

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
EULESS CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Euless City Council was called to order by Mayor Mary Lib Saleh at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 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.

During the Precouncil meeting:

- Mayor Mary Lib Saleh stated that the Volunteer Board and Commission banquet was held on February 7, 2011, and complimented staff for planning and organizing the event. Additionally, she congratulated the individuals recognized at the recent Fire department awards dinner, and announced that an open house was held at the new senior center on January 29, 2011.
- City Manager Gary McKamie advised of the following:
  - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) tested the air quality as a result of the fire in Grand Prairie and has advised that the fumes are not dangerous;
  - ERCOT has urged electricity conservation during the forecasted winter storm on February 9, 2011;
  - Memorial Service for former Council Member, Katie Edwards, to be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011, 2 p.m., St. Michael Catholic Church, Bedford;
  - Funeral Service for former Council Member, Henry Murray "Tubby" Huffman Sr., to be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011, 2 p.m. in Lewisville;
  - Announced the promotions of Police Department personnel Steve Eskew, Steve Kockos and Gary Landers to Captain.
- City Manager Gary McKamie, Public Works Manager J.T. Ackerman, Public Works and Engineering Director Ron Young, Fleet and Facilities Manager Kyle McAdams, Interim Fire Chief Paul Smith, Police Chief Mike Brown, and Texas Star General Manager Glenda Hartsell-Shelton provided department updates related to the recent winter storm.
- Captain Gary Landers provided a code compliance update relative to the relocation of the code services personnel to the police department. Additionally, he provided a status update related to the inspections of multi-family housing, nursing homes and schools.
- Police Chief Mike Brown reviewed the proposed ordinance to amend the commercial vehicle truck routes in the city. An ordinance will be presented at the next Council meeting for consideration.
- City Manager McKamie provided an update on the status of the Texas Star Pavilion as it relates to the condition of the structure and the need to rebuild the structure for safety reasons.

- Planning and Economic Development Director Mike Collins presented possible development options related to proposed Capital Realty development.
- Finance Director Vicki Rodriguez advised that the December 2010 car rental tax was up by five percent.
- City Manager McKamie reviewed the regular agenda items.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council convened into closed session at 6:23 p.m. for deliberation regarding the following:

- Real property as authorized by Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code related to:
  - o Lease of City property north of Harwood Road
  - o Purchase of property - Minters Chapel
- Economic development negotiations as authorized by Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code related to:
  - o State Highway 183 at State Highway 360

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:45 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 consideration of scheduled items.

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

City Manager Gary McKamie  
Deputy City Manager Loretta Getchell  
Assistant City Manager Chris Barker  
City Attorney Wayne K. Olson  
City Secretary Susan Crim  
Deputy City Secretary Kim Sutter  
Police Chief Mike Brown  
Director of Planning and Economic Development Mike Collins  
Assistant Police Chief Bob Freeman  
Director of Parks and Community Services Ray McDonald  
Finance Director Vicki Rodriguez  
Interim Fire Chief Paul Smith  
Director of Public Works and Engineering Ron Young  
Public Works Manager JT Ackerman  
Marketing/Communications Manager Betsy Deck  
Texas Star General Manager Glenda Hartsell-Shelton  
Human Resources/Risk Administrator Carolyn Marshall

Fleet and Facility Administrator Kyle McAdams  
 Information Services Administrator Dan McLain  
 Police Captain Gary Landers  
 Library Administrator Kate Lyon  
 Computer Support Specialist Brett Bennett  
 Utility Billing Clerk Debra Burk  
 Firefighter II Rusty Cade  
 Fire Lieutenant Allan Cavender  
 Police Captain Steve Eskew  
 Firefighter II/Paramedic Scott Evans  
 Firefighter II/Paramedic Jeremy Goodman  
 Firefighter II/Paramedic George Grim  
 Technical Services Manager Gary Gregg  
 Firefighter II/Paramedic Robert Hopkins  
 Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Jones  
 Firefighter II/Paramedic Ken Kelly  
 Police Captain Steve Kockos  
 Utility Billing Clerk Inga Langi  
 Firefighter/Driver Steve Mayo  
 Utility Billing Clerk Connie Molina  
 Utility Clerk I Sarah Moore  
 Division Chief Jeff Morris  
 Battalion Chief John O'Brien  
 Risk/HR Generalist Connie Scott-Ortiz  
 Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Parkhurst  
 Firefighter/Driver/Paramedic Tommy Rush  
 Firefighter/Paramedic Aaron Schmidt  
 Firefighter II/Paramedic Josh Schnitzius  
 Firefighter II/Paramedic Brad Schupbach  
 Fire Captain/Paramedic Jerry Sutton  
 Utility Billing Manager Kathryn Tipton  
 Office Technician Leigh Ann Toney  
 Firefighter II/Paramedic Tom Tyre  
 Firefighter II/Paramedic Joshua Williams  
 Firefighter II/Paramedic Ken Wroblski

**VISITORS**

Loretta Doty  
 Steve Doty  
 Darl Easton  
 Iris Elliott  
 Cade Goodman  
 Cooper Goodman

Michelle Goodman  
 Anne Langi  
 Paul Langi  
 Carroll "Scotty" Scott  
 Faye Stinneford  
 Jake Thomasson

Helen Voss  
 Ally Williams  
 Lindsey Williams  
 Max Williams

And others as noted in the visitor register.

**INVOCATION**

Deputy City Manager Loretta Getchell gave the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Linda Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ITEM NO. 1. PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE SERVICE PINS**

Interim Fire Chief Paul Smith introduced Firefighter II/Paramedic Jeremy Goodman. Jeremy was accompanied by his wife, Michelle, and sons, Cade and Cooper and members of the Fire department "B" shift. Mayor Saleh presented Jeremy with a service pin commemorating his 5 years of service with the City.

Interim Fire Chief Paul Smith introduced Firefighter II/Paramedic Joshua Williams. Joshua was accompanied by his wife, Lindsey, daughter, Ally, son, Max, his mother and father, mother-in-law, and nephew as well as members of the Fire department "B" shift. Mayor Saleh presented Joshua with a service pin commemorating his 5 years of service with the City.

Finance Director Vicki Rodriguez introduced Utility Billing Clerk Inga Langi. Inga was accompanied by her husband, Paul, mother, Ane, daughter, Anne, Uncle, John, and friend, Jane, Utility Billing Manager Kathryn Tipton, Office Technician Leigh Ann Toney, Utility Billing Clerks Debra Burk and Connie Molina, and Clerk Sarah Moore. Mayor Saleh presented Inga with a service pin commemorating her 20 years of service with the City.

#### **ITEM NO. 2. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION**

Council Member Glenn Porterfield presented Director of Public Works Ron Young a proclamation in recognition National Engineers Week, February 20-26, 2011.

#### **ITEM NO. 3. PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Police Chief Mike Brown presented the quarterly police department update for the period ending December 2010, and advised the Council of the average response times for priority one, two, three, and four calls, and fire department response times as well as statistics related to crimes against persons, and property crimes.

Police Chief Brown announced the promotions of Gary Landers, Steve Eskew and Steve Kockos to Police Captain, and Brett Morgan to Police Sergeant.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Items 4 through 7)**

Council Member Mickan motioned to approve Consent Agenda items number 4 through 7.

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. 4. AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND THE CITY OF EULESS**

Authorized the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Euless for asphalt overlay improvements to Lakewood Boulevard, Bear Creek Drive and Ash Lane.

The estimated expenditure is \$300,000.

**ITEM NO. 5. APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 11-1359**

Approved Resolution No. 11-1359, suspending, for ninety (90) days, the February 14, 2011, effective date of Oncor Electric Delivery Company requested rate change.

**ITEM NO. 6. APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 11-1360**

Approved Resolution No. 11-1360, agreeing to meet all match contribution requirements for the expenditures under the Tarrant County HOME Investment Partnerships Program for Program Year 2011.

The City of Euless will participate by providing the 30 percent matching funds. The required match will not exceed \$90,000, and will be limited to only the projects approved and completed.

**ITEM NO. 7. APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Approved City Council minutes of Regular meeting of January 25, 2011.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ITEM NO. 8. APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 11-1358**

Mayor Pro Tem Martin motioned to approve Resolution 11-1358, calling a general election for the offices of Mayor and City Council Members, Place 2 and Place 4 on Saturday, May 14, 2011, and authorized a contract with Tarrant County to furnish election services and equipment.

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. 9. HELD PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVED RECOMMENDED PROJECT SELECTION FOR THE 37<sup>TH</sup> YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012**

Mayor Saleh opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Assistant City Manager Chris Barker explained that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annually appropriates funds to entitlement communities through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Additionally, the City of Euless has identified, as part of the city's Capital Improvements Plan, the need for a wastewater line replacement project generally located within the 100 Block of Tarrant Drive, Dallas Drive, Travis Drive, Fannin Drive and Falls Drive, east of Collin Drive and including five (5) residences on the east side of Collin Drive. The project will replace wastewater lines originally installed in the 1960's. This area of the block group was designated eligible for the utilization of CDBG funding through surveys conducted by Tarrant County and the City of Euless and was confirmed by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development by a letter dated March 9, 2010, and addressed to the Tarrant County Community Development Department. The engineer's opinion of probable cost for the project totals \$360,539. All available 37<sup>th</sup> year CDBG funding will be utilized in the design, engineering and construction of the wastewater line replacement project.

Total funding allocation for the 37th Year CDBG program has not yet been finalized; however, Tarrant County Community Development (TCCD) has indicated that the estimated project allocation should be approximately \$300,000. Additionally, there is \$34,286 in CDBG funds remaining from the 34<sup>th</sup> Year CDBG program. These funds are eligible for use on the 37<sup>th</sup> Year project, thus total funding available for the 37<sup>th</sup> year CDBG project is estimated to be approximately \$334,286.

Mayor Saleh asked for any proponents followed by opponents to come forward to address the City Council.

Darl Easton, 1005 Fayette Drive, stated his position of neutrality toward the project, and his opposition to hiring undocumented workers to perform the work.

City Manager McKamie responded that the project will be bid out by Tarrant County and the contractor will be selected by Tarrant County. He added that federal regulations dictate the guidelines to receive the funding, and include compliance with wage levels as well as the legal status of the workforce.

There being no additional proponents or opponents, Mayor Saleh closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Council Member Bynum motioned to approve the recommended project selection for the 37<sup>th</sup> year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

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. 10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Darl Easton, 1005 Fayette Drive, addressed the City Council regarding the location of future budget worksessions, meeting minutes and election participation.

**ITEM NO. 11. REPORTS**

Police Captain Steve Kockos presented a reported regarding the remodel of the Communications Center and future expansion.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

No report given.

**CITY MANAGER**

City Manager McKamie announced the memorial service to be held for former Council Member, Katie Edwards (1995-2000) on Saturday, February 12, 2011, 2 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church in Bedford, and a funeral service for former Council Member, Henry "Tubby" Murray Huffman (1960-1964), Saturday, February 12, 2 p.m., Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home in Lewisville.

**CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Saleh stated that Council Members Leon Hogg and Donna Mickan have announced their plans to seek reelection in May 2011, and that after much consideration, she will seek reelection in May as well.

**ITEM NO. 23. ADJOURN**

Mayor Saleh adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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Mary Lib Saleh  
Mayor

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Susan Crim, TRMC  
City Secretary