CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE

City Hall
300 W. Main Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

MINUTES

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 05, 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
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Kurt G. Johnson
Council Member District 1 Jorja Clemson
Council Member District 2 Jacquin Headen
City Council Member District 4 John Lopez (arrived during Executive Session at 5:12: p.m.)
Council Member District 5 Tony Shotwell
Council Member At Large Place 7 Bessye Adams
Council Member At Large Place 8 Rodney Anderson

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. The Big Event 2026 Recap

   Tourism and Culture Director Sara Dedeluk and Neighborhood & Volunteer Services Coordinator Alina Harris recapped The Big Event, highlighting its positive community impact with more than 1,300 volunteers participating and over 20 tons of trash collected. The next event is scheduled for April 10, 2027. Council Member Clemson noted that next year marks the event's 10th anniversary and expressed appreciation to staff for their contributions.

   PRESENTED

2. Review of Dino Fest, Dino Dash and Epic Central Spring Break

   Library Director Peter Sime reported that more than 14,100 attendees visited Dino Fest in a single day. He reviewed event photos, shared a video presentation, thanked Council, staff, Friends of the Library, and other City departments, and introduced Library staff. Epic Central Division Chris Ginapp provided an update on the 4th annual DinoDash, which drew 285 participants. Director of Entertainment and Experiences Zane King reviewed attendance at Epic Central, noting 212,500 visits during spring break, including 6,500 attendees at the Shamrock Social and 89,000 attendees at Dino Fest. Marketing and Communications Supervisor Jonathan Thompson highlighted marketing efforts, including more than 1.5 million social media post views, features in Texas Monthly, digital sign and billboard promotions, television news coverage, and digital media features. Mayor Jensen asked whether Dino Fest is currently the most popular event at Epic Central, and Mr. King confirmed.

   PRESENTED

3. Presentation and review of the Draft Residential Street Maintenance Policy

Transportation and Mobility Director Caryl Devries presented the proposed residential street maintenance policy, outlining its purpose to create a consistent, data-driven approach for maintaining and improving residential streets. She reviewed the policy's guiding principles, explained the use of a Pavement Condition Index to evaluate street conditions, and discussed maintenance strategies, project selection criteria, accountability measures, and next steps. Council Member Shotwell thanked staff and noted that study data will be released soon. Mayor Jensen added that the City receives approximately $12 million annually for street maintenance.

PRESENTED

AGENDA REVIEW

Deputy Mayor Tem Johnson asked if there were questions on any agenda items and noted there is a change to the exhibit for Item 19. Assistant Director of Human Resources Kerry Sullins was available for questions, but there were none. Mayor Jensen noted Item 20 will be tabled indefinitely.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jensen called a closed session at 4:56 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., to discuss Section 551.072 "Deliberation Regarding Real Property" and 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 5:43 p.m.

6:30 PM Council Chambers

RECONVENE MEETING

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

Invocation led by Pastor Joe Rivera of Primera Iglesia Bautista.

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

PRESENTATIONS

4. Mayor's Teen Council 2025-2026 Program Conclusion Presentation

Legislative Affairs Officer Vanna Ngo presented a video highlighting students who participated in the program. She reported that 30 students took part and reviewed program events, sponsorships, and staff support efforts. Mayor Jensen and Ms. Ngo presented certificates to the participants.

PRESENTED

5. Proclamation recognizing National Travel & Tourism Week

Council Member Adams read the proclamation, and Mayor Jensen presented it to the city Tourism team.

PRESENTED

6. Proclamation recognizing Economic Development Week

   Council Member Headen read the proclamation, and Mayor Jensen presented it to the city Economic Development team.

   PRESENTED

7. Municipal Clerk / City Secretary's Week Proclamation

   Council Member Clemson read the proclamation, and Mayor Jensen presented it to City Secretary Mona Lisa Galicia and Records Coordinator Linda Yowell. Deputy City Secretary Gloria Colvin was also recognized but was unable to attend.

   PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Adams, to approve items eight through eighteen and approve item nineteen with revised exhibit as presented by staff during Council Briefing. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Minutes of the April 21, 2026, City Council meeting

   Approved on Consent Agenda

9. Boards and Commissions – Appointments to fill vacancies on the Commission on Aging

   Approved on Consent Agenda

10. Five-year extension for GHA Barnett LLC to drill gas wells on the One Prime Padsite at 1044 Santerre (Reviewed by the Public Safety, Health & Environment Committee on 04/21/26)

    Approved on Consent Agenda

11. Country Club Park PID Contract with Flock Safety for License Plate Readers to Extend the Term of the Original Agreement for One Year (12/22/25 to 12/20/26) for $42,250 for a Total Expenditure of $116,400 (Council District 2) Approved by the Country Club Park PID Advisory Board on 8/28/2023

    Approved on Consent Agenda

12. Westchester PID contract with Future Outdoors, LLC to install a 6 Ft. Tall Rhino Rock Pre-Cast Concrete Fence located on Bardin Road, east side of Chippewa Ln. to Greenbelt South of Chaparral in Westchester PID (Council Districts 2 and 6) Reviewed by the Westchester PID Advisory Board on 4/14/2026

Approved on Consent Agenda

13. Price agreement for disposable Emergency Medical Services (EMS) equipment and pharmaceuticals from Bound Tree Medical, LLC for $225,000 annually, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with two additional one year renewals totaling $675,000 if all extensions are exercised (Reviewed by Public Safety, Health & Environment Committee 4/21/2026)

    Harold Willis, 538 Lindly, spoke in support of this item.

    Approved on Consent Agenda

14. Price agreement for disposable Emergency Medical Services (EMS) equipment and pharmaceuticals from LifeAssist, Incorporated for $130,000 annually, from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with two additional one year renewals totaling $390,000 if all extensions are exercised (Reviewed by Public Safety, Health & Environment Committee on 4/21/2026)

    Harold Willis spoke in support of this item.

    Approved on Consent Agenda

15. One year contract with Ingram Library Services, LLC for the purchase of new library materials in an amount not to exceed $70,000 per year, with two optional one-year renewals, for a total not to exceed $210,000 if all renewals are exercised (Reviewed by Public Safety, Health & Environment Committee on 04/21/2026)

    Harold Willis spoke in support of this item. Patsy Ray, 2217 El Paso St., recorded support but did not wish to speak.

    Approved on Consent Agenda

16. One year contract with Brodart Co. for the purchase of new library materials in an amount not to exceed $90,000 per year, with two optional one-year renewals, for a total not to exceed $270,000 if all renewals are exercised (Reviewed by Public Safety, Health & Environment Committee on 04/21/2026)

    Harold Willis spoke in support of this item. Patsy Ray, 2217 El Paso St., recorded support but did not wish to speak.

    Approved on Consent Agenda

17. Contract for the purchase of one fire engine, valued at $1,303,367, from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC for an expenditure of $1,048,438 after fees, trade-in credits, and discounts (Reviewed by the Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee on 04/21/2026)

    Harold Willis spoke in support of this item.

    Approved on Consent Agenda

18. An Ordinance amending Ordinance 11474-2023 to define the number of authorized positions within the Grand Prairie Fire Department in each classification beginning 05/06/2026 (Reviewed by the Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee on 04/21/2026)

    ADOPTED

    ORD 11873-2026

19. An Ordinance of the City of Grand Prairie Amending the Civil Service Fire Step Plan Pay Scale (Reviewed by Finance & Government Committee on 05/04/2026)

    ADOPTED as Revised

    ORD 11874-2026

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dr. Rhonda Brown Crowder, 3009 Oak Ridge, presented Mayor Jensen and City Manager Bill Hills with gifts of thanks for the city's Autism Awareness efforts.

Carl Jenkins, 1701 Live Oak Drive, Irving, discussed loss of tenants rights at the Municipal Airport regarding subleasing and requested Council review the lease language.

Christopher Smith, 1205 Hardage Ln, Colleyville, said he has been visiting and flying at the Municipal Airport for over 20 years, purchased a portable hangar, discussed economic impact, noted airport operations are fantastic but opposes the recent change to not allow a friend to borrow a plane there.

Carl Walker, 808 Holly Ridge Court, said he owns a hangar at the airport and noted significant changes regarding restrictions on subleasing causing conflict with state and federal law.

Blake Chin, 3016 Pitkin Dr, Arlington, said he owns a hangar at the Municipal Airport and said he feels there is selective enforcement, noting he was evicted out of a hangars even though he paid 8 months advance rent.

Vance De Pascual, 5739 Appalossa Drive, discussed issues at the airport, changes made to tenants' rights regarding subleases and requested council rescind eviction notices and preserve records.

Harold Willis, 538 Lindly, discussed the recent bond package and asked for more clarification on construction of bridges.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS TO BE TABLED

20. SUP-26-03-0003 - Specific Use Permit/Site Plan - Car Wash at 1025 W Pioneer (City Council District 2). Specific Use Permit/Site Plan for a Car Wash (Self-Service) on 2.10 acres. Lot 1, Block 2, Park Place Addition, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, zoned Commercial (C) District, within the SH 161 Corridor Overlay District, and addressed as 1025 W Pioneer Pkwy (On April 14, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial by a vote of 4-2-1)

Council Member Headen moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to table this item indefinitely. The motion carried unanimously.

TABLED

PUBLIC HEARING ZONING APPLICATIONS

21. CPA-26-03-0004 - Comprehensive Plan Amendment - 1217 Small Street (City Council District 5). Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the Future Land Use Map designation from Mixed Use to Medium Density Residential on 0.23 acres. A portion of Lot 10, H.E. Jackson's Addition, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, zoned General Retail (GR) District, and addressed as 1217 Small Street (On April 14, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 7-0)

    Assistant Director of Planning & Development Savannah Ware reviewed items twenty-one and twenty-two together to change the zoning from General Retail to Single Family- Attached to allow for the construction of a duplex. She reviewed the aerial map, area zoning and conceptual plan. She noted Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) recommended approval though the Development Review Committee (DRC) cannot support the zoning change because the proposed use does not align with the Future Land Use Map, however the property was previously developed as a duplex, and the proposed use is consistent with the established land use in the area. Mayor Jensen called for speakers, and there were none. Council Member Shotwell moved, seconded by Council Member Anderson, to approve items twenty-one and twenty-two. The motion carried unanimously.

    ADOPTED

    ORD 11875-2026

22. ZON-26-02-0004 - Zoning Change/Concept Plan - 1217 Small Street (City Council District 5). Zoning Change from General Retail (GR) District to Single Family-Attached (SF-A) District on 0.23 acres. A portion of Lot 10, H.E. Jackson's Addition, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, zoned General Retail (GR) District, and addressed as 1217 Small Street (On April 14, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 7-0)

    ADOPTED

    ORD 11876-2026

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

The forgoing minutes were approved at the May 19, 2026, City Council meeting.

Mona Lisa Galicia, City Secretary