

Council Minutes March 26, 2013

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Work Session at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room and Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 26th day of March, 2013 with the following members present:

Jim Griffin	Mayor
Michael Boyter	Council Members
Chris Brown	
Jim Davisson	
Patricia Nolan	
Sherri Olsen	
Roy W. Turner	

constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Beverly Griffith	City Manager
David Miller	Deputy City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Michael Wells	City Secretary
Cliff Blackwell	Administrative Services Director
Roger Gibson	Police Chief
Tom Hoover	Public Works Director
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden	Managing Director of Community Services
Jackie Reyff	Planning Manager
Bill Syblon	Development Director
James Tindell	Fire Chief

WORK SESSION

Mayor Griffin called the Work Session to order at 4:02 p.m.

- **Review and discuss items on the regular agenda and consider placing items for approval by consent.**

Council discussed placing the following items on consent: 3, 7, 11 and 12.

On Item #7, Council and staff discussed noise from the food trucks being covered by the City's Noise Ordinance and that the trucks are restricted to commercial areas. It was decided to leave this item on consent unless somebody chose to speak on it under Open Forum.

Public Works Director Tom Hoover and Misty Christian of Kimley-Horn and Associates presented information on Item #12. This is to provide engineering services for design improvements at Sulfur Branch, which is being affected by the NTE construction project. There are complications with existing facilities, channels and a bridge at that location which may cause a hydrological event. If the City comes up with a design of what the downstream will look like, NTE has agreed to build a portion of it beyond their current construction as well as an access ramp. The City has 11 months to complete this project. There was discussion regarding examining the upstream conditions; ensuring that the floodplain is not adversely affected by the NTE construction; that this project would be extended under Bedford Road at a later time; that this particular item is part of the study phase and that detailed engineering drawings

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will be developed when the time comes for building; that the costs include geotechnical surveying to get a grasp of existing conditions; that the funds for this project comes from the 2011 GOs; and that engineering services are not allowed to be bid.

Council was of the consensus to move Item #5 before Persons to be Heard.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Work Session at 4:28 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To convene before the Regular Session, if time permits, in the conference room in compliance with Section 551.001 et. Seq. Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

- a) Pursuant to Section 551.071(2), consultation with the City Attorney on matters in which the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code – Zoning for group homes.**
- b) Pursuant to Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to “Project Oatmeal”.**
- c) Pursuant to Section 551.074: personnel matters – annual performance review of the City Manager.**

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2), consultation with the City Attorney on matters in which the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code – Zoning for group homes, Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to “Project Oatmeal” and Section 551.074: personnel matters – annual performance review of the City Manager at 4:28 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. Council did not finish the Executive Session and will convene again at the end of the meeting.

Council convened into Executive Session at 9:08 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 2:11 a.m. Any necessary action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session will occur during the Regular Session of the Bedford City Council Meeting.

REGULAR SESSION 6:30 P.M.

The Regular Session began at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION (Jim Pack, CityLife Church)

Jim Pack of CityLife Church gave tonight's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

OPEN FORUM

Charles Ready, 7324 Meadowbrook Drive – Mr. Ready stated that he is here to answer any questions

regarding Item #7.

Don Bartko, 1317 Wade Drive – Mr. Bartko spoke on Item # 4. He stated that he lives right around the corner from 604 Donna Lane. He stated that he had been in a similar situation as the Mayor was on this issue. He had returned from Vietnam in 1967 and was assigned to as post engineer at a hospital, a position similar to the City Manager. One of the wards was loaded with young men returned from Vietnam with injuries and the ward had no air conditioning or comforts. He was told by his commanding officer to get air conditioning for the ward but he came up against Army, Federal and state regulations. He told his commanding officer who still wanted the air conditioning and wanted him to find a way to do it. He worked on the project further, including driving to Washington D.C. to see the Surgeon General and argue his case. He came back with the money. He advised the Mayor to not say it cannot be done but find away to do it.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Brown, to approve the following items by consent: 3, 7, 11 and 12

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation declaring April 2013 as Energy Efficiency Month in Bedford.

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation declaring April 2013 as Energy Efficiency Month in Bedford. David Franklin from the Community Affairs Commission was on hand to accept the proclamation. Mr. Franklin stated that the Consumer Energy Expo will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 at the old library.

2. Employee Service Recognition

The following employees received recognition for dedicated service and commitment to the City of Bedford:

Carol Robinson, Police Department – 5 years of service
Josh Brown, Fire Department - 10 years of service

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:

- a) **March 12, 2013 regular meeting**

This item was approved by consent.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

4. The following individuals have requested to speak to the Council tonight under Persons to be Heard.

- a) **James Trigg, 1316 Wade Drive, Bedford, Texas – Requested to speak to the Council regarding zoning violations at 604 Donna.**

James Trigg, 1316 Wade Drive – Mr. Trigg thanked the people who came out to tonight's meeting to show their concerns for the City. He stated that he was impressed by what the Council had shared and that it told him that the issue was not being swept under the rug. He stated that there are distance regulations for group homes in that they cannot be within half a mile from each other and that the owner of the one on Donna Lane is looking at a property less than three blocks away. He questioned who is

going to enforce this regulation and how is it going to be done. He stated that the City's building permit form does not have a place to indicate that the building would be a group home and presented a handout showing an area on the permit form where this could be indicated. He stated that somebody would then have to look at it and take the second step to verify the distance. This issue was important to him because his neighborhood is unique and a potential target to be swallowed by group homes. The homes in the neighborhood are single level with large square footages, are older and not as pricey, have large lots to allow for expansion and attached garages that can be converted to living space cheaply. He stated that if Council does not do something happen on distance regulations then they have failed the City.

Council discussed revising the permits and tying it in with the registration process; properties that do not require a building permit; and the distance requirements including doing it by proximity as opposed to a number.

b) Joyce Johnson, 1701 Brookhaven Circle, Bedford, Texas – Requested to speak to the Council regarding the handling of disputed traffic citations.

Joyce Johnson, 1701 Brookhaven Circle – Ms. Johnson spoke regarding the handling of disputed traffic tickets. She stated that the judge and prosecutor are independent and do not supervise the courts, which is done by the City. She stated that she became aware that disputed traffic tickets are handled like a lawsuit and that a legal document must be filed to obtain documents, which creates a hardship that is not fair or acceptable. She stated that those in legal practice must refrain from putting a hardship on a defendant, obstruct justice or facilitate coercion. She stated that her path to file the motion was blocked in the following ways: free access to documents was denied; she was required to provide a motion; no form was made available; the City does not have a law library or reference books with the form; she was told to get an attorney; that in filing a motion, it would be "considered"; that she knows of no law permitting denial of documents need by a defendant to defend themselves; and that she was not advised that she could file an open records request. She stated that such requirements create a hardship and that the cost of hiring an attorney would be more than the fine and court costs, which has the potential to force drivers to pay the ticket instead of pursuing their right to dispute it. She stated that when she was told she could file an open records request, it too was made conditional and asked how are open records used or defined by the City. She stated handing disputed tickets like a lawsuit and handling it in the matter described is unfair and unacceptable. She asked if an audit needed to be done on the funds gained in such a manner. She requested that there be changes to policies and that these practices be removed from the City.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Update on issues related to 604 Donna Lane.

This item was discussed prior to Persons to be Heard.

Mayor Griffin presented an update on issues related to 604 Donna Lane. He stated that to a very large degree, the City cannot prohibit the use because of Federal and State laws. He stated that a number of residents made comments about restrictions for this particular use or facility but that any restrictions would have to apply to everyone in the neighborhood. He stated that Council and staff have analyzed the City's options and discussed a fair and legally responsive plan to include possible ordinance revisions. The plan includes: requiring annual registration of group facilities; requiring copies of State required inspection documents as part of the registration process; the City moving for immediate closure of assisted living facilities, as defined by State law, that do not have the required inspections; that community homes, as defined by State law, be required to submit a detailed site plan for approval to make sure it is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood; amending the Zoning Ordinance to create assisted living facilities in residentially zoned districts, which cannot be used to deny the use but allows the City to have a thorough review, including a site plan, through the Planning and Zoning Commission and Council; and requiring a detailed explanation of the use on the permit forms. He further stated that State Representative Phillips has introduced HB691, which has to do with governing

applications of homes for juvenile criminals. He advised residents that they should talk to their State representatives and senators.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6. Public hearing and consider an ordinance amending the City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2275, by amending Section 4.17 "CSED" Cheek-Sparger Entrance District; by amending Section 4.18 "HC" Highway Corridor Overlay District; by removing all references to the "CSED" Cheek-Sparger Entrance District from the Zoning Ordinance; by amending the official Zoning Map of the City of Bedford to designate the expanded "HC" Highway Corridor Overlay District; providing a revised Zoning Map illustrating the change in district as attachment "A"; providing attachment "B" being the text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty and enforcement clause; and providing an effective date.**

Development Director Bill Syblon presented information regarding this item. He stated this was the culmination of several months of discussions between Council, staff, property owners and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council had requested that an all encompassing overlay district be created. A Master Highway Corridor Overlay District was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 12, which recommended its approval with changes by a vote of 6-1-0. The changes from the Commission included: removing all residential properties from the District map based on feedback at the public hearing; adding pawn shops and sexually-oriented businesses as categories on the list of prohibited uses; and the staff initiated removal of Sections 4.18.G(1)h and 4.18.H(1)c as they were relics of the 2010 version of the District. Council discussed adding residentially owned properties back to the District map and referring to Section 4.18L; that if residential property abutting the highway were rezoned commercial, they would not fall under the District; allowing those that raised objections to the including the residentially owned properties in the District a chance to speak before making changes; whether the addition of pawn shops and sexually oriented businesses back to the list of prohibited uses was a valid change; changes from the current Highway 121 District including setbacks, maintenance agreements and Section 4.18H; sending the District back to the Commission; and tabling this item to a future Council meeting.

Mayor Griffin called the Public Hearing to order at 7:40 p.m.

Betty Moody, 720 Saddlebrook Drive South – Ms. Moody spoke on behalf of herself and her husband and stated they wanted to be on the record that they opposed the passage of this zoning amendment. She had received notice on April 27, 2010 of a hearing for the proposed amendment, which included a map of the boundaries of the District. She stated that the Council chamber was filled with residents, many speaking out in opposition to the amendments and the matter was placed on hold. She stated that she received a notice this year on February 8 for another public hearing. The wording was different and a clause was added stating if a property was zoned residential, than the ordinance and amendments would not apply. She stated that Section 4.18L of the draft ordinance states that in the event of a change to the underlying zoning district to a non-residential district, then the residential district shall comply with the requirements of the District, with the exception of any legal, non-conforming conditions. She stated that some property owners were concerned that their property values would decrease. The property that backs up to her fence may be rezoned for commercial use and as their property is not within the District, they would not be compensated for a loss of value in their property. She stated that according to the question and answer sheet published in 2010 by the City, one of the principal purposes of the District to consolidate existing districts along the corridor and she saw no reason for taking a particular block of the residential area into the District. She asked that Council consider taking out the specific property, from Saddlebrook Drive South down to Queens Way, from the Zoning Ordinance amendment. She stated that residents have not had an opportunity to speak out on this and the letter dated April 27, 2010 was somewhat misleading.

There was discussion regarding residential properties being included on the District map; that residential properties are exempt from the District; that in the event property became commercial, it would have to

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abide by the District; that the Comprehensive Plan states that the best use of property adjacent to the highway is for commercial type development and that the property in question was zoned residential when the Plan was developed; that in order for property to be rezoned from residential to commercial, a developer would have to come to the City for that zoning change; that if the property were not included now and it were to become commercial, then it could not then be put under the District; that commercial nodes are directed towards major intersections and roadways; and that commercial properties adjacent to residential would have to meet all the requirements of screening, set-backs and other protection items in the District.

Coy Quine, Vice President of Tsca-231 Limited Partnership - Mr. Quine's group owns the Cimarron Plaza Shopping Center. He stated that the way the Overlay District is written, it is for developers and he is an owner. Their Shopping Center consists of seven parcels, of which they own four. If a casualty of greater than 50% occurs to one of their buildings, they would have to rebuild it in the new District, which would require a change in landscaping. They have already spent money on installing Xeriscape landscaping and reconfigured their layout to meet the City's parking requirements after the taking of three acres. After all the reconfiguration, they now have a legally conforming building. He presented different scenarios where if a particular building sustains a casualty of greater than 50%, it would require such things as installing 30-foot landscaping buffers, tearing down buildings and signs, and/or rearranging traffic patterns. He asked that a clause be put in for rebuilding in case of a casualty of the existing building. He stated that insurance does not cover what they paid for the facility. They have already spent \$750,000 in remodeling when they first heard about the Highway 183 widening and made concessions to keep tenants. He stated that as the District is currently written, each parcel stands on its own as and asked for some relief if they suffer a casualty.

There was discussion on the Xeriscape landscaping on the interior of the property; getting the Shopping Center to look like it did several years ago; that parking is the real issue and the Shopping Center cannot function without it; that staff bring back to Council the status of negotiations with property owners along the Highway and TxDOT; whether there would be an opportunity for Mr. Quine to make input into the process; and bringing up the value and how the City looks.

Joyce Johnson, 1701 Brookhaven Circle - Ms. Johnson stated that the core issue is what happens to people in businesses. They are looking for something tangible, in writing that says that a property is going to be protected as residential real estate. She stated that it does not make sense that a business suffers a catastrophe and they cannot recover because of a road; they need protection with something that holds up in court.

Hank Henning, 2604 Morningside Drive – Mr. Henning asked for a point of clarification regarding moving residential property to commercial and why the same could not be done with an overlay district. He stated that it bothered those in the residential areas and asked why if residential properties were removed from the map, and then they were rezoned commercial, why could it not then be put under the Overlay District. There was discussion between Mr. Henning, Council and the City Attorney regarding this issue.

Council was of the consensus to leave the public hearing open and to table this item to the April 23, 2013 Council meeting.

Motioned by Councilmember Olsen, seconded by Councilmember Davisson, to continue the public hearing and table this item to the April 23 Council meeting.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

- 7. Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 66, "Health and Sanitation" of the City of Bedford Code of Ordinances by amending Section 66-63. "Definitions" and adding a new Section 66-44. "Mobile Food Units"; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; providing a penalty clause; and providing an effective date.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 8. Consider an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 08-2905 awarding the contract to Allied Waste Services of Fort Worth, LLC, successor-in-interest to Allied Waste Systems, Inc., for Solid Waste Collection Services to include Article II. "Definitions"; Article IV. Section K. "Indemnification"; Article IV. Section W. "Modification of Rates"; and granting an extension of the contract for an additional five year term commencing on January 14, 2014.**

Deputy City Manager David Miller presented information regarding this Item and Item #9. This is for the renewal of contracts with Allied Waste, which are set to expire in January. The renewals would be for an additional five years with rate increases three times over the next six years, in May 2013, May 2015 and May 2017. The rates would be as follows: Current - \$7.15 for solid waste, \$1.96 for recycling and \$1.43 for senior recycling; May 2013 - \$7.42 for solid waste, \$2.03 for recycling and \$1.48 for senior recycling; May 2015 - \$7.70 for solid waste, \$2.11 for recycling and \$1.54 for senior recycling; and May 2017 - \$7.98 for solid waste, \$2.19 for recycling and \$1.60 for senior recycling. Currently, the rate for trash and recycling is \$9.11. The contracts would be renewed until January of 2019 with the end rate being \$10.17, for a total increase of \$1.06 for residential rates.

In answer to questions for Council, Mr. Miller stated that the contract with Allied Waste has been in place for approximately 10 years. There was discussion that going out for bid on the contracts may have lead to much higher rates; that the City has lower rates than many surrounding cities; and Allied Waste's performance and their contribution to beautification and other City events.

Motioned by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Davisson, to approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 08-2905 awarding the contract to Allied Waste Services of Fort Worth, LLC, successor-in-interest to Allied Waste Systems, Inc., for Solid Waste Collection Services to include Article II. "Definitions"; Article IV. Section K. "Indemnification"; Article IV. Section W. "Modification of Rates"; and granting an extension of the contract for an additional five year term commencing on January 14, 2014.

Motion approved 6-0-1. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

Voting in favor of the motion: Mayor Griffin, Councilmember Boyter, Councilmember Davisson, Councilmember Olsen, Councilmember Turner and Councilmember Brown.

Abstaining from voting on the motion: Councilmember Nolan.

- 9. Consider an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 08-2906 awarding the contract to Allied Waste Services of Fort Worth, LLC, successor-in-interest to Allied Waste Systems, Inc., for Recycling Services to include Article II. "Definitions"; Article IV. Section K. "Indemnification"; Article IV. Section W. "Modification of Rates"; and granting an extension of the contract for an additional five year term commencing on January 14, 2014.**

This item was discussed during the previous item.

Motioned by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Davisson, to approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 08-2906 awarding the contract to Allied Waste Services of Fort Worth, LLC, successor-in-interest to Allied Waste Systems, Inc., for Recycling Services to include Article II. "Definitions"; Article IV. Section K. "Indemnification"; Article IV. Section W. "Modification of Rates"; and granting an extension of the contract for an additional five year term commencing on January 14, 2014.

Motion approved 6-0-1. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

Voting in favor of the motion: Mayor Griffin, Councilmember Boyter, Councilmember Davisson, Councilmember Olsen, Councilmember Turner and Councilmember Brown.

Abstaining from voting on the motion: Councilmember Nolan.

Councilmember Olsen requested that it be on the record that everybody is interested in this type of service being purchased and it is something the City has to have. The City has a great relationship with Allied Waste and they do a good job. She is never for rate increases but based on City recommendations and all the research done by staff that this was the best way to go for the citizens without having a much higher increase.

Councilmember Nolan requested that it be on the record that she is abstaining because she really believes in transparency and would have liked to see after 10 years these contracts go out to bid.

10. Consider a resolution accepting the report from the independent auditor and the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012.

Administrative Services Director Cliff Blackwell presented information regarding this resolution. He stated that the City's charter requires a yearly audit by an independent certified public accountant. The firm of BKD, L.L.P. was selected last summer and they are in year one of a three year contract with two optional one year extensions.

Kevin Kemp of BKD presented the final version of their audit. He stated that the governing body needs to approve the documents before they can sign their opinions and release information. He further stated that they have completed their audit in accordance generally accepted auditing standards and believes the financial statements as presented are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. He then presented some financial highlights. The City's assets exceeded its liabilities by over \$57M and of that, \$8M is unrestricted to be used to meet the ongoing obligations of the City. There are fund balances of \$12.9M of which 36.9% is unassigned, or 18% of expenditures. The recommended percentage by the GFOA is 25%. All fund balances were positive across the board. There was a decrease in debt of \$6M, which was offset by a bond issue of \$5M. He stated that all financial statements have estimates, including the allowance for doubtful accounts, useful lives of capital assets and obligations for post-employment benefits, and that they were in agreement with the City's estimates. He stated that there was a transition in the Finance Department and that they did propose adjusting some journal entries as part of the closing process. He stated that there were inefficiencies because of an outdated IT system and recommended that the City look at a canned software package. He stated that they did meet more in greater detail Finance Committee.

There was discussion on staff turnover and that the City has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the last 16 years.

Motioned by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Davisson, to approve a resolution accepting the report from the independent auditor and the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

11. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter a contract with Huguley Assessment Center in the amount of \$19,215 to perform physical assessments for Bedford Fire Department personnel for the year 2013-2014.

This item was approved by consent.

12. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$55,000 for engineering services for the conceptual design of Sulphur Branch Channel Improvements (SH121 to Bedford Road) Project.

This item was approved by consent.

13. Discussion on how the City Manager will be reviewed. **This item requested by Councilmember Nolan

Councilmember Nolan requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. She stated she wanted to be sure that Council were under the same assumptions on how the City Manager would be reviewed and to go through step-by-step on what is going to happen and that everybody was on board with that. There was discussion regarding personnel matters being handled in Executive Session and that the process was laid out at the previous meeting. There was further discussion regarding the interpretation of the results, Council not having the opportunity to meet with each other and that the process is the same as in previous years.

14. Report on most recent meeting of the following Boards and Commissions:

✓ **Animal Shelter Advisory Board - Councilmember Olsen**

Councilmember Olsen reported that the Pet Fair will be held on Saturday, April 13.

✓ **Beautification Commission – Councilmember Turner**

Councilmember Turner reported on the Crud Cruiser event where 70 cars showed up. This is a slight decrease over previous years due to spring break and more careful planning will be done. The annual Clean-Up Bedford Day will be held on Saturday, April 27 and he invited everyone to join the Commission for that event. He further invited everyone for the BRAC Clean-Up Day, where new shrubs and flowers will be planted and the monument will be pressure cleaned.

✓ **Community Affairs Commission - Councilmember Boyter**

Councilmember Boyter encouraged residents to come to the Consumer Energy Expo at the old library on Saturday, April 20. More information can be found on the City's website.

✓ **Cultural Commission - Councilmember Nolan**

Councilmember Nolan reported that the Commission met the previous night and is continuing to see what their next action item will be.

✓ **Library Board – Councilmember Brown**

No report was given.

✓ **Parks & Recreation Board - Councilmember Davisson**

Councilmember Davisson reported that the next meeting of the Board is on April 4.

✓ **Senior Citizen Advisory Board - Councilmember Turner**

No report was given.

✓ **Teen Court Advisory Board - Councilmember Olsen**

Councilmember Olsen reported that the Board will meet on Thursday, April 4 and that also have their upcoming banquet.

15. Council member reports

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Mayor Griffin reported that the Community Garden had their kickoff last weekend and that Ms. Griffin, Councilmember Nolan and Councilmember Turner worked on the Council and Beautification beds. The recent freeze did not kill the vegetables. He reported that the CPR Spring Blitz is scheduled for April 12 – 13. He had the opportunity to serve meals to Bedford residents through Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County and he will be doing the same next week with Metroport Meals on Wheels.

16. City Manager/Staff Reports

City Manager Beverly Griffith reported that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m. at the Boys Ranch Activity Center. April 4 will be the start of Twilight Thursdays at the Old Bedford School, with a Beatles tribute band that night and Texas Heritage Music on April 11. The concerts run from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Van Cliburne tickets are currently on sale for Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 and more information can be found on the Old Bedford School website.

She reported that a long time firefighter was recently diagnosed with cancer. He has been with the City for 20 years and has two kids. Applebee's has partnered with the Fire Department to do a fundraiser on April 11, where, with a flier, they will donate 15% of a person's ticket to the Bedford Professional Firefighters Association.

17. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session

No action was necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Griffin adjourned the meeting at 2:12 a.m.

Jim Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary