

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 19, 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 7:02 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, City Secretary Carrie Smith, Fire Chief Mike Sheff and Police Chief Tony Fragoso.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Resident Bob Heath led the Pledge.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** The City Council invites any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda to speak to the Council. No formal action may be taken on these items at this meeting. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

No comments.

#### **INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

1. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 5, 2009.

MOTION: Councilmember Levine motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Pro-tem Threadgill seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Councilmember Sumrow abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

2. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON SELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO-TEM.

MOTION: Councilmember Evans motioned to appoint Jim Threadgill as Mayor Pro-tem. Councilmember Levine seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2009-261 APPOINTING RICHARD SHERARD AS ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF.

Chief Sheff noted Jeff Bell took a paid position with the City of Fairview. He introduced Richard Sherard who has been involved with the Volunteer Fire Department for 10 years and employed with the City of Plano Fire Department for over 25 years.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Threadgill motioned to approve Resolution 2009-261 appointing Richard Sherard to the position of Assistant Fire Chief. Councilmember Marshall seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Evans told Mr. Sherard that Parker is very fortunate to have a person of your quality.

It was noted fire sprinkler plan review will be contract with Jeff Bell until the building official gains further experience.

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ACCEPT A BID FROM WILDFIRE TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT SALES, ALVARADO, TX FOR A BRUSH FIREFIGHTING TRUCK.

Chief Sheff noted there was a 4% increase on all bids.

Chief Sheff reviewed his notes:

"The fire department is requesting Council consideration and action to approve the purchase by the City of a Type III brush firefighting vehicle (a "brush truck") from Wildfire Truck & Equipment, Alvarado, TX to replace the fire dept's existing brush truck. **The City will be called upon for an initial outlay of ~~\$148,133~~ \$158,267. Pursuant to a cost-share, Texas Forest Service grant, the city shall be reimbursed for ~~\$133,320~~ \$142,440. The fire department will cover the remaining balance of ~~\$14,813~~ \$15,827 from its funds.**

- Parker Volunteer Fire Department is the recipient of a Texas Forest Service cost-share grant .for the purchase of a "large brush truck". The cost-share payment by TFS is to be 90% of the actual cost, not to exceed \$155,000.
- The obligations of Parker are:
  - To purchase the vehicle.
  - To place the vehicle into service by August 26, 2009 or receive an extension. I have contacted the forest service and have been advised that we are eligible of a six (6) month extension. We have been advised to contact the forest service in August to request the extension.
  - To own and maintain the vehicle for 10 years. If we sell the vehicle before the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary we may be required to reimburse the forest service in cash equivalent to 90% of the gross sales receipts.
  - To train fire department personnel in the proper operation and maintenance of the vehicle, pump and related equipment and document such training (we document all training of our personnel as a matter of standard department practice).

- We directly solicited bids from three vendors for a vehicle that complied with the minimum design specifications of the grant. These bids are summarized on Schedule A.
- Our original grant request was made in January 2004. When we determined that no action was to be taken by the Forestry Service within a reasonable time, the fire dept. purchased our current brush truck in late 2004 at a cost of \$80,000 financed with debt. Because we did not have access to grant funding, we purchased a smaller vehicle with less capability than we would have otherwise considered. Schedule A offers a comparison with our existing brush truck and is illustrative of the improved firefighting and safety features of the new apparatus.
- The benefits of the new apparatus as compared to our existing brush truck are:
  - A larger F750 chassis versus the smaller F550 chassis of our existing brush truck.
  - The new truck will carry 4 firefighters versus 2 firefighters now carried by our existing brush truck.
  - The new truck shall carry 100 gallons more water.
  - The new truck shall have a remote starter and other controls for the fire pump located within the cab between the driver and front passenger.
  - The new truck shall have a remote controlled water turret nozzle attached to the front bumper with a joystick control placed within the cab between the driver and front passenger. This means the firefighters in the cab can spray water on the fire while remaining belted in their seats. (The truck also carries fire hose that can be deployed, if necessary, by the crew.) This is a major safety improvement over our current brush truck where the firefighters must stand up while the vehicle is in motion in an enclosed cage behind the cab in order to manually manipulate a fire hose.
- After considering cost and other factors including, but not limited to, the proximity of the vendor to Parker, we determined the best bid was that of Wildland Truck & Equipment located in Alvarado, TX.
- Wildfire is a member of State Buy Board, a purchasing cooperative similar to HGAC-Buy from whom we acquired our ladder truck. I shall request Parker become a member of the cooperative under separate agenda request.
- Once the new brush truck is received and placed into service, we shall sell our existing brush truck. We estimate the truck will sell for up to \$40,000. Because the original \$80,000 loan has been paid in full, the City will receive the net proceeds from the sale."

**MOTION:** Councilmember Marshall motioned to accept the bid from Wildfire Truck and Equipment Sales out of Alvarado, Texas in the amount of \$158,267.00. Councilmember Evans seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2009-262 FOR THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL POLICE DISPATCH SERVICES AGREEMENT.

Mayor Pro-tem Threadgill motioned to approve Resolution 2009-262 executing an interlocal Agreement with Collin County for Police Dispatch Services. Councilmember Levine seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2009 – 263 COUNCIL SUPPORTING A CITIZEN COMMITTEE OPPOSING ONCOR TRANSMISSION LINES IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.

Mayor Cordina opened with the statement "the City cannot allocate funds to this cause," and asked the City Attorney to comment on the resolution.

City Attorney Jim Shepherd said he would need more details and facts on the resolution. He is not certain this document will do anything for the committee, if a committee was appointed or formed. None was named in the proposed resolution. What does the committee or group intends to do with the resolution? If there are different groups using the resolution for authority, would there be a conflict between neighborhoods? It was his understanding the resolution would be used to solicit funding. He is not comfortable with implying a partnership with schools or county when we do not have such a partnership, or any indication that either entity would be agreeable to do so. Revising the resolution was possible with more specifics, and direction from the council.

Mayor Cordina took comments from the public.

Mr. Bob Heath stated we need fair representation for the whole city.

Mr. George Bednarz gave his take on the resolution as a Springhill Estates resident. It was his understanding the resolution would be used to go to A&M for alternative strategies and bring attention to the City that we are unhappy and we're going to do something.

Discussion with Council and Mr. Bednarz ensued.

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow motioned to table this item until the application is filed with the PUC and the author of the resolution is present.

Councilmember Levine motioned that before the resolution is brought back the Council needs to more information to redraft with appropriate language. City Attorney Shepherd noted he would redraft the document to read "anybody in Parker" if the Council desired.

Councilmember Evans seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AMENDING RESOLUTION 0320-01(a) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF PARKER CITY HALL.

Mayor Cordina had received a request from the Parker Women's Club (PWC) to hold their board meetings at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Ordinance 0320-01(a) states the chambers may only be used for city business.

Council discussion ensued. It was agreed not to take action on this item. If the PWC board meetings pertain to city business and requires a staff member be present then they may use the Council Chambers.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION TO REVIEW AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS AND THE CITY OF PARKER, TEXAS FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING AND REUSE PROGRAM

Assistant City Administrator Flanigan recommended not going forward with an agreement with the City of Plano at this time due to the cost. He noted we are currently preparing bid proposals for waste services and will add this service into the proposal.

No action was taken at this time.

9. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPLY FOR A PARK GRANT FROM COLLIN COUNTY.

Assistant City Administrator Flanigan requested this item be postponed until the next Council meeting. The Parks and Recreation Commission will meet on May 21 to discuss the grant application.

## **ROUTINE ITEMS**

### 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

Parks and Rec Grant with Collin County – June 16  
Changing Neighborhood Forum meeting dates – June 16  
Wylie water agreement – June 16  
TCEFFC – June 16  
Sewer CCN – June 16

### 11. UPDATES

- a. Assignment of a Council liaison to host future "Neighborhood Forum" meetings. Council agreed the meetings should be held only quarterly and Scott Levine volunteered for the next meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

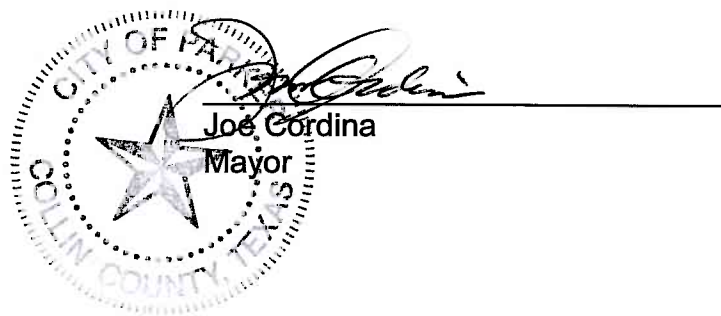
- b. Update on City of Parker, Texas Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation (PTCEFFC)
- c. Progress Report – Fire Station and McCreary Road Projects
- d. April Reports – Financial, Police Department, Fire Department, Building Permits and Code Enforcement

Councilmember Evans recognized Ms. Marilyn Hinton is the audience and congratulated her for being elected to the PISD School Board. Ms. Hinton is a resident of Moss Ridge Estates.

12.ADJOURN

Mayor Cordina adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

APPROVED:



Joe Cordina  
Mayor

ATTESTED:

*Carrie L. Smith*  
Carrie L. Smith, TRMC  
City Secretary

APPROVED on the 16th day of  
June 2009.