CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE

City Hall
300 W. Main Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

MINUTES

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 **4:30 PM** **City Hall - Briefing Room**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

PRESENT
Mayor Ron Jensen
Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Junior Ezeonu
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 District 6 Kurt Johnson
Council Member At Large Place 7 Bessye Adams

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. City Sponsorship and Grant Applications for Consideration

NOT PRESENTED

AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson asked if Council had any questions on Consent Agenda items two through thirteen. Council Member Shotwell asked to clarify item nine. Public Health Supervisor Jody Cason provided an overview of the two charging stations and advised this grant is for charging stations for city fleet use only. Fleet Manager Colby Collins discussed the number of electric vehicles currently in fleet. Deputy City Manager Cheryl De Leon noted future options on vehicle types are being reviewed. General Services Director Jayson Ramirez said chargers located at City Hall and Epic Central are for public use and are pay per use. Council Member Lopez reminded Council this is grant money and should make use of it where possible. Council Member Headen asked to clarify item six. Transportation Director Caryl Devries said they will be rebidding the item because none of the current bidders completed the required federal forms provided in the bid packet. Council Member Adams asked to clarify item five. Ms. De Leon noted they are paid out of Hotel/Motel Tax (HOT) funds and this is the only funding they receive. Mayor Jensen noted item eighteen will be tabled to the next meeting and Council Member Lopez confirmed same.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no closed session.

RECESS MEETING

Mayor Jensen recessed the meeting at 4:42 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 Associate Pastor Frank Delgado of Christian Community of Faith International.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ezeonu, to approve items two through thirteen. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of the December 16, 2024, Special City Council Meeting and the January 7, 2025, City Council Meeting

   Approved on Consent Agenda

3. Boards and Commissions - Appointment to fill a vacancy on Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

   Approved on Consent Agenda

4. Annual contract with A.N.D., Inc., dba A New Deal Irrigation Co., for irrigation repairs and maintenance. This contract will be for one year at an amount not to exceed $25,000 with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods for an amount not to exceed $125,000 if all extensions are exercised (Reviewed by the Finance and Government Committee on 01/07/2025)

   Approved on Consent Agenda

5. Contract with the Grand Prairie Cultural Arts Council, Inc. for promotion and facilitation of arts and tourism in the City in an amount not to exceed $75,000. This Contract is for a one-year term and will be paid using 2024-2025 Hotel Motel (HTMT) funds (Reviewed by the Finance & Government Committee on 01/07/2025)

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

   Approved on Consent Agenda

6. Reject all bids from RFB #25027 for the SH 180 at Jefferson Street Roundabout Project (Reviewed by the City Council Development Committee on 01/21/2025)

   Approved on Consent Agenda

7. Contract for the purchase of body-worn cameras for the Municipal Court (City Marshals) in the total amount of $167,881.40 through BuyBoard Contract #743-24 (Reviewed by the Public Safety, Health and Environment on 01/13/2025)

Approved on Consent Agenda

8. Approve annual contract for landscape maintenance for various locations with BBLW, LLC of dba Landworks for an amount not to exceed $55,677 annually. This contract will be for one year with the possibility of four one-year renewals for a total of $278,385.00 if all extensions are exercised (Reviewed by the Public Health, Safety and Environment Committee on 01/13/2025)

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

Approved on Consent Agenda

9. Authorize the purchase of two mobile solar charging units for electric vehicles from Beam Global, Inc. in the amount of $192,538.12 through an Interlocal Agreement with the Federal General Services Administration (GSA). This purchase will utilize grant funding received from the Department of Energy (Reviewed by the Public Health, Safety, and Environment Committee on 01/13/25)

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

Approved on Consent Agenda

10. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept funding from Keep America Beautiful for MLK Jr Community Improvement Grant for the amount of $20,000

Patsy Ray, 2217 El Paso, spoke is support of this item.

ADOPTED

RES 5449-2025

11. Resolution authorizing the application for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) - Mitigation Projects, FY2026 grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in the amount of $364,467.90, and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant, if awarded

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

ADOPTED

RES 5450-2025

12. Consider and approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Grand Prairie, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025"; providing for the payment of such certificates of obligation by the levy of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the City and a limited pledge of the net revenues derived from the operation of

the City's waterworks and sewer system; and resolving other matters incident and relating to the issuance, payment, security, sale and delivery of such certificates of obligation

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

ADOPTED

ORD 11661-2025

13. Consider and approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Grand Prairie, Texas, Water and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025"; pledging the net revenues of the City's combined water and wastewater system to the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds; and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, payment, security, sale, and delivery of such Bonds

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

ADOPTED

ORD 11662-2025

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

14. Action Items Resulting from Staff Presentations:

City Sponsorship and Grant Applications

Harold Willis, 538 Lindly, recorded his support of this item.

Mayor Jensen moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ezeonu, to table this item to a future meeting.

TABLED to February 11, 2025, Special City Council Meeting

PLANNING AND ZONING FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

15. STP-24-07-0032 - Site Plan - Goodland Villages - Phase 1 (City Council District 6). Site Plan for a residential development with 54 Single Family Detached units and 122 Single Family Attached units on 34.86 Acres. Portions from two parcels (Parcel IDs 190600 & 284558) out of JOS Stewart Survey, Abstract No. 961, City of Grand Prairie, Ellis County, zoned PD-455, generally located south of Prairie Ridge Blvd and west of Old Fort Worth Rd (On December 9, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with conditions by a vote of 9-0)

Harold Willis, 538 Lindly, recorded his support of this item.

Chief City Planner Savannah Ware started the presentation, and Council Member Johnson advised he has received sufficient information. He then moved, seconded by Council Member Del Bosque, to approve this item as presented by staff. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARING ZONING APPLICATIONS

16. ZON-24-09-0023 - Zoning Change/Concept Plan - Cell Tower at 1355 E Seeton Rd (City Council District 6). Amendment to PD-318B to allow a Cell Tower within PD-318B with City Council approval of a Specific Use Permit and to adopt a Concept Plan depicting the Cell Tower location. Lot 1, Block 1, CRC Mira Lagos Addition, City of Grand Prairie, Tarrant County, Texas, zoned PD-318B, within Lake Ridge Corridor Overlay, with an approximate address of 1355 E Seeton Rd (On December 9, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 9-0)

    Ms. Ware advised items sixteen and seventeen would be presented together. Council Member Johnson noted a presentation is not necessary as he received information and has heard from several constituents. Planning and Development Director Rashad Jackson advised the property owner is contracting with the applicant. There was discussion on Verizon owning the towers and the city receiving no funding for this project.

    Harold Willis, 538 Lindly, spoke in opposition of this item and item seventeen.

    Alec Broadus, 4 Country Place Cir, Dalworthington Gardens, spoke in support of this item and item seventeen. He discussed his experience in communications and with cell towers. Mr. Broadus noted cell phone coverage is not adequate in this area, and the church and Verizon have agreed to a deal. He said he spoke with the Homeowners Association (HOA), and they approve and said the item was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) who recommended approval. Mr. Broadus said community members were canvassed and there were seventeen no's and zero yeses, there are 300 others who have not come forward. He also said additional homes are being built and if this is not approved, services will not get better. Council Member Johnson said there is not 100% community support, discussed the item being tabled twice at the applicant's request, and noted he is a council member responsible for responding for the people in the community.

    Mike Grissom, 7655 Watercrest Ln, spoke in opposition of this item and item seventeen. Mr. Grissom said he opposes the cell tower and speaks for his neighbors and HOA. He discussed the flyer left by Mr. Broadus and said he attended both area meetings. Mr. Grissom discussed the environmental safety hazard concerns for 5G cell antennas. He said the tower will have a negative impact on home sales, and loss of property evaluation. Mr. Grissom discussed cell phone service, responsibility for maintenance and the church receiving a large amount of funds for this deal. Council Member Shotwell asked to review the location of tower and Mr. Ware reviewed the site plan and elevations.

    Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Del Bosque, to deny items sixteen and seventeen. The motion carried unanimously.

    DENIED

17. SUP-24-09-0036 - Specific Use Permit - Cell Tower at 1355 E Seeton Rd (City Council District 6). Specific Use Permit for a 160-foot Cell Tower on 14.212 acres. Lot 1, Block 1, CRC Mira Lagos Addition, City of Grand Prairie, Tarrant County, Texas, zoned PD-318B, within Lake Ridge Corridor Overlay, with an approximate address of 1355 E Seeton Rd (On

December 9, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 9-0)

DENIED

18. SUP-24-10-0045 - Specific Use Permit - Flex-N-Gate Private Fuel Station (City Council District 4). Specific Use Permit for a Private Fuel Station at an existing industrial development. Lot 1R, Block D, Bardin Road Addition, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas and Tarrant Counties, Texas, zoned PD-372, within the IH-20 Corridor Overlay District, and located at 2150 W Bardin Rd (On December 9, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 8-1)

    Council Member Lopez said this was discussed at Briefing. He then moved, seconded by Council Member Headen to table this item. The motion carried unanimously.

    TABLED TO FEBRUARY 4, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Harold Willis, 538 Lindly, discussed pardons handed down by the federal government.

Clayton Harrison, 2421 S. Carrier Pkwy, discussed issues with transportation in Grand Prairie and challenges with Via due to inconsistency and long wait times and noted he supports a central rail line and bus system for reliability.

Steve Rankin, 2450 Harrison St, discussed issues with Via Grand Prairie, said when school is in session it seems kids are prioritized rather than senior citizen customers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jensen adjourned meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the February 4, 2025, City Council meeting.

Mona Lisa Galicia, City Secretary