

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
EULESS CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 25, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Euless City Council was called to order by Mayor Mary Lib Saleh at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 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, Glenn Porterfield, Donna Mickan, and Perry Bynum.

The precouncil meeting included:

- > A report from Mayor Saleh on the recent North Texas Commission (NTC) meeting, the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Chamber of Commerce monthly membership luncheon, and the dedication of a tree in memory of Willie Mae McCormick at the Police Station by the Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association;
- > Announcement of upcoming city activities and events by City Secretary Susan Crim;
- > Introduction of a new employee, Police Department Technical Service Manager Gary Gregg by City Manager Gary McKamie;
- > An update by Deputy City Manager Loretta Getchell regarding the Cities Aggregation Power Project (CAPP) long-term contract;
- > A report from Assistant Director of Planning and Development Chris Barker on the progress of the project to purchase reclaimed water from the City of Fort Worth;
- > Discussion by Deputy City Manager Loretta Getchell and City Manager Gary McKamie regarding the Street Lighting Tariff by Oncor Electric Delivery to bring street light poles up to energy conservation standards;
- > A report from Director of Public Works Ron Young and City Manager Gary McKamie on the citizen meeting held the previous week regarding Baze Road improvements;
- > An update from State Representative Todd Smith regarding possible legislation during the 2009 Texas legislative session;
- > Discussion led by Director of Planning and Development Mike Collins, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Chris Barker and City Manager Gary

McKamie regarding a proposed landscape irrigation ordinance required to comply with HB 1656 enacted in the 2007 legislative session;

- > A financial update from Director of Finance Vicki Rodriguez on the end of Fiscal Year 2008 and the beginning of Fiscal Year 2009;
- > and the review of agenda items.

The city council convened into closed session at 6:37 p.m. for deliberation of pending litigation concerning Short vs. City of Euless and Merced vs. City of Euless as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code and the deliberation regarding real property concerning Cresthaven Addition and the leasing of city property as authorized by Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code. They reconvened into open session at 6:48 p.m.

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

The Euless City Council continued their meeting in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. for the consideration of scheduled items.

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

City Manager Gary McKamie, Deputy City Manager Loretta Getchell, City Attorney Bob McFarland, City Secretary Susan Crim, Deputy City Secretary Becky Null, Director of Public Works Ron Young, Director of Economic Development Bill Ridgway, Director of Finance Vicki Rodriguez, Director of Parks and Community Services Ray McDonald, Director of Planning and Development Mike Collins, Fire Chief Robert Isbell, Police Chief Mike Brown, Assistant Police Chief Bob Freeman, Assistant Police Chief Harland Westmoreland, City Engineer Robert Barker, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Chris Barker, Purchasing Manager Mike Lowry, Library Administrator Kate Lyon, Public Works Manager J. T. Ackerman, Police Sgt. Gary Landers, Police Sgt. Ron Williamson, Police Sgt. Eric Starnes, Senior Police Officer Sheli Hartley, Police Senior Corporal Joe Hoerth, Police Corporal James Gordon, Driver Engineer Brad Smith, Information Services Administrator Dan McLain, Computer Services Specialist Jake Dilliplane, Communications and Marketing Manager Betsy Deck, and Reserve Police Officer Clyde Cullum.

### **VISITORS**

Kayla Fruge, Delani Smith, Iris Elliott, Jerrie Keller, Jeremy Tompkins, Faye Stinneford, Dylan Ratliff, Sam Shalwani, Randy Jones, John Schleeter, Carroll Scott, Jake Thomasson, Alex Horton, Don Horton and others as noted in the visitor register.

### **INVOCATION**

Reverend G. J. Walton, Pastor of North Euless Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Donna Mickan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM NO. 1 PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER**

Police Chief Mike Brown introduced Senior Police Officer Sheli Hartley, who introduced her daughter, Kayla Fruge, and her friend, Brad Smith, and his daughter, Delani.

Mayor Saleh presented Sheli with a plaque for being selected employee of the month for December.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Bynum motioned to approve Consent Agenda Items numbered 2 through 6.

Council Member Hogg seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Saleh declared the motion carried.

**ITEM NO. 2 AUTHORIZED THE PURCHASE OF FLEET VEHICLES**

Authorized the purchase of four Ford Crown Victoria police units from Philpott Ford, Port Neches, Texas, through the Houston-Galveston Area Cooperative (HGAC) Purchasing Program, for a total cost of \$94,174.56.

**ITEM NO. 3 AUTHORIZED THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NORAM MOTORIZED ROAD GRADER**

Authorized the purchase of one NorAm motorized road grader from Future Equipment Company, Inc., 2019 Airport Freeway, Euless, Texas, through the Houston-Galveston Area Cooperative (HGAC) Purchasing Program, in the amount of \$113,118.71.

**ITEM NO. 4 APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 08-1300**

Approved Resolution No. 08-1300 adopting the Tarrant County Mid-Cities Local Mitigation Strategy as the City's Multi-Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolving to execute the actions in the plan subject to available funding.

**ITEM NO. 5 APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 08-1301**

Approved Resolution No. 08-1301 supporting creation of a Metropolitan Transportation District and supporting voter consideration of funding options.

**ITEM NO. 6 APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Approved the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 11, 2008.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ITEM NO. 7 HOLD PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 08-1298**

Mayor Saleh opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. regarding Resolution No. 08-1298 adopting a revision/update to the Euless Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan.

Director of Parks and Community Services Ray McDonald stated it is necessary to amend the Plan Implementation and Prioritization of Needs section of the plan relating to Outdoor and Indoor Recreation. The changes will put the city in the position to be eligible to receive the maximum points (15) allowed in the Recreation Grant Project Priority scoring system by meeting three of the top three priorities identified for outdoor and indoor recreation in a locally adopted Texas Parks and Wildlife Department approved Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan.

There being no additional proponents or opponents, Mayor Saleh closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Council Member Stinneford motioned to approve Resolution No. 08-1298 adopting a revision/update to the Euless Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan.

Council Member Bynum seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Saleh declared the motion carried.

**ITEM NO. 8 APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 08-1299**

Mayor Pro Tem Martin motioned to approve Resolution No. 08-1299 authorizing participation in the Local Park Grant Program.

Council Member Stinneford seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Saleh declared the motion carried.

**ITEM NO. 9 APPROVED FIRST AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1836**

Council Member Hogg motioned to approve the first and final reading of Ordinance No. 1836 electing to make current and prior service contributions to the city's account in the Municipal Accumulation Fund of the Texas Municipal Retirement System at the actuarially determined rate of total employee compensation.

Council Member Stinneford seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Saleh declared the motion carried.

**ITEM NO. 10 APPROVED EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**

Council Member Stinneford motioned to approve a one year extension of the contract for Municipal Court Judge Lacy Britten to expire December 31, 2009.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Saleh declared the motion carried.

**ITEM NO. 11 APPROVED BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Council Member Mickan motioned to approve the appointment of Bill Golden to the Historical Preservation Committee.

Council Member Bynum seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Saleh declared the motion carried.

**ITEM NO. 12 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **ITEM NO. 13 REPORTS**

### **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Gary McKamie noted that Public Works Superintendent Clyde Cullum has been providing security at the council meetings for the last 18 years as a Reserve Police Officer. He stated Clyde has decided to spend more time with his new grandbaby, so he is retiring from the Police Reserves, and this will be his last council meeting to serve as a Reserve Police Officer. He thanked Clyde for his service to the City Council.

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Bob McFarland had no report.

### **CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member Porterfield wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Bynum wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He noted that Clyde Cullum is his brother-in-law and, also, a good guy.

Council Member Stinneford congratulated Senior Police Officer Sheli Hartley for being selected employee of the month, stating she is the epitome of what you want in a police officer, as well as a person. He thanked Director of Finance Vicki Rodriguez and the entire staff for bringing expenditures in during Fiscal Year 2008 within 96% of what was budgeted with revenues being slightly higher than budgeted, noting that was a tremendous job during a really tough year. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Hogg expressed appreciation to the employees for the jobs they do. He stated he would miss Clyde Cullum at the council meetings. He attended the senior citizens holiday lunch sponsored by North Main Barbeque and saw people he does not get to see any other time during the year. He noted that he attended the National League of Cities Conference and there were a lot of issues on being "green." He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin congratulated Sheli Hartley, stating she is a great ambassador for the City. She thanked Clyde Cullum for his service to the City Council and for always making us smile. She stated everyone here is a blessing to the City of Euless and thanked them for being at the meeting. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Mikan thanked Sheli Hartley for representing the City so well. She thanked Clyde Cullum for protecting the City Council all these years. She thanked North Main Barbeque for sponsoring the senior citizen lunch and noted the food was delicious. She attended the tree dedication by the Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association at the police department in memory of Willie Mae McCormick, noting that Mrs. McCormick's daughter, granddaughter, and great granddaughter were in attendance. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Saleh told Clyde Cullum it will be hard not seeing him at future council meetings. She congratulated Sheli Hartley on her recognition as employee of the month. She announced the Christmas Parade of Lights will be held on Saturday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. along Midway Drive. She noted the City's Christmas tree lights will be turned on Friday, November 28, at dusk, and she reported that the Trinity High School Trojan football team is still number one in the Nation after their last football game. She wished everyone a great Thanksgiving.

**ITEM NO. 14 ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Saleh adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Mary Lib Saleh  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Susan Crim, TRMC  
City Secretary