

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 16, 2013 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Grant called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m.

**2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Richmond gave the invocation and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

City Secretary, Kristi Gilbert, certified a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

Mayor Pro Tem Bernard Grant  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Halbert  
Councilmember Dennis Richmond  
Councilmember John Daugherty  
Councilmember Scott Bradley  
Councilmember Dave Brandon

Councilmembers absent:  
Mayor Bret Baldwin

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

The following citizens appeared to express their concerns regarding traffic control on Moonlight Drive:

Julia Matocha, 151 Moonlight Drive  
Pam Johnson, 147 Moonlight Drive  
Suzie Blackstock, 150 Moonlight Drive  
Linda Martin, 142 Moonlight Drive

**5. PRESENTATION ITEMS –**

A. The Council received the unaudited investment and financial report as of March 31, 2013 from Finance Director Linda Truitt.

**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 take action, if any, on the approval of the April 2, 2013 meeting minutes.

***COUNCIL ACTION (ITEM 6.A.):***

***APPROVED***

Councilmember Halbert moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

**7. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

A. Consider and take action, if any, on the approval of an ordinance amending Appendix A – Fee Schedule, Code of Ordinances, as it relates to various fees.

Ms. Truitt presented the proposed changes to the fee schedule. Ms. Truitt stated that there was a conflict between the proposed fee schedule with regard to solid waste services and the recent brochure that was mailed out by Progressive Waste Solutions. The Council discussed fees related to alcohol and alarm permits.

**COUNCIL ACTION (ITEM 7.A.):****NO ACTION**

The Council took no action and suggested revisions to bring before Council at a future meeting.

- B. Consider and take action, if any, on a request for the institution of an Over 65 Tax Freeze. Mr. Fisher stated that this item was brought before Council in response to a citizen request. Mr. Fisher indicated it would be appropriate to visit this item during the budget work sessions.

Councilmember Bradley stated that he felt the next Council should address the item after the elections.

*Keith Patton, 451 Poindexter* – Mr. Poindexter stated that he felt action should be delayed until the new Council was seated. Mr. Patton stated that the over 65 group was the most likely to vote and could vote to increase taxes since it would affect their expenses.

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

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Halbert moved to postpone the item until July of 2013. Councilmember Daugherty seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

- C. Discussion and update on the Timbers Nature Preserve Park and Trail project, FEMA and Section 404 permits, and Trail Construction.

The Council received a report on the project from Mr. Fisher and Mr. Wade Peterson, HOK Park Planner. Mr. Peterson said that project approvals had been received by Fish and Wildlife, Army Corp of Engineers, FEMA and an email approval of the general concept design had been provided by ONCOR.

Barry Young with ONCOR, stated that the company was on board with the concept and now has approved guidelines in place for municipalities to use their easements as hike and bike trails as a result of the Murphy project.

**COUNCIL ACTION (ITEM 7.C.):****NON-ACTION ITEM**

The Council took no action as this was a non-action item.

- D. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Advance Funding Agreement and the Interlocal Agreement for the construction of Betsy Lane.

**COUNCIL ACTION (ITEM 7.D.):****APPROVE AGREEMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Halbert moved to approve both the Advance Funding Agreement between the State of Texas and the City of Murphy for the construction improvements of Betsy Lane between Murphy Road and McCreary Road, and the Interlocal Agreement between Collin County and the City of Murphy concerning the construction of Betsy Lane from FM 2551 (North Murphy Road) to McCreary Road and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreements.

Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

- E. Consider and take action, if any on the Solid Waste Collection & Disposal and Recyclable Material Collection & Processing services for the City of Murphy.

Mr. Fisher provided the Council with an update on the transition of solid waste services.

**COUNCIL ACTION (ITEM 7.E.):**

**NO ACTION**

The Council took no action on Item 7.E.

**8. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Fisher provided the Council with an update on the following items:

- North Murphy Road Construction Update
- McCreary Road Construction Update
- Murphy Central Park Construction Update
- CLC Meeting – Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am
- Waste Management Bulk Pick Up, Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Prescription Drug Take Back Day, Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm
- First Day of Early Voting, Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>
- First Day of Trash Service with Progressive Waste Solutions, Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

  
Bernard J. Grant, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
Kristi Gilbert, City Secretary

