

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 7, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley observed a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

**3. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

Susie Quinn, City Secretary, certified a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui  
Councilmember Ben St. Clair  
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins  
Councilmember Sarah Fincanon  
Councilmember Rob Thomas

Absent from the meeting:

Mayor Eric Barna

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Ray Shahan**, is requesting a full investigation on PD3-10-590 regarding the zoning/rezoning of the ranch subdivision, especially concerning phases 1 and 2.

**Brad Lapsley**, explained to council the roads in Willow Wood are in need of repair. He suggested council and staff speak with the residents regarding this.

**Donna Jenkins**, representative for the Murphy Historical Society, spoke to the City Council regarding a grant they have applied for, and also if on the upcoming Community Survey a question can be asked on behalf of the Historic Society.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Proclamation recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month.

Kayla McFarland received the proclamation for Parks and Recreation Month.

B. Presentation of financial report and investment report as of May 31, 2015.

Finance Director, Linda Truitt updated council on the current financial standings. Currently the investments in May has reduced about \$500,000. Interest earnings are still at .10% in May and may increase next month. Sales tax collections are at 65.99% of budget. In May, only two single family building permits were issued as compared to seven in May last year. Year to date building permits are 28. Water sales are down due to the heavy spring and early summer rain and some of the capital items, vehicles and the new ambulance, will be purchased during this quarter.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

- A. Consider and/or act upon the June 16, 2015 regular meeting minutes.
- B. Consider and/or act upon the June 30, 2015 special meeting minutes.

***COUNCIL ACTION (6.A., 6.B.):***

***APPROVED***

**Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Sarah Fincanon seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Barna was absent).**

- C. Consider and/or act on a proposed Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield Texas for group medical insurance and Ameritas for group dental insurance. Additionally, authorization is requested for the City Manager to extend the existing contracts with VSP for vision insurance, Cigna for long-term disability insurance and Dearborn National for basic life and AD&D insurance all with an effective date of September 1, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem, Scott Bradley removed item 6C from the consent agenda due to a conflict of interest and left the room while this item was presented. Mayor Pro Tem Bradley filed a conflict of interest form with the City Secretary Susie Quinn. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui presided for this item.

***COUNCIL ACTION (6.C.):***

***APPROVED***

**Councilmember Rob Thomas moved to approve the proposed Resolution Number 15-R-819 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield Texas for group medical insurance and Ameritas for group dental insurance. Additionally, authorization is requested for the City Manager to extend the existing contracts with VSP for vision insurance, Cigna for long-term disability insurance and Dearborn National for basic life and AD&D insurance all with an effective date of September 1, 2015. Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0 (Mayor Barna was absent and Mayor Pro Tem Bradley was absent for this item).**

**7. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- A. Consider and/or act on the application of property owner Suzanne Athey requesting approval of a site plan, landscape plan, building elevations and construction plat for an office building located on Lot 4, Block B at the Murphy Village Addition.

Director of Economic/Community Development, Kristen Roberts explained the proposed application meets all current planning and zoning requirements and the color choice of the roof is red to continue continuity in the current area. Roberts also requested the wording on approval include the red roof wording.

***COUNCIL ACTION (7.A.):***

***APPROVED***

**Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui moved to approve the motion as presented including the approval of the red roof. Councilmember Rob Thomas seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Barna was absent).**

- B. Consider and/or act on authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract negotiations with Decision Analyst for the Community Survey project.

Director of Economic/Community Development Kristen Roberts explained that an interview panel made up of City staff and City Council members interviewed two firms of interest for the Community Survey project. The reasons for choosing this vendor for the Community Survey was decided because of the approach and output that Decision Analyst will provide. Council asked if city staff would have access to the raw data, and asked for clarification what the projected time for completion is.

***COUNCIL ACTION (7.B.):***

***APPROVED***

**Councilmember Sarah Fincanon moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract negotiations with Decision Analyst for the Community Survey project.. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Barna was absent).**

- C. Consider and/or act on authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract negotiations with Freese & Nichols, Inc. for the Comprehensive Plan Update project.

Director of Economic/Community Development, Kristen Roberts explained after staff reviewing the proposals it was their suggestion to approve Freese & Nichols to update the Comprehensive Plan. Council mentioned that Freese & Nichols has done business with the city in the past and do an excellent job. No further discussion took place.

***COUNCIL ACTION (7.C.):***

***APPROVED***

**Councilmember Sarah Fincanon moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract negotiations with Freese & Nichols, Inc. for the Comprehensive Plan Update project.. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Barna was absent).**

- D. Consider and/or act to approve an Ordinance of the City of Murphy, Texas approving the terms and conditions of a boundary adjustment agreement between the City of Murphy, Texas and the City of Plano, Texas; Authorizing the City Manager or his authorized designee, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Murphy; and providing an effective date.

Fire Chief Mark Lee, as Acting City Manager explained in more detail about what the agreement involves. Before approving, Council is requesting more information regarding how the road will be repaired, the materials to be used, the ongoing maintenance costs, the projected lifespan of the road, and approximately how many Murphy residents utilize this road.

**COUNCIL ACTION (7.D.):**

**NO ACTION**

***No action was taken on this item, it is to be revisited at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.***

## **8. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. Timbers Nature Preserve**

Should be completed by mid-September; currently trying to finalize the logistics of the bathroom delivery along with other things. Council asked if a ribbon cutting/dedication/grand opening will occur.

### **B. Betsy Lane Road Widening Project**

This project is set to be complete this time next year.

### **C. South Maxwell Creek Parallel Trunk Sewer Line**

Thirty (30) linear feet have been installed to date, and they are still working out logistics due to the heavy rainfall.

### **D. North Murphy Road**

The lights at Betsy are fully functioning now, irrigation and conduits are 25% installed, and the light signal for Glen Ridge should be delivered by mid to late July.

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council did not convene into close Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- A. §551.071: Consultation with City's Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar

of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding zoning, land use, and open space/parks; and/or

- B. §551.072: To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

**10. RECONVENTE INTO REGULAR SESSION**

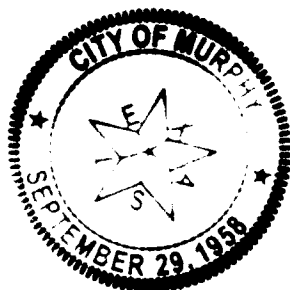
The City Council did not reconvene since Executive Session was not convened, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

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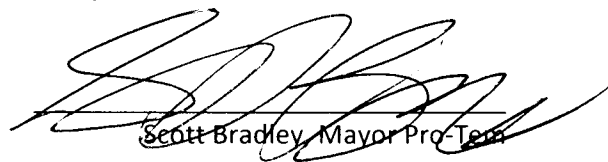
- C. Take Action on any Executive Session Items.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.



APPROVED BY:

  
Scott Bradley, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

  
Susie Quinn, City Secretary