

**COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barna called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barna gave the invocation 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 Eric Barna

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Moebius, resident, announced the upcoming March 28, 2015 Murphy Chamber of Commerce Spring Fever event to be held at the Lowe's parking lot in Murphy. Vendors, food trucks, bounce house, live music, and Salsa competition are planned for this family friendly event from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, rain and/or shine. Everyone is invited.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation of financial report and investment report as of February 28, 2015.

The February financial report was presented by Finance Director Truitt. The interest rate continues at .10%. Sales tax collections are about 10% ahead of the amount received at this time last year and currently on target with budget projections. Building permits continue to decline. The last phase of Maxwell Creek is set to begin shortly with the pouring of streets and homes should begin being built by late summer. The budget is at 41% for the fiscal year and the majority of revenues and expenditures are meeting that percentage. Mayor Barna recognized Director Truitt as one of eight very deserving honorees for the Collin County League of Women Voters Celebration of Collin County Women in Public Administration.

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 February 3, 2015 regular meeting minutes.
- B. Consider and/or act upon the March 3, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

COUNCIL ACTION (6.A.and 6.B.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Deputy Mayor Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

7. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider and/or act upon approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement/contract with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to act as the City of Murphy's bank depository for three years with two one year extensions.

City Manager Fisher explained that Wells Fargo has been the City of Murphy's bank for ten years. Finance Director Truitt stated that the Public Funds Act requires cities to seek depository bids every five years. Two proposals were received but after comparing the rates, interest earnings and other considerations, Well Fargo is the recommended

COUNCIL ACTION (7.A.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve Resolution No. 15-R-813 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Wells Fargo Bank to act as the City of Murphy's bank depository for three years with two one year extensions. Councilmember Fincanon seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

- B. Discussion of FY 2015 Budget.

City Manager Fisher explained some items that will need to be absorbed or amended as several of these items were not anticipated when the original budget was created. The City Secretary's budget is over because of using a temporary person to assist with open records, research and other areas. Community Services has some additional expenses with Windy Hill Farms costs for re-platting and the engineer's work. City Council budget with regards to TAPS which began in September will need amending. Animal Control and Animal Shelter was approved at \$815,000 for construction with an additional approval of \$50,000 for design and architect costs going back about two years. In 2014, another \$46,000 for video surveillance equipment was approved, so about \$16,000 will need to be amended. Unexpected electrical costs, signage and the bronze plaque are the larger items making that total. Some of these overages may be absorbed.

The fund balance was explained in comparison with the audited totals. All the departments watch the totals carefully. One amendment that will need to be approved is in the Utility Fund which is the principal and interest for the certificates of obligation which was issued this fiscal year. Capital projects were approved with a shortage of about \$135,000 which will need to be addressed. The ratings history from 2001 until 2014, the rates have continued to improve. A double "A" bond rating for a city of about 20,000 people is very good. A lot of these changes are due to Council decisions as well as the stability of staff.

Council asked several questions which staff recognized and answered throughout the presentation.

- C. Consider and/or take action, if any, on City of Murphy side walk repair program.

Public Services Director Parker discussed the direction given to him at the last Council meeting to review the rating system and to pull out the sidewalks from each subdivision that have a rating of 9 or more. The estimated costs for the worst sidewalks that are throughout all of the city and not just one subdivision are approximately \$45,000. His recommendation is to seek three proposals from three contractors to see what the cost estimates might be. Council commended Public

Services Director Parker and asked him to ask the contractors about localization of repairs versus doing more repairs in just one subdivision. It was also requested to ask about the costs that a resident might partner with the city's contractor to repair the leads into the front sidewalks. Savings should be passed on to the residents if the contractor is already in the area in front of their homes and the home owners should understand their fiscal responsibility for the portion of the sidewalks that are the resident's responsibility.

COUNCIL ACTION (10.A., 10.B., 10.C., and 10.D.)

NO ACTION

- D. Discussion regarding the 2015 Council Planning Session.

The Planning Session begins Thursday evening at 6:00 pm at the Southfork Ranch for dinner and time to get better acquainted. On Friday, the meeting will begin at 3:00 pm and on Saturday at 9:00 am until about 2:00 pm. Several Councilmembers have provided comments regarding the Council's vision, objectives, priorities, and strategic goals, everyone was encouraged to send in their comments or wait and discuss them at the various sessions.

8. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

- A. North Murphy Road Construction Update

Comments about the short timeline of receiving notifications regarding street closures from TxDOT were discussed.

- B. Timbers Nature Preserve

This project is on target and on task and should meet the August completion time line.

- C. South Maxwell Creek Parallel Trunk Sewer Line

That project should begin in April.

The Betsy Lane road widening project will be going out for bids soon with Council approval in May.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council convened into close Executive Session at 6:50 pm pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- A. §551.087 Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1).
- B. §551.072 To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- C. §551.071 Consultation with 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 this chapter in regard to Safe Routes to School.

10. RECONVENTE INTO REGULAR SESSION

The City Council reconvened into open session at 7:24 pm with the Mayor's announcement that no action was taken in Executive Session, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- A. §551.087 Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1).
- B. §551.072 To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- C. §551.071 Consultation with 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 this chapter in regard to Safe Routes to School.
- D. Take Action on any Executive Session Items.

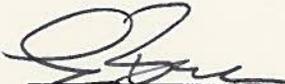
COUNCIL ACTION (10.A., 10.B., 10.C., and 10.D.)

NO ACTION

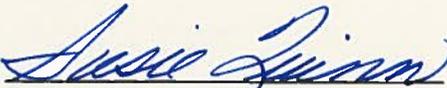
11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

APPROVED BY:


Eric Barna, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susie Quinn, City Secretary

