

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2013 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Councilmembers absent:

Mayor Eric Barna

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Matt Springfield, 529 Windward Drive - Mr. Springfield advised the Council of two water citations he received within a few days of each. Mr. Springfield stated he set a court date and showed up to find approximately 26 people that were in court only because of irrigation violations. Mr. Springfield asked the Council to consider a policy of a warning for first time offenses.

5. PRESENTATION ITEMS –

A. Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui presented a proclamation declaring November 2013 as Caregiver Awareness Month to Martha Wolfe and representatives of Relay for Life of Wylie/Sachse/Murphy.

B. Candy McQuiston presented the 2013 Keep Murphy Beautiful Community Awards. The following awards were presented:

Civic Award to the Murphy Historical Society
Media Award to Celso Martinez of Municipal Voice
Keep Murphy Beautiful Litter Law Award to Officer Aaron McCarty
Senior Citizen Award to Gus and Carol Delaloye
Friends of the Park Award to Brian Jones
HOA Beautification Award to the Maxwell Creek HOA
Volunteer of the Year Award to Raj Vishwanath
Youth Award to the Murphy Middle School Environmental Club

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 October 15, 2013 regular meeting minutes.

COUNCIL ACTION (6.A.):

APPROVED

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

7. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider and/or act upon Murphy Central Park:
1. Operations policy, rentals and application for the amphitheater; and,
 2. Amended fee schedule for deposits and miscellaneous fees.

City Manager James Fisher presented the Council with the proposed policy and fees for the amphitheater usage. Mr. Fisher stated that the official grand opening of Central Park is scheduled for April 5, 2014.

Councilmember Bradley inquired as to how the park would be segmented and how access would be controlled for private events.

Councilmember Grant inquired about alcohol use and the requirement that commercial activities be submitted six months in advance.

Councilmember Thomas stated that he didn't want to see that residents have to jump through a lot of hoops to use the facility for small groups.

Councilmember Nichols-Spraggins inquired about security issues. Mr. Fisher stated that renters would have to coordinate with the Police Chief to address security requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui inquired as to how the noise ordinance played into the use of the amphitheater.

Mr. Fisher stated that the amphitheater must meet the noise requirements of the city.

COUNCIL ACTION (7.A.):

NO ACTION

Council took no action on the item.

- B. Discussion regarding board and commission activities, including events and training.

Mr. Fisher stated that the dinner is traditionally provided as a means of recognizing board and commission members, however, the numbers have dwindled in recent years.

Councilmember Grant offered an alternate option to recognize a different board each month and allow them time to be recognized, as well as, giving the opportunity to voice concerns or ask questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui suggested establishing a Council liaison for each board or commission.

Council held discussions with regard to various recognition programs.

COUNCIL ACTION (7.B.):

NON ACTION ITEM

No action was taken.

- C. Consider and/or take action on the Water Conservation/Drought Management Policy.

Mr. Fisher advised the Council that the North Texas Municipal Water District has moved to watering once every two weeks. Mr. Fisher stated that the City will be mailing postcards to residents next week advising of Murphy's watering days.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem St. Clair stated he was in favor leaving the water days the same. Discussion was held with regard to watering days and coordinating with surrounding cities.

No action was taken. The Council then revisited the item after discussing Item 7.D. and took action.

COUNCIL ACTION (7.C.):

APPROVED

Councilmember Bradley moved to amend the Ordinance 11-10-897 Section 82-373, Subsection B, to strike the sentence "All water customers using sprinklers or irrigation systems may only operate those systems on Thursdays, if needed". Deputy Mayor Pro Tem St. Clair seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0. (*Ordinance 13-11-961*)

- D. Consider and take appropriate action on a Resolution adopting an Advanced Funding Agreement with TxDOT for improvements along North Murphy Road.

Mr. Fisher stated the agreement was to extend culverts as part of the North Murphy Road construction. Mr. Fisher stated this has been ongoing for four years. Mr. Fisher stated the Murphy portion of the project cost of approximately \$41,000 would be coming from bond funds.

Councilmember Thomas inquired as to the possibility of including the item in the work session. Mr. Fisher stated that it would be included under project reviews.

COUNCIL ACTION (7.D.):

APPROVED

Councilmember Bradley moved to approve a resolution adopting an Advanced Funding Agreement with TxDOT for improvements along North Murphy Road in the amount of \$40,900. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem St. Clair seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0. (*Resolution 13-R-784 & CLA 201311001*)

8. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

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

- North Murphy Road Construction Update -
- Murphy Central Park Construction Update and Opening Schedule
- PSA Murphy Opening
- Safe Routes to School Update
- Employee Cook Out – November 11th
- Christmas in the Park – December 5th

9. ADJOURNMENT

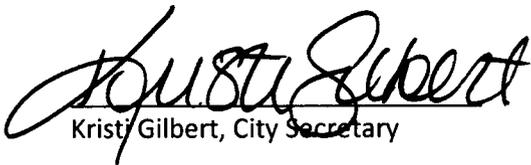
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Eric Barna, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristi Gilbert, City Secretary

