

Council Minutes September 22, 2015

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Work Session at 6:00 p.m. and Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 22nd day of September, 2015 with the following members present:

Jim Griffin	Mayor
Ray Champney	Council Members
Steve Farco	
Roger Fisher	
Dave Gebhart	
Rusty Sartor	
Roy W. Turner	

constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Roger Gibson	City Manager
Kelli Agan	Assistant City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Amanda Jacobs	Assistant City Secretary
Cliff Blackwell	Administrative Services Director
Natalie Foster	Public Information Officer
Jeff Gibson	Police Chief
Joey Lankford	Fire Marshal
Meg Jakubik	Strategic Services Manager
Emilio Sanchez	Planning Manager
James Tindell	Fire Chief

COUNCIL CHAMBER WORK SESSION

Mayor Griffin called the Work Session to order at 6:00 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: 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

Fire Marshal Joey Lankford presented information on Item #9. Mr. Lankford stated that there was a cost savings of \$10,809 from last year and that over the five-year contract the City will save \$63,400.

Public Works Director Tom Hoover presented information on Item #11. Mr. Hoover stated that this item is for additional work at the Boys Ranch Park to make the berm along Harwood Road aesthetically pleasing with landscaping, irrigation and stone work. In answer to questions from the Council, Mr. Hoover stated that irrigation would only cover the berm at this time and that staff can design irrigation for the remainder of the area; that a metered tap would be installed; that staff is looking into having a well dug in order to expand the irrigated area; and that there will not be enough funds to install a concrete ledge around the whole pond.

Mr. Hoover presented information on Item #12. He stated that staff met with residents in the

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Brookwood Hills addition regarding erosion issues caused by construction associated with the round-a-bout; that the City has a drainage easement that gives the legal right and ability to maintain conveyance of water through that area; that some areas were showing as being in a partial floodplain and residents were being asked to purchase flood insurance; that staff asked the engineers to do a study along the tributary to determine what is needed to make the erosion stop and what the elevation of the floodplain will be after work is done; that the City will have to work with the Corps of Engineers because it is "Waters of the United States and the length of the stream is longer than what staff can handle as a maintenance program; that this is the first step; and that funding is available from the 2011 Stormwater CO fund balances.

Mr. Hoover presented information on Item #14. He stated that back in January the City of Hurst approached staff to join in a multi-city study of a creek that runs on Bedford's western border. The City's part of the project is limited to \$2,000. Part of the study will provide Bedford with an updated model of the tributary.

- **Present report on the 2015 BluesFest.**

Special Events Manager Wendy Hartnett gave a presentation on the 2015 BluesFest. The goals and mission for the event remain the same from previous years. She displayed a list of sponsors and stated that the staff and VIP meals were donated. Advertising included a 4.5 minute segment on Good Morning Texas and a live spot on Channel 8. The Saturday night numbers exceeded the Sunday night numbers with Delbert McClinton as the headliner. She stated that 88 percent of the on-line ticket sales were from outside the HEB area. There were 46 marketplace vendors, 16 food vendors, an estimated attendance of 20,500, cash sponsorships of \$62,857 and in-kind sponsorships of \$72,000. In regard to the BBQ competition, there were 74 teams and the event continues to be the largest KCBS contest in Texas and the competition is an automatic qualifier to the World Food Competition and The Jack Competition. New this year was the addition of campers, which increases the revenue. She stated that 872 pounds of cooked BBQ was donated to 6Stones.

In regards to seating options, the party tent was sold out each night with revenue of \$19,000, reserved seating was sold out with revenue of \$24,000, 25 VIP seats were sold each night, with revenue of \$5,000 and General Admission brought in \$58,000. The cost recovery was 66.59 percent.

Challenges and changes included a Steak Cook-Off Association Competition, the Chrysler test drive event, a Craft Beer feature, food court adjustments and continued sponsor participation. Looking forward, staff will continue to find ways to increase attendance and sponsor participation, enhance the BBQ and music events, look at additional revenue streams and better coordinate the events.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Work Session at 6:40 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session began at 6:40 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Dean Ryan Reed of St. Vincent's Cathedral gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flags of the United States and Texas were given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

Public Information Officer Natalie Foster stated that the Bedford Fire Department Open House will be on Saturday, October 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Central Fire Station; and that the Library is having their annual Big Bedford Bazaar Event from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday as well. She stated that on Saturday, October 24, the Boys Ranch Activity Center will have HalloweenFest from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and that ArtsFest 2016 will be held Saturday, April 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Foster presented an update on the Boys Ranch Master Plan. She stated that progress continues on Phase I of the Parks Master Plan. The lake is being reshaped, the concrete ledges and stone placement has been completed on the north side of the lake, and that crews continue to do the same on the east and west sides as well. The sidewalk has been completed on the north side of the park near the playground area. Most of the ducks and wildlife have found other water sources. Construction crews will begin working on the new pavilion on the east side of the water sometime in the next few weeks, barring any weather delays.

OPEN FORUM

Nobody chose to speak during Open Forum.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilmember Champney, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve the following items by consent: 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14

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

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Employee Service Recognition

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

Tommy Peterson, Fire Department – 35 years of service

2. Proclamation declaring October 11, 2015 as National Day of Service Day in the City of Bedford.

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation declaring October 11, 2015 as National Service Day in the City of Bedford. Sharon Katz, Chairman of the Celebration 125 Committee of the Daughters of the Revolution, accepted the proclamation.

3. Proclamation recognizing October 6, 2015 as the official day for National Night Out in the City of Bedford.

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation recognizing October 6, 2015 as the official day for National Night Out in the City of Bedford. Police Chief Jeff Gibson accepted the proclamation.

4. Proclamation recognizing October 2015 as Crime Prevention Month in the City of Bedford.

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation recognizing October 2015 as Crime Prevention Month in the City of Bedford. Sergeant Doug Crowell accepted the proclamation.

5. Proclamation recognizing October 2015 as Fire Prevention Month in the City of Bedford.

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Mayor Griffin read a proclamation recognizing October 2015 as Fire Prevention Month in the City of Bedford. Fire Chief James Tindell accepted the proclamation.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

6. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:
 - a) September 8, 2015 regular session
 - b) September 15, 2015 special session

This item was approved by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

7. **Public hearing and consider an ordinance to rezone Lot 2, Block 1, Saint Vincents Addition, located at 1717 Schumac Lane, Bedford, Texas from (R75) Residential to (R75/SUP) Residential 7,500/Specific Use Permit, specific to Section 3.2.C(2)a, Churches, Temples and Synagogues (places of religious worship) and 3.2.C.(3)a, Primary and Secondary School of the City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance, allowing for Archangel Michael Church to operate a church and school. The subject property is generally located north of Schumac Lane and east of Forest Ridge Drive. (Z-280)**

Planning Manager Emilio Sanchez presented information regarding this item. He stated that St. Vincent's Church is selling their gymnasium to Archangel Michael Church and as a stipulation of the sale, St. Vincent's will be able to continue to hold classes for the 2015-2016 school year.

In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Sanchez stated that church services on Sunday are at approximately the same time; that St. Vincent's uses Forest Ridge Drive as an entrance and exit and Archangel Michael will use Schumac Lane; that there will be an additional 129 vehicles in the parking lot; that the church is a start-up church and will be growing its membership; and that 129 parking spaces will be added prior to obtaining a certificate of occupancy.

Mayor Griffin opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Sani Ebrahi, the broker for the dioceses spoke on this item, stating that they add value to every community they are in.

Mayor Griffin closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Motioned by Councilmember Champney, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve and ordinance to rezone Lot 2, Block 1, Saint Vincents Addition, located at 1717 Schumac Lane, Bedford, Texas from (R75) Residential to (R75/SUP) Residential 7,500/Specific Use Permit, specific to Section 3.2.C(2)a, Churches, Temples and Synagogues (places of religious worship) and 3.2.C.(3)a, Primary and Secondary School of the City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance, allowing for Archangel Michael Church to operate a church and school. The subject property is generally located north of Schumac Lane and east of Forest Ridge Drive. (Z-280)

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

8. **Consider an ordinance amending the City of Bedford Code of Ordinances Appendix A – Schedule of Fees, by updating fees imposed by the City; containing a savings clause; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.**

Strategic Services Manager Meg Jakubik presented information regarding this item. Ms. Jakubik stated that there was some reorganization of the fees in the Building Department and to change the multi-family inspection fee to a multi-family license fee and increase the fee from \$1.50 per unit per month to \$5 per unit per month. The Fire Department added fees based on the systems the Fire Marshal

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inspects. The Old Bedford School increased their rates for cost recovery purposes as staff found that the current rates were low. The recreation fees were increased due to implementation of a software upgrade. The Water Department made minor adjustments from a cost recovery standpoint. The Stormwater Division was notified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that the City is required to do inspections on cross connections, back-flow devices and grease and grit traps. Fees were put in place for these items.

In answer to questions from the Council, Ms. Jakubik stated that regarding the multi-family fees, different cities take different approaches; that there are cities that do a per unit per month fee while some do a one annual fee; that the City has increased services to multi-family housing over the last year; that a second multi-family inspector will be added this year; and that the City did not adequately recover the cost of the Crime Free Multi-Family Officer position when the fee was raised last year. There was discussion on increasing the fee to \$10 per unit per month and to reevaluate the fee on an annual or bi-annual basis to ensure that the fee is on mark with what an average citizen would pay.

Motioned by Councilmember Farco, seconded by Councilmember Turner to approve an ordinance amending the City of Bedford Code of Ordinances Appendix A, with the exception of moving the multi-housing fee from \$5 to \$10 – Schedule of Fees, by updating fees imposed by the City; containing a saving clause; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.

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

Voting in favor of the motion: Mayor Griffin, Councilmember Sartor, Councilmember Champney, Councilmember Farco, Councilmember Turner and Councilmember Fisher

Voting in opposition to the motion: Councilmember Gebhart

- 9. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a multi-year agreement between the City of Bedford, Texas and Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$309,613.34 for support and maintenance of the trunk radio infrastructure and for the trunk radio system manager.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 10. Consider a resolution authorizing payment to the City of North Richland Hills, in the amount of \$31,701.96, to provide continuous maintenance for subscriber radios and auxiliary equipment.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 11. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Kimley Horn & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000 for additional design work at the Boys Ranch Park.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 12. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Baird Hampton & Brown Inc. in the amount of \$38,290 for the Brookwood Stream Study for future drainage system improvements in the Brookwood Hills Addition.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 13. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with King Engineering Associates Inc. in the amount of \$28,000 for assistance with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) requirements for six water main improvement projects as related to the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT).**

This item was approved by consent.

14. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between City of Hurst, City of Ft. Worth, and the City of Bedford for flood protection planning grant assistance filed with the Texas Water Development Board by the City of Hurst.

This item was approved by consent.

15. Consider a resolution appointing members to Bedford's Citizen Boards and Commissions.

Motioned by Council Member Champney, seconded by Councilmember Farco, to appoint the following members to the City's Board and Commissions:

Animal Shelter Advisory Board

Barbara Richardson, Place 4: Animal Welfare Organization
Chairperson: Susan Read

Beautification Commission

June Gravley, Place 1
F. Dewey Tennant, Place 2
Patty Sinclair, Place 4
Bonnie Cooper, Place 5
Erin Blackman, Place 11
Chairperson: Marty Geer

Building and Standards Commission

Tonya Martin, Place 1: Engineer
Tom Bresnahan, Place 5: Licensed Architect
Patricia Nolan, Place 6: Alternate

Community Affairs Commission

Doug White, Place 2: Business
Roy Savage, Place 8: Resident
Gary Morlock, Place 10: Resident
Margaret Hall, Place 11: Resident
Sal Caruso, Place 12: Resident
Chairperson: Roy Savage

Cultural Commission

Debbi Savage, Place 1
Barbara Speares, Place 3
Roger Gallenstein, Alternate 2
Chairperson: Thomas Jacobsen

Ethics Commission

John Chaloupka, Place 7

Library Advisory Board

Deborah Allbach, Place 1
Margaret Aby Carroll, Place 2
Lester Davis, Place 4
Sarah Williams, Place 8
Mishal Ali, Place 9
Chairperson: Deborah Allbach

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Parks and Recreation Board

Rene Hernandez, Place 1
Jeremy Loy, Place 2
Jeanette Cook, Place 3
Douglas Allbach, Place 4
Elvera Rose Henderson, Place 8
Lisa Cassell, Place 10
Chairperson: Jeanette Cook

Planning and Zoning Commission

Jason Sinisi, Place 2
J. William "Bill" Reese, Place 3
Todd Carlson, Place 4
Mitchell Austin, Place 5
Michael Davis, Place 8: Alternate
Ben McLallen, Place 9: Alternate

Street Improvement Economic Development Corporation

Tina Penney, Public
Marty Hathaway, Public

Teen Court Advisory Board

Janet Key, Place 1
Jung Kim, Alternate 1

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Robert Welch, Place 1
Dorothy McWhorter, Place 4
Keith Quigley, Place 5

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

Voting in favor of the motion: Mayor Griffin, Councilmember Sartor, Councilmember Champney, Councilmember Farco, Councilmember Turner and Councilmember Gebhart

Voting in opposition to the motion: Councilmember Fisher

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

✓ Animal Shelter Advisory Board - Councilmember Fisher

Councilmember Fisher had no report.

✓ Beautification Commission - Councilmember Turner

Councilmember Turner reminded everyone of the Paper Shred Event on October 10 at the Boys Ranch from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and that there is more information on the website. Beautification Awards recipients were selected. The CRUD Cruiser event was successful and 250 cars attended. There is a Beautification Workday scheduled for Saturday, October 17.

✓ Community Affairs Commission - Councilmember Farco

Councilmember Farco reported that the Commission held a HOA Roundtable with 90 people in attendance. There will be a Neighborhood Block Party on October 1 in the Rolling Wood Addition and the Shires.

✓ Cultural Commission - Councilmember Champney

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Councilmember Champney reported that ArtsFest is scheduled for April 2016 and that the Commission is ready to apply to the Texas Commission on the Arts for the State designation. As part of that, a calendar of activities is being assembled to include art events around the State.

✓ **Library Advisory Board - Councilmember Farco**

Councilmember Farco reported that the Board will meet the following Wednesday. Community Services Supervisor Jeanne Green gave a presentation on the Summer Reading Program and how to involve the School District in next year's program. The Big Bedford Bazaar is scheduled for October 17.

✓ **Parks and Recreation Board - Councilmember Sartor**

Councilmember Sartor had no report.

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

Councilmember Gebhart presented a certificate of appreciate to the City of Bedford for support of the 2015 Teen Court Scholarship from the Teen Court Advisory Board.

✓ **Senior Citizen Liaison - Councilmember Turner**

Councilmember Turner reported that plans continue in improving activities at the Senior Center.

17. Council member Reports

Mayor Griffin stated that the City was involved in the 6Stones Clay Shooting event and that the City's team won a trophy.

18. City Manager/Staff Reports

Mr. Gibson stated that he was approached by members of the community and of the Police Department stating that Jeff Gibson would be a good candidate for Chief, that he has worked with Jeff for 20 years and that he was proud that Jeff is the Chief.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Griffin adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Jim Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary