the best location for additional lighting as it is too narrow to install in the median at FM 544. One option is look to the north or south side of the interchange as an option. TxDOT has not agreed to a pedestrian only cycle signal in the intersection. The City will continue to have conversations with TxDOT on this option and ask additional questions.
- E. Upcoming Events –
- Council Strategic Planning Sessions – Friday, January 6, 2017 from 6 pm until 9 pm – Saturday, January 7, 2017 from 9 am until 5 pm – Sunday, January 8, 2017 from 9 am until 2 pm – All Sessions will be held at the Murphy Activity Center, 205 North Murphy Road
 - Boards and Commission Training – Saturday, January 7, 2017 from 8:30 am until Noon at the City Hall Community Center, 206 North Murphy Road
 - Release of the Parks and Recreation Spring Guide – February 2, 2016 to be included in the Murphy Messenger that is sent to all citizens
 - Daddy Daughter Dance – Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 6 pm until 9 pm at the Murphy Community Center, 205 North Murphy Road

- Rainbow Trout Round-Up – Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 9 am until 11 am at the City Hall pond, 206 North Murphy Road

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider and/or act to approve the December 6, 2016 Regular Council meeting minutes. *Susie Quinn, City Secretary*

COUNCIL ACTION (6.A.):

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 7-0.

- B. Consider and/or act to approve Resolution 17-R-845 designating investment officers of the City and approving the investment policy for the investment of municipal funds. *Steven Ventura, Interim Finance Director*

Interim Finance Director Steven Ventura addressed Council to approve Resolution 17-R-845 designating investment officers of the City and approving the investment policy for the investment of municipal funds. The policy presented for Council approval is the same as the policy approved January 5, 2016. Investment officers are required to attend Public Funds Investment training at least every two years. Currently the only staff member to have the training is the Interim Finance Director Steven Ventura. City Manager Mike Castro is on the schedule to attend the training. The Assistant Finance Director position is vacant but currently filled with an accountant who is a contracted employee. Staff to bring approval of the Assistant Finance Director as an officer of the City at a future city council meeting agenda.

COUNCIL ACTION (6.B.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve Resolution 17-R-845 designating investment officers of the City and approving the investment policy for the investment of municipal funds with the following change to the resolution: the removal of "Assistant Finance Director" as an investment officer until such time as that position is filled. Councilmember Spraggins seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

8. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Discussion regarding City Council attendance at board and commission meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley requested the City Attorney to provide the City with appropriate language discussing city council members attending or not attending executive sessions at boards and commissions. Item is to be brought back to a future city council meeting agenda.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, the City Council recessed into Executive Session (closed meeting) at 6:18 pm to discuss the following:

- A. §551.071. Consultation with the attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter regarding Boards and Commissions.

10. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

The City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 6:48 pm, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, to take any action necessary regarding:

- A. §551.071. Consultation with the attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter regarding Boards and Commissions.
- B. Take Action on any Executive Session Items.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion was entertained by the Mayor and the Council meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

APPROVED BY:



Eric Barna, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susie Quinn, City Secretary

