CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE

City Hall
300 W. Main Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

MINUTES

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 **4:30 PM** **City Hall - Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT
Mayor Ron Jensen
Mayor Pro Tem Junior Ezeonu
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Kurt G. Johnson
Council Member District 1 Jorja Clemson
Council Member District 2 Jacquin Headen
Council Member District 3 Mike Del Bosque
City Council Member District 4 John Lopez
Council Member District 5 Tony Shotwell
Council Member At Large Place 7 Bessye Adams

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Prairie Lights Updates

Parks, Arts and Recreation Department Director Ray Cerda, Parks Administration and Community Engagement Manager Kelly Eddlemon, Marketing and Communications Supervisor Jonathan Thompson, and Parks Fiscal Manager Stephen Bowles presented a recap of the 2025 season, highlighting attendance, operations, marketing, and financial performance. The City celebrated a successful 2025 season, drawing visitors from 722 cities across 45 states and continuing to strengthen its reputation as a regional destination. This year also marked the 20th anniversary of the event, with a total of 23,755 vehicles participating over its history. Residents continued to benefit from local discounts and ongoing event improvements. Visitor feedback remained overwhelmingly positive, with 97% of guests saying the experience met or exceeded expectations. The season received strong media attention across multiple outlets. The City used a mix of radio, digital advertising, and social media, both in-house and paid, to reach audiences and boost engagement. The event fund remains in excellent health. City leadership discussed opportunities to reinvest event funds into Lake Parks, confirming that these dollars can be used to enhance park amenities. Additional ideas such as improved message boards to support visitor safety are also being explored.

PRESENTED

AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Jensen advised he would like to pull agenda item eleven to Individual Consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Ezeonu asked if there were questions on any consent agenda items, and there were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mayor Jensen called a closed session at 4:44 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., to discuss Section 551.087 "Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations."

RECESS MEETING
Mayor Jensen adjourned the closed session, opened the regular meeting and called a recess at 5:24 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING
Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation led by Dr. Marlow Daniel McGuire, Sr. of Epic Fellowship Church.

Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and Texas Flag led by Council Member Shotwell.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Recognition of Pastor William Horton, Grand Prairie Police Department Chaplain

   Council Member Clemson read the certificate of appreciation and Police Chief Scesney with Mayor Jensen presented it to Chaplain William Horton.

   PRESENTED

3. Proclamation Recognizing Asia Times Square

   Mayor Jensen presented the proclamation to Matthew Loh and family.

   PRESENTED

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Citizens may sign up to speak to the City Council regarding any item on the agenda. All speakers must complete a comment card prior to the meeting being called to order. For items listed on the Consent Agenda, each speaker will have a total of up to five (5) minutes for all items to address the Council. Citizens may speak for up to three (3) minutes on any item scheduled for a Public Hearing, individual consideration or during Citizen Comments. Applicants for zoning items may speak for up to five (5) minutes. The full meeting agenda packet and supporting documents are available online on the City's website at www.gptx.org.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Ezeonu moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to approve items four through ten and move item eleven to Individual Consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Minutes of the February 3, 2026, City Council meeting

   APPROVED

5. Amendment to the 2026 City Council Meeting Schedule

   APPROVED

6. Appointment of Jason Smith to the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee

   APPROVED

7. Appointing Bessye Adams to Fill a Vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Grand Prairie Housing Finance Corporation for the Remainder of the Term Expiring July 31, 2027

   APPROVED

8. Contract for Asbestos Remediation Services with HP Ecological Services, LLC dba HP EnviroVision for 401 W. Church Street and 406 W. Main Street in an amount not to exceed $431,936 with a 3% contingency of $12,958.08, totaling $444,894.08 (Reviewed by the TIF Board #1 on 08/25/2025)

   APPROVED

9. Resolution naming the Pickleball Complex located at 975 Entertainment Way "Crow Holdings Wildlife Park" (Reviewed by the Park Board Committee on 01/21/2026)

   ADOPTED

   RES 5530-2026

10. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement for the Temporary Closure of State Right of Way with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the temporary closure of a portion of W. Main Street (SH-180) on Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 6 AM, through 1 AM Sunday, March 29, 2026, for the Texas Country Reporter Festival

    ADOPTED

    RES 5531-2026

11. An ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Grand Prairie, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2026; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of such bonds; and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, payment, and delivery of such bonds (Reviewed by the Finance and Government Committee on 02/03/2026)

    Item was moved and presented during Individual Consideration. Mayor Jensen initially thought this was the item to be added to the May ballot. Management Services Director Thao Vo indicated this was not the election item, instead this item allows the city to refinance, setting parameters for savings over 10 years.

    Speaker Patsy Ray, 2217 El Paso, spoke in opposition of this item, asked how long it would affect her property and to what the money was designated. Mr. Vo clarified this is an existing bond being paid now which generally goes to roads, buildings and parks and noted he would provide additional information. Mayor Pro Tem Ezeonu advised this is not regarding the

upcoming bond election. Council Member Shotwell moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ezeonu, to approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTED

ORD 11846-2026

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Doloris Phillips, 2301 Dalworth St., Bldg 2301, Apt. 119, discussed stolen rent money, a Habitat for Humanity home in which she previously lived, a public information request she submitted.

Vance DiPasquale, 5739 Appalossa Dr., spoke on airport tenant leasing and FAA standards.

Patsy Ray, 2217 El Paso St., spoke of being an election judge at Dalworth and expressed concern that information for the upcoming bond election has not yet been conveyed.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

12. Public Hearing and Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Approximately 8 acres of land in Ellis County, Texas Being More Particularly Described and Graphically Depicted in Exhibit A, such tract is Generally Located North of Weatherford Road, Near Grand Prairie Planned Development Number 454 (PD-454), and includes land situated in the R.M. Wyatt Survey, Abstract Number 1280 and described as being all of Lot 1 of Weatherford Acres and Addition to Ellis County, Texas recorded in Cabinet C, Slide 274 Plat Records, Ellis County, Texas and being part of a tract of land described in Special Warranty Deed to Samuel Kenneth Moore in Instrument Number 1707039 Official Public records, Ellis County, and in Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien to Sam Moore and James L. Nichols recorded in Volume 1445, Page 815, and All Adjacent Rights-of-way into the City of Grand Prairie, Texas; Providing for Incorporation of Premises, Amending of the Official City Map, and Acknowledging a Service Plan; Requiring the Filing of this Ordinance with the County Clerk; Prescribing for Effect on Territory, Granting as Appropriate to All the Inhabitants of Said Property All the Rights and Privileges of Other Citizens and Binding Said Inhabitants by All of the Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas; Providing Cumulative Repealer, Severability, and Savings Clauses; Providing for Engrossment and Enrollment; and Providing an Effective Date

    Deputy City Attorney Tiffany Bull presented the final reading, reviewed the area map and noted this is related to agenda item sixteen. Mayor Jensen called for speakers and there were none. Mayor Pro Tem Ezeonu moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to close the public hearing and approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

    ADOPTED

    ORD 11847-2026

13. Public Hearing and Consider an Ordinance abandoning 8.0315 acres (349,853 square feet) of street right-of-way on a portion of Miller Road located between 881 Miller Road (ID # 181262) and 5331 Weatherford Road (ID # 242136), Ellis County and authorizing the City Manager or

his designee, to execute a Quitclaim Deed transferring said abandoned right-of-way to Prairie Ridge Investor, LP

Engineering and Utilities Services Director Noreen Housewright presented information on the history of the establishment of roadway which was acquired by the city through annexation. She reviewed an aerial map of the proposed abandoned right-of-way (ROW) and thoroughfare master plan. Mayor Jensen called for speakers and there were none. Mayor Pro Tem Ezeonu moved, seconded by Council Member Adams, to close the public hearing and approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTED

ORD 11848-2026

PUBLIC HEARING ZONING APPLICATIONS

14. SUP-26-01-0002 - Specific Use Permit - Truck Repair Facility at 1830 High Prairie Rd (City Council District 1). Specific Use Permit for Heavy Truck/ Heavy Equipment Repair on 5.491 acres. Lot 3R2, Block D, High Prairie Business Park Addition, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, zoned Light Industrial (LI) District, within the SH 161 Corridor Overlay District, and addressed as 1830 and 1840 High Prairie Rd (On February 10, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 7-0)

    Assistant Planning Director Savannah Ware presented the request for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow heavy truck and heavy equipment repair at the identified location. Her presentation included an aerial overview of the site, a review of existing and proposed uses, and site images. No variances were requested as part of the application. The Planning and Zoning Commission previously recommended approval with conditions: The business shall obtain a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) and an Auto-Related Business permit; The applicant shall provide proof of garbage services to Public Health and Environmental Quality (PHEQ) prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy (CO); All operations shall comply with the regulations found in Chapter 13, Article XX, Automotive Related Business Regulations, of the Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances. Mayor Jensen called for speakers and there were none. Council Member Clemson moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to close the public hearing and approve this item with the P&Z and staff recommendations and to require a 12-month review. The motion carried unanimously.

    ADOPTED

    ORD 11849-2026

15. SUP-26-01-0001 - Specific Use Permit - Convenience Store at 615 Small Hill St (City Council District 5). Specific Use Permit for a convenience store without gas in an existing commercial lease space on 0.76 acres. Lot 1, Block 1, Garrett Addition, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, zoned Commercial (C) District, and addressed as 615 Small Hill St, Suite 110 (On February 10, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 7-0)

Ms. Ware presented the request for a SUP to allow a convenience store with no gas sales. Her presentation included an aerial map of the site, the proposed site plan, and information of the applicant's operational plan. The P&Z recommended approval with conditions: Smoking is prohibited inside the establishment; Eight-liner gaming machines shall be prohibited; Outside storage or display areas are prohibited. Council Member Shotwell noted that a nearby martial arts business frequently utilizes all available parking in the area and suggested that this location may be able to designate or mark off parking spaces to support that use. Council Member Shotwell moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ezeonu, to close the public hearing and approve this item with conditions of P&Z & staff. The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTED

ORD 11850-2026

16. ZON-25-12-0043 - Zoning Change/Concept Plan - Goodland Data Center (City Council 6). Zoning Change from Agriculture (A) and PD-454A to a Planned Development District for Light Industrial, including Data Center uses. 1,452.43 acres generally located west of HWY 287, south of Prairie Ridge Blvd, all or portions of Parcel IDs 190600, 181262, 242136, 261509, 261512, 308655, 179561, 277740, 186391, 179552, 193077, 179637, 275132, 291089, 192959, 199203, and 192956, City of Grand Prairie, City of Grand Prairie ETJ, Ellis County, Texas, and addressed as 881 Miller Rd (On January 13, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 7-0)

Ms. Ware reviewed the location map and aerial views. She noted three letters of opposition were received, and P&Z & the Development Review Committee recommended approval. Mayor Pro Tem Ezeonu asked to review the content of the opposition letters, and Ms. Ware provided a summary. Council Member Shotwell requested to examine the map again and Ms. Ware reviewed. Motion to close the public hearing and approve this item made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Seconded by Council Member District 3 Del Bosque. Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Mayor Pro Tem Ezeonu, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Council Member District 1 Clemson, Council Member District 2 Headen, Council Member District 3 Del Bosque, City Council Member District 4 Lopez, Council Member At Large Place 7 Adams; Voting Nay: Council Member District 5 Shotwell. The motion carried, 8-1.

ADOPTED

ORD 11851-2026

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jensen Mayor discussed the recent passing of Nancy Bridges, former school board member. He then adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the March 3, 2026, City Council meeting.

Mona Lisa Galicia, City Secretary