

Council Minutes July 11, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 11th day of July, 2023 with the following members present:

Michael Boyter	Mayor
Amy Sabol	Mayor Pro Tem
Dan Cogan	Councilmembers
Nichelle D. Dawkins	
Steve Farco	
Rich Steves	
Rob Gagliardi	

constituting a quorum.

Caryn Riggs	Assistant City Manager
Andrea Roy	Assistant City Manager
Bryn Meredith	City Attorney
Amanda Jacobs	Assistant City Secretary
Cheryl Taylor	Public Works Director
Jeff Williams	Police Chief
Wes Morrison	Community Development Manager

REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session began at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Boyter called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Jack Terrell with KiDs Beach Club gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATION

• **Presentation on the 2022 Police Department Annual Report**

Police Chief Jeff Williams presented the 2022 Police Department Annual Report. He presented the Department's new vision and mission statement; the beat map showing the five districts that

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have an officer assigned 24 hours a day; the Departments organizational chart, which includes, 81 full-time officers and two part-time, 34 civilian staff, and 12 dispatchers; the Mid-Cities Narcotics Task Force; response times; calls for service, including 911 and non-emergency calls; crime trends; being above the national average in solved cases; the Behavioral Intervention Unit; meeting State and National training standards; officer certification and employee retention; the hiring process; Animal Service calls and adoption numbers; the Citizens Police Academy and volunteer hours; working with area departments to address crime trends and mutual aid; the Explorer Program; establishing a Multi-Family Housing Officer; and the Victims Assistance Unit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Culbert signed up to speak on Item #1. He wanted to discuss the Senior dances.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Assistant City Manager Caryn Riggs presented an overview of items on the consent agenda.

Motioned by Councilmember Gagliardi, seconded by Councilmember Cogan, to approve the following items by consent; 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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

- 1. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:
a) June 27, 2023 regular meeting**

This item was approved by Consent.

- 2. Consider a resolution approving the ratification of payment to Tech Logic for current and future preventative maintenance services in a total estimated amount of \$59,000.**

This item was approved by Consent.

- 3. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to contract with Stripe-A-Zone, Inc. for pavement marking services, using the City of Grand Prairie contract through the Multi-City Master Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, in an estimated amount of \$200,000.**

This item was approved by Consent.

- 4. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to contract with Atlas Utility Supply Company for water and wastewater supplies and materials, using the City of North Richland Hills' contract through the Multi-City Master Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement in an estimated amount of \$130,000.**

This item was approved by Consent.

NEW BUSINESS

- 5. Public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Chapter 5 of Appendix B, City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance by creating a new Section 5.15 entitled "Tree Preservation;" repealing Chapter 7, the "Tree Preservation Ordinance," of Appendix C, the City of Bedford Subdivision Ordinance. (Item was recommended for approval by the Planning**

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and Zoning Commission by a vote of 7-0-0)

Community Development Manager Wes Morrison presented information regarding this item. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission met three times to discuss the Tree Preservation Ordinance and that he was presenting their final draft. the goal was to have an ordinance that encouraged creativity when looking at site design to preserve trees; setting a definition for buildable area; adding an unprotected tree list; identifying undesirable trees; options for tree replacement; redefining replacement tree diameter; tree replacement quantity; a tree credit incentive program; and a tree protection program.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Morrison stated staff can issue a citation per offense, per tree, per day for a Zoning Ordinance violation.

Mayor Boyter opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

Bob Cochrane, 2252 Bedford Circle, Bedford asked if the ordinance applied to City-owned property. Mr. Morrison stated there is a section dedicated strictly to municipal trees.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Morrison stated there is an exemption for homestead exempt property and any property two acres or less that is homestead exempt is exempt from this ordinance. He stated acceptable trees will be looked at in the Landscape Ordinance, this ordinance is for the protection of trees, and a certified arborist helped finalize the nuisance trees list.

Mayor Boyter closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Motioned by Mayor Pro Tem Sabol, seconded by Councilmember Steves, to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 5 of Appendix B, City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance by creating a new Section 5.15 entitled "Tree Preservation;" repealing Chapter 7, the "Tree Preservation Ordinance," of Appendix C, the City of Bedford Subdivision Ordinance.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Pro Tem Sabol declared the motion carried.

6. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into a contract with Excel 4 Construction, LLC in an estimated amount of \$6,410,000 for the SWIFT 21-14 Water and Wastewater Improvement Project - Airport Freeway (SH 183), Chattanooga Drive, Bedford Road, Brown Trail, Robindale Drive, and Robindale Court.

Public Works Director Cheryl Taylor presented information on this item. She stated this project includes over 8,300 linear feet of water pipe and 7,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer pipe that will be replaced. The design was completed in 2022 and approved by the Texas Water Development Board to utilize State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) funds. The water line along Airport Freeway from Tennis Drive to Oakhurst was installed in the 1950's and the lines in Brown Trail and Bedford Road were installed in the early 1960's. The sewer lines serving the Robindale area and in Chattanooga Drive were installed in the 1960's. The contractor with the highest score was Excel 4 Construction, LLC, with a total bid of \$6,410,000 and funding will come from SWIFT Funds, the 2019 Certificates of Obligation Bond, and the Utility Repair Fund. Construction time will be 365 calendar days and is expected to be complete in the fall of 2024.

Motioned by Councilmember Cogan, seconded by Councilmember Gagliardi, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into a contract with Excel 4 Construction, LLC in an estimated amount of \$6,410,000 for the SWIFT 21-14 Water and

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Wastewater Improvement Project - Airport Freeway (SH 183), Chattanooga Drive, Bedford Road, Brown Trail, Robindale Drive, and Robindale Court.

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

7. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to cancel the July 25, November 28, and December 26, 2023 regular Council meetings.

Assistant City Manager Caryn Riggs presented information on this item. She stated the November and December meetings fall within the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday weeks and canceling the July meeting will allow staff time to finalize the proposed budget.

Motioned by Councilmember Gagliardi, seconded by Councilmember Dawkins, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to cancel the July 25, November 28, and December 26, 2023 regular Council meetings.

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

8. Mayor/Council Member Reports

Councilmember Dawkins thanked staff for the 4th of July celebration.

Councilmember Farco thanked staff for a great event and stated he heard comments about the fireworks being the best the City has ever had, people were able to spread out, and the music was great.

9. City Manager/Staff Reports **a) Department Update**

No report was given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Pursuant to Section 551.071. Consultation with City Attorney relative to the real property located at 3009 Glenwood Court, also described as Lot 3, Block 2 of the CANTERBURY ADDITION, in the City of Bedford.**

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071. Consultation with City Attorney relative to the real property located at 3009 Glenwood Court, also described as Lot 3, Block 2 of the CANTERBURY ADDITION, in the City of Bedford, at 7:17 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Boyter adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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Michael Boyter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary