

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
EULESS CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Euless City Council was called to order by Mayor Mary Lib Saleh at 4:07 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, in the Precouncil Conference Room of City Hall, 201 North Ector Drive. Those present included: Mayor Mary Lib Saleh, Mayor Pro Tem Linda Martin, Council Members Tim Stinneford, Leon Hogg, Donna Mickan, Glenn Porterfield, and Perry Bynum.

The precouncil meeting included:

- > A discussion led by City Manager Gary McKamie and Trinity River Authority (TRA) staff, Warren Brewer and Bill Smith, regarding agenda item # 6, the TRA resolution authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of TRA Improvement Revenue Bonds;
- > A review by City Secretary Susan Crim of the board and commission appointment process which will include interviews to be held on October 13, 2008;
- > An update of the investment of city funds by Deputy City Manager Loretta Getchell;
- > A financial report for August by Director of Finance Vicki Rodriguez;
- > A review of a proposed transient dwelling ordinance governing group homes in single-family residential areas by Director of Planning and Development Mike Collins;
- > Discussion led by City Manager Gary McKamie regarding resolutions proposed for consideration at the Texas Municipal League annual conference related to (1) greater local oversight of intra-state gas utilities and (2) joint city tax increment financing districts for revitalization of development corridors along city limit boundaries;
- > Discussion led by Director of Planning and Development Mike Collins regarding proposed changes to the City's gas drilling ordinance;
- > and the review of agenda items.

The city council convened into closed session at 6:43 p.m. for deliberation regarding the lease of city property as authorized by Sections 551.072 of the Texas Government

Code, and deliberation of personnel matters regarding board and commission appointments for the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Civil Service Commission, as authorized by Sections 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. They reconvened into open session at 7:00 p.m.

## **COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF SCHEDULED ITEMS - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Euless City Council continued their meeting in the Council Chambers at 7:05 p.m. for the consideration of scheduled items.

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

City Manager Gary McKamie, Deputy City Manager Loretta Getchell, City Attorney Bob McFarland, Associate City Attorney Paul Wieneskie, City Secretary Susan Crim, Deputy City Secretary Becky Null, Director of Finance Vicki Rodriguez, Director of Public Works Ron Young, Director of Economic Development Bill Ridgway, Director of Parks and Community Services Ray McDonald, Director of Planning and Development Mike Collins, Police Chief Mike Brown, Fire Chief Robert Isbell, Assistant Police Chief Bob Freeman, Assistant Police Chief Harland Westmoreland, City Engineer Robert Barker, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Chris Barker, Fleet and Facility Administrator Kyle McAdams, Texas Star General Manager Glenda Hartsell-Shelton, Purchasing Manager Mike Lowry, Special Projects Manager Kay Godbey, Police Lt. Steve Kockos, Police Sgt. David S. Chaney, Police Sgt. Ron Williamson, Police Sgt. Gary Landers, Executive Secretary Diana Ryan, Administrative Secretary Danette Thorpe, Police Administrative Secretary Carol Agee, Police and Fire Dispatcher Debra Riley-Torrez, Public Works Field Tech Ernest Torrez, Police and Fire Dispatcher Mary Sanchez, Information Services Administrator Dan McLain, Computer Services Specialist Jake Dilliplane, Communications and Marketing Manager Betsy Deck, and Reserve Police Officer Clyde Cullum.

### **VISITORS**

Paula McKamie, Bob and Mary Beth McKamie, Don Martin, Scott Fisher, Willie Reed, Joshua Riley, Annie Bowe, Manny, Max, and Mila Sanchez, Iris Elliott, Jerrie Keller, John Schleeter, Esther Johnson, Jake Thomasson, Carroll Scott, Billy Owens, and others as noted in the visitor register.

### **INVOCATION**

Reverend Scott Fisher, Pastor of Metroplex Chapel, gave the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Perry Bynum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ITEM NO. 1 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Police Chief Mike Brown introduced Police and Fire Dispatcher Debra Riley-Torrez. Debra introduced her husband, Ernest, father, Willie Reed, son, Joshua Riley, and his

fiancé, Annie Bowe. Mayor Saleh presented Debra with the 2008 Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International Trainer of the Year Award.

Police Chief Mike Brown introduced Police and Fire Dispatcher Mary Sanchez. Mary introduced her husband, Manny, brother-in-law, Max Sanchez, and mother-in-law, Mila Sanchez. Mayor Saleh presented Mary with the 2008 National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Telecommunicator of the Year Award.

## **ITEM NO. 2 PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE SERVICE PIN**

Deputy City Manager Loretta Getchell introduced City Manager Gary McKamie. Gary introduced his wife, Paula, and parents, Bob and Mary Beth McKamie. Gary noted that his dad worked for 40 years for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

In addition to Loretta Getchell, Special Projects Manager Kay Godbey, Police Chief Mike Brown, Assistant Police Chief Harland Westmoreland, Assistant Police Chief Bob Freeman, City Secretary Susan Crim, Deputy City Secretary Becky Null, Mayor Saleh and each council member expressed appreciation for Gary McKamie during his 35 years of employment with the city.

It was noted that Gary has been with the City of Euless for two-thirds of his life. He began as a police dispatcher in 1973, promoted to patrolman in 1975 and worked as a property clerk and investigator from 1978-1980. He promoted to sergeant in 1980, lieutenant in 1985, assistant police chief in 1989, and became police chief in 1993. In 1999, Gary became deputy city manager and was appointed city manager by the city council in July, 2007.

It was stated that Gary's philosophy is that staff's primary responsibilities are to take care of the citizens of Euless and the city employees. He believes in doing the right thing in all situations. Gary was described as having great leadership, integrity, and a servant's heart, being honest, and having the ability to deal with the most difficult people and situations with calmness. He was credited with starting the Euless Citizen's Police Academy and yearly town hall meetings. Love and appreciation was also expressed by all for Gary.

Mayor Saleh presented Gary with a 35-year service pin.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Martin motioned to approve Consent Agenda Items numbered 3 through 12.

Council Member Hogg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mayor Saleh, Mayor Pro Tem Martin, Council Members Stinneford, Hogg, Mickan, Porterfield, and Bynum

Nays: None

Mayor Saleh declared the motion carried.

**ITEM NO. 3 RENEWED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 022-04**

Renewed RFP No. 022-04 with Web-TPA, 8500 Freeport Parkway South, Suite 400, Irving, Texas, 75063, for the second and final two-year extension for third party administration and related services for the Employee Health Insurance Plan, in the estimated amount of \$133,125, which includes approximately 2.3% increase to cover increased labor and overhead costs. The large case management and pre-certification will be done by Hines & Associates with PHCS providing network discounts.

**ITEM NO. 4 RENEWED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 012-05**

Renewed RFP No. 012-05 for a two-year extension for independent audit services with Weaver and Tidwell, LLP, 1600 W. Seventh Street, Suite 300, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102-2506, of the City of Euless financial records for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009, in the amount of \$63,000 for the FY 2008 audit and \$65,000 for the FY 2009 audit.

**ITEM NO. 5 AWARDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 010-08**

Awarded RFP No. 010-08 to Gerber Life/International Assurance of Tennessee, 123 Seventh Avenue South, Franklin, Tennessee, 37064, for re-insurance coverage for the city's health insurance program for October 1, 2008, to September 30, 2009, in the amount of \$226,729.80.

**ITEM NO. 6 APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 08-1288**

Approved Resolution No. 08-1288 approving a Trinity River Authority Resolution authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of Trinity River Authority of Texas (Tarrant County Water Project) Improvement Revenue Bonds and authorizing the Mayor to execute a TRA certificate for Resolution No. 08-1288.

**ITEM NO. 7 APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 08-1289**

Approved Resolution No. 08-1289 requesting the members of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session of the State of Texas support legislation that increases funding for the Texas Recreation and Parks Account Local Park Grant Program and the Texas State Park System.

**ITEM NO. 8 APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 08-1290**

Approved Resolution No. 08-1290 reconfirming Bob McFarland as City Attorney.

**ITEM NO. 9 APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 08-1291**

Approved Resolution No. 08-1291 appointing Paul Wieneskie as Associate City Attorney.

**ITEM NO. 10 AUTHORIZED CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY/PROPERTY COVERAGE**

Authorized the city manager to execute interlocal agreements with Texas Municipal League (TML) Intergovernmental Risk Pool for Workers' Compensation and Liability/Property, which includes an increase of 4% or \$10,055 in workers' compensation premiums and a reduction of 10% or \$23,367 in liability and property premiums.

**ITEM NO. 11 AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Authorized the city manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for a feasibility study to define the scope of work and budget figures for the new Family Life Center, proposed to include an expansion of the current recreation center, construction of a new senior center with attached indoor aquatic facility and an outdoor family aquatic facility and related site improvements.

**ITEM NO. 12 APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Approved the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 9, 2008.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ITEM NO. 13 APPROVED TEMPORARY USE PERMIT NO. 08-07-CC**

Council Member Stinneford motioned to approve Temporary Use Permit No. 08-07-CC for a Greek Food Festival to be located on Lot 6 and a portion of Lot 7, Alexander-Cullum Addition, 303 Cullum Drive, for three days on October 10, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., October 11, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and October 12, 2008, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Council Member Bynum seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mayor Saleh, Mayor Pro Tem Martin, Council Members Stinneford, Hogg, Mickan, Porterfield, and Bynum

Nays: None

Mayor Saleh declared the motion carried.

**ITEM NO. 14 APPROVED FIRST AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1830**

Director of Finance Vicki Rodriguez stated that Ordinance No. 1830 will amend the fees charged for water consumption and sewer treatment by increasing the water consumption fee by 14 cents, raising the rate from \$2.97 to \$3.11 per 1,000 gallons. It will increase the sewer treatment fee by 22 cents from \$2.21 to \$2.43 per 1,000 gallons. A portion of the increase was based on information provided by Trinity River Authority

(TRA) which showed an increase in the rate needed from the contracting parties for Fiscal Year 2009, with the balance recommended to support increased overhead, production, and distribution cost.

Council Member Hogg motioned to approve the first and final reading of Ordinance No. 1830 amending Chapter 30, "Fees," Section 30-35, "Water and Sewer Service – Monthly Rates," of the Code of Ordinances.

Council Member Stinneford seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mayor Saleh, Mayor Pro Tem Martin, Council Members Stinneford, Hogg, Mickan, Porterfield, and Bynum

Nays: None

Mayor Saleh declared the motion carried.

**ITEM NO. 15 APPROVED FIRST AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1831**

Police Chief Mike Brown stated that Ordinance No. 1831 will amend the current curfew ordinance to include the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, while school is in session, in an effort to address truancy and potential daytime juvenile criminal activity.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin motioned to approve the first and final reading of Ordinance No. 1831 amending Chapter 50, "Offenses," Section 50-27, "Curfew Hours for Minors," of the Code of Ordinances.

Council Member Mickan seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mayor Saleh, Mayor Pro Tem Martin, Council Members Stinneford, Hogg, Mickan, Porterfield, and Bynum

Nays: None

Mayor Saleh declared the motion carried.

**ITEM NO. 16 APPROVED FIRST AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1832**

Ordinance No. 1832 is being proposed in an effort to minimize harmful vehicular emissions by restricting the idling of motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of over 14,000 pounds from April 1 through October 31 of any calendar year. The ordinance will bring the City into compliance with the Texas Clean Air Act.

Council Member Mickan motioned to approve the first and final reading of Ordinance No. 1832 amending Chapter 42, "Health and Sanitation," by adding Article V, "Air Pollution," to the Code of Ordinances.

Council Member Stinneford seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mayor Saleh, Mayor Pro Tem Martin, Council Members Stinneford, Hogg, Mickan, Porterfield, and Bynum

Nays: None

Mayor Saleh declared the motion carried.

**ITEM NO. 17 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ITEM NO. 18 REPORTS**

**STAFF REPORT**

Director of Finance Vicki Rodriguez gave an update of the technology enhancements made in the departments she supervises, which included the following:

Municipal Court – automated citation system, on-line payments, electronic reporting to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Finance – electronic reports, electronic storage, online access, purchasing cards, online auctions, electronic and email bid distribution, and on-line bill pay.

**CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Gary McKamie thanked the citizens and staff who helped with the evacuees at the shelters during Hurricane Ike. He stated the guests we hosted at the Midway Recreation Center were great people in bad circumstances. He noted that two Euless Fire Department crews went to Galveston County and Chambers County to help in the aftermath of the hurricane. He asked Fire Chief Robert Isbell to extend his thanks to those firefighters. He stated he appreciated all the nice comments he received tonight in honor of his 35 years of service. He stated he was fortunate to be raised in a home with unconditional love and also appreciates the unconditional love from his wife, Paula, of 33 years. He stated that some of his best friends in life are here in the City of Euless, and that he has great support with some of the smartest people around him. He stated he is very grateful for that and appreciates the friendships. He noted that there have been many city council members over the years, and he appreciates what the council does for the employees and the citizens. He stated he could not think of a better place to work. He noted that he came to work here because his dad told him he needed to get a job, never expecting to be here 35 years. He thanked everyone for their kind words and support.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Bob McFarland stated he was glad to see Gary's mom and dad at tonight's council meeting.

**CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member Mickan congratulated Fire and Police Dispatchers Debra Riley-Torrez and Mary Sanchez on the awards they received. She congratulated Gary McKamie on receiving his 35-year pin and thanked Paula for sharing him with the city. She thanked Ray McDonald, Kyle McAdams, Bob Freeman, Joe Kraft, Mike Lowry, Jennifer Rhodes, and all the staff who helped at the hurricane evacuee shelter. She stated she had a great time at the Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association fundraiser. She noted that the library staff had a wonderful reception for the tile artist, stating the tile will be a wonderful artistic addition to the library. She stated the HEB Chamber of Commerce Gala was a lot of fun.

Council Member Porterfield congratulated Debra Riley-Torrez and Mary Sanchez, stating it is not unusual for the city's employees to be selected as the "best". He thanked Vicki Rodriguez and her staff for their hard work and for the staff report. He urged everyone to be mindful that even though the evacuees have left Euless, there is still a devastated area in the hurricane's aftermath. He stated that although he has only known Gary McKamie since 1999, he is a very special person. He noted that Gary and his family are loved by the council, staff and the citizens, and he is thankful for that.

Council Member Bynum thanked Ray McDonald for the good job he and his staff did at the shelter, noting he does a lot of good things for the city. He also noted that Mike Brown, Bob Freeman, and Gary Landers, as well as others, were working at the shelter when he stopped by. He expressed appreciation for Gary McKamie, stating that Gary and his wife are great people.

Council Member Stinneford congratulated Debra Riley-Torrez and Mary Sanchez. He thanked Gary McKamie for being half way through his career. He also thanked Vicki Rodriguez and her staff for all their work.

Council Member Hogg thanked the employees for everything they do for the council.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin thanked Vicki Rodriguez for a great report. She gave a heartfelt congratulations to Debra Riley-Torrez and Mary Sanchez. She expressed to Gary that Euless is truly blessed because he is here.

Mayor Saleh thanked Reverend Scott Fisher for giving the invocation at the meeting. She expressed appreciation for Debra Riley-Torrez, Mary Sanchez, and Vicki Rodriguez. She reminded everyone of the Irving Philharmonic Orchestra and Lewis Warren, Jr. performing Saturday, September 27, at the Villages of Bear Creek Amphitheatre. She thanked Paula McKamie and Gary's parents for being at the meeting and sharing in Gary's special night.

**ITEM NO. 19 ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Saleh adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Mary Lib Saleh  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Susan Crim, TRMC  
City Secretary