

MINUTES
City Council – Regular Meeting
April 19, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hill, Council Members Gene Lockhart, Jean Klaus, Sue Davis and Emma Martin, Interim City Manager Ned Muse, City Attorney Jay Garrett, Commerce Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Bonnie Hunter.

ABSENT: Acting City Secretary Becky Pattillo

1. Call to order:

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Invocation:

Mike Roberts gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Interim City Manager Ned Muse led the Pledge.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes:

City Council Regular Meeting – March 16, 2016

City Council Special Meeting – March 21, 2016

City Council Special Meeting – April 4, 2016

Board of Adjustment Meeting – March 8, 2016

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting – March 9, 2016

Building Standards Commission meeting – March 17, 2016

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting – April 5, 2016

b. Consideration of Resolution authorizing appointment to the Board of Adjustment.

c. Consideration of Motion authorizing appointments to the Beautification Commission.

d. Consideration of Motion authorizing appointments to the Parks and Recreation Board.

e. Consideration of Motion authorizing appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

f. Consideration of Motion authorizing City Manager to solicit bids for KLZ Stone Group, Inc. Infrastructure, TDA Project No. 7215172.

g. Consideration of Resolution directing Oncor concerning just and reasonable rates.

h. Consideration of Resolution authorizing City Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Department for the transfer of surplus property.

Council Member Jean Klaus made the motion to approve the consent agenda after the noted changes. Council Member Sue Davis seconded, resulting in a unanimous vote.

5. Presentations.

Presentation to City Council by members of the Public. (To be conducted as close to 6:05 p.m. as possible with a three-minute limit per person. Public Comments will cease at 6:20 p.m. This period is reserved for citizens to discuss items not on the listed agenda. The response to Public Comments will be limited to: 1) a statement of fact or policy; 2) Direction to take up the issue with a city staff member; 3) An offer to place the item on a future Council Agenda.

No one came forward.

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6. Presentation by City Council Members and City Staff:

There were none.

7. Public Hearing and Consideration of Resolution authorizing a Re-Plat of property at CEDC Industrial Park Block A, Lot 1:

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hill opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Interim Community Development Director Mike Wiblin stated that this was brought before the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 5 and was passed unanimously. Seeing no one come forward to speak for or against the re-plat, Mayor Pro Tem Hill closed the public hearing.

Council Member Jean Klaus made the motion to authorize the re-plat of the property at CEDC Industrial Park Block A, Lot 1. Council Member Gene Lockhart seconded the motion, resulting in a unanimous vote.

8. Consideration of Resolution authorizing Mutual Aid Task Force agreement for Rockwall County, Hunt County and Kaufman County Regional Child Abduction Response Team (CART):

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hill introduced Mike Rambolt, who is over the East Texas CERT, who stated that he had presented an MOU to the police department about the CART a few weeks ago. He added that it was made up of 23 law enforcement volunteers who would come to Commerce and help support city police in the event of a missing child or senior and this would be done at no charge to the city.

Council Member Emma Martin made the motion to authorize the mutual aid task force agreement for Rockwall County, Hunt County and Kaufman County Regional Child Abduction Response Team. Council Member Sue Davis seconded the motion, resulting in a unanimous vote.

9. Discussion of proposals for an Executive Search Firm:

Interim City Manager Ned Muse stated that Council had allowed him to go out for proposals for a search firm to hire a long-term City Manager at the last meeting. Proposals have been received from four firms that were submitted to Council with their agendas and he would like direction from Council to go forward with choosing a firm who would be the best fit for Commerce.

Council Member Emma Martin stated that they really needed to find one who would accommodate our community. Council Member Sue Davis stated that she had read over the proposals and felt that maybe they needed a special session to make the decision. Council Member Gene Lockhart stated that a special session would be good because there was a lot of information for them to go through and they couldn't make a decision in a couple of days.

Council Member Jean Klaus stated that she would like to interview with them before a decision is made. Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hill stated that he agreed with her and asked Interim City Manager Ned Muse to check with each firm and see if they could make a special meeting for sometime next week.

10. Consideration of Ordinance on second reading amending the City of Commerce Traffic Control Map by designating the south side of Jefferson Street as "No Parking":

Police Chief Kerry Crews stated that this was being done to alleviate some of the traffic congestion on that street with students parking on both sides, making it hard to get through.

Council Member Gene Lockhart made the motion to approve on the second reading. Council Member Emma Martin seconded the motion, resulting in a unanimous vote.

11. City Manager's Report:

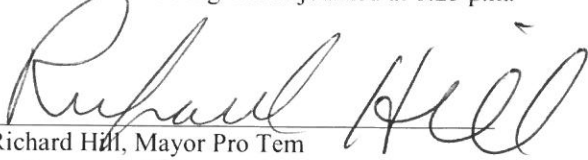
1. Financial Report:

- Elizabeth Saegert provided the financial report
- Draft Audit Report - No final report submitted yet

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- 2. Public input feedback:
- 3. Calendar of upcoming events and meetings:
- 4. Upcoming Council agenda issues:
- 5. Personnel:
- 6. Projects update:
 - Fitch Ratings
 - Budget
- 7. Intergovernmental Events and Issues:

12. **Adjourn:**
The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


Richard Hill, Mayor Pro Tem


Becky Pattillo, Acting City Secretary

5-19-14
Date