

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
EULESS CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 10, 2009**

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, March 10, 2009, 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.

During the precouncil meeting:

- > Mayor Saleh showed the picture to be hung in the library in memory of Boyce Byers.
- > Mayor Saleh reported on the recent Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition (TRTC) meeting at which programs were discussed that are to be undertaken as a result of the State receiving stimulus funds from the Federal Government.
- > City Secretary Susan Crim announced upcoming city activities and events.
- > City Manager Gary McKamie reported that seismic testing has been initiated around the City, although no gas drilling permits have been issued.
- > City Manager Gary McKamie reported that several area police departments have been awarded grants based on population and crime rates, and that Euless will receive approximately \$60,000.
- > City Manager Gary McKamie introduced Police Sergeant Eric Starnes, stating he did some of the preliminary work for the ordinance being proposed to regulate sexually oriented businesses. He introduced Brad Bullock, attorney with Mick McKamie's law firm, who reviewed the individual sections of the ordinance and explained the reasoning behind the regulations being proposed in the ordinance.
- > City Manager Gary McKamie stated that the bids had recently been opened for the Redi-Mix Construction Project and the contract should be awarded at the next council meeting.
- > City Manager Gary McKamie reported that the renovation of Texas Star Conference Centre is nearly complete, and Raven's Grille will be operating out of the new kitchen beginning Monday, March 16.

- > Director of Finance Vicki Rodriguez stated that the rental car revenues were down 8% the past month compared to the same month one year ago.
- > The agenda items were reviewed.

The city council convened into closed session at 6:05 p.m. for deliberation regarding contemplated or pending litigation concerning land use, Merced vs. City of Euless, and Overton vs. City of Euless as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code and for deliberation regarding personnel matters regarding an individual's retirement benefit as authorized by Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. They reconvened into open session at 6:41 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, Associate City Attorney Paul Wieneskie, City Secretary Susan Crim, Deputy City Secretary Becky Null, Director of Public Works Ron Young, Director of Economic Development Bill Ridgway, Fire Chief Robert Isbell, Police Chief Mike Brown, Director of Parks and Community Services Ray McDonald, Director of Planning and Development Mike Collins, Assistant Police Chief Bob Freeman, Assistant Police Chief Harland Westmoreland, City Engineer Robert Barker, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Chris Barker, Texas Star General Manager Glenda Hartsell-Shelton, Fleet and Facility Administrator Kyle McAdams, Library Administrator Kate Lyon, Purchasing Manager Mike Lowry, Senior Planner Stephen Cook, Police Sgt. Ron Williamson, Senior Police Officer Ray Hinojosa, Senior Police Officer Cale Smith, Texas Star Secretary Stephanie Wickham, Division Chief/EMS Jeff Morris, Fire Training Chief Dale Skinner, Fire Battalion Chief Gary Thompson, Fire Captain Keith Smith, Fire Lt. Scott Stamps, Fire Lt. Chanc Bennett, Driver/Engineer James Rowell, Driver/Engineer Jason Moon, Driver/Engineer Michael Parks, Firefighter I/Paramedics Joel Daniel, Holt Markum, Brandon Herron, Cody Skinner, Saul Padilla, and Irving Alvarado, Firefighter II/Paramedics James Cowger, Chris Sutterfield, Jerad Gomez and Dustin Benton, Special Projects Manager Kay Godbey, Information Services Administrator Dan McLain, Computer Services Specialist Brett Bennett and Communications/Marketing Manager Betsy Deck.

VISITORS

Jim, James, and Bryce Wickham, Delia Thompson, Carol, Lauren and Blake Hinojosa, Tambra Smith, Ken Harp, Jerrie Keller, Iris Elliott, Esther Johnson, Carroll Scott, Jake Thomasson, Mike Utzman, and others as noted in the visitor register.

INVOCATION

Reverend Ken Harp, Restoration Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Donna Mickan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM NO. 1 PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE SERVICE PINS

Texas Star General Manager Glenda Hartsell-Shelton introduced Texas Star Secretary Stephanie Wickham. Stephanie introduced her husband, Jim, her sons, James and Bryce, and her parents, Gary and Delia Thompson. Police Chief Mike Brown introduced Senior Police Officer Cale Smith and Senior Police Officer Ray Hinojosa. Ray introduced his wife, Carol, his daughter, Lauren, and his son, Blake. Fire Chief Robert Isbell introduced Fire Captain/Paramedic Keith Smith. Keith introduced his wife, Tandra. Mayor Saleh presented 5-year service pins to Stephanie Wickham and Cale Smith, a 20-year service pin to Ray Hinojosa, and a 25-year service pin to Keith Smith.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM NO. 2 APPROVED JOINT PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Council Member Stinneford motioned to approve the joint purchase agreement with the City of Hurst for electrical installation and repair services by Ed's Electric Lighting Service, Inc., Richland Hills, Texas, in the estimated expenditure of \$80,000. The agreement is for a one-year term with the option of four additional one-year extensions.

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. 3 AWARDED BID NO. 002-09

Council Member Mickan motioned to award Bid No. 002-09 and authorized the city manager to enter into a contract with 2L Construction, LLC, for drainage improvements, consisting of 965 linear feet of storm sewer pipe and the milling and overlaying of Eastcliff Drive and Greenbriar Drive, in the amount of \$240,105.

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. 4 APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 09-1306

Council Member Bynum motioned to approve Resolution No. 09-1306 supporting an application of Siemens Energy and Automation, Inc., for a Municipal Setting Designation for property located at 2910 Avenue F, Arlington, Texas.

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. 5 APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Bynum motioned to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 24, 2009.

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. 6 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Utzman, 316 Calvary Drive, thanked the city council and staff for holding the recent townhall meetings. He addressed the council regarding videotaping the council meetings and streaming them on the Internet as a way of getting the youth involved in the community.

ITEM NO. 7 REPORTS

STAFF REPORT

Director of Parks and Community Services Ray McDonald gave a report on the innovative methods the Parks Department has implemented in the park maintenance area. They include a landscape plant and tree propagation program and the design of a water reclamation system. They have developed an inground tree farm at the Villages of Bear Creek Park, and they grow all of the plants used in the City's landscaping projects.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gary McKamie thanked Director of Parks and Community Services Ray McDonald for a great report, stating that one of the great things about Euless is the generational aspect. He noted that much of the work in the plant and tree nursery began in the 1970's under Bob Phillips. He pointed out that Bob's son, Danny, is now a Euless Fire Department Lieutenant. He stated he is proud of the work done by a group of hard-working employees in the parks department who have taken passed-on knowledge and put out work that rivals professional landscape architects. He thanked Ray McDonald for everything he does. He stated the renovations at the Texas Star Conference Center are complete, and that Raven's Grille has expanded its seating capacity. Beginning Monday, March 16, there will be new items such as baked potatoes and fresh baked breads added to the menu. He stated he is proud of Texas Star General Manager Glenda Hartsell-Shelton and her group of employees who kept the business going through the construction, as well as Fleet and Facility Administrator Kyle McAdams for his management of the project.

CITY ATTORNEY

Associate City Attorney Paul Wieneskie did not have a report.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Hogg thanked the employees for all the work they do. He noted he enjoyed the Threadneedle Street performance the previous night at the library, and he attended the community garage sale at Midway Recreation Center the preceding weekend.

Council Member Stinneford thanked Ray McDonald for a great presentation. He stated he sent the Ridgmar Mall landscapers to Euless for them to try and replicate the great work the Euless employees do. He congratulated Texas Star Secretary Stephanie Wickham, Senior Police Officer Cale Smith, Senior Police Officer Ray Hinojosa, and Fire Captain Keith Smith on 55 years of great service.

Council Member Bynum wished Council Member Hogg a Happy Birthday. He thanked Ray McDonald for a great report and Kyle McAdams for doing a great job with the new Prius.

Council Member Porterfield congratulated Council Member Hogg on his birthday. He stated he is proud of those who were honored tonight and received service pins. He thanked Ray McDonald and those who work with him on the great job being done in the parks.

Council Member Mickan congratulated Stephanie Wickham, Cale Smith, Ray Hinojosa, and Keith Smith on receiving their service pins and said the City is so fortunate to have such wonderful employees. She stated Ray's report was fantastic. She noted she ate brunch at Texas Star last Sunday and it was great. She stated she enjoyed the library presentation of Celtic music and thanked Library Administrator Kate Lyon for organizing the program.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated the employees recognized tonight are a good example of a great group of people who work for the City. She thanked Ray McDonald, stating the logo "Simply FabEulless" is sheer genius.

Mayor Saleh stated the City of Hurst wanted to know if we hired a company to come up with the "Simply FabEulless" logo. She announced the city council election will be held on May 9, and that Council Member Porterfield and Eddie Price are candidates for Place 5, and Council Member Bynum and Lorren Britton are candidates for Place 6. She wished the candidates good luck and encouraged citizens to vote early.

ITEM NO. 8 ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Saleh adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mary Lib Saleh
Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Crim, TRMC
City Secretary