

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 2, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eric 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

Ray Shahan, resident, addressed the Council with regards to the missing minutes from October 20, 2013. Shahan explained he tried to get the District Attorney involved but a police report needed to be filed. Police Chief GM Cox declined a meeting, and explained to Shahan that he would need to work directly with the City Attorney regarding this issue.

5. 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 May 19, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

B. Consider and/or act upon the May 26, 2015 budget discussion minutes.

C. Consider and/or act on an ordinance adopting approved ordinance changes to PD 12-06-914.
(Approved as **Ordinance Number 15-06-993**)

COUNCIL ACTION (6.A. through 6.C.):**APPROVED**

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

6. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider and/or act on the application of property owner Deborah R. Tafelski and applicant Ricky Jenkins requesting approval of a construction plat for Jenkins Self Storage at 305 W. FM 544.

Director of Economic/Community Development, Kristen Roberts gave an update regarding the construction and plat. Engineering and Public Works comments are currently being addressed. Council asked when the anticipated opening date would be. Representative from Jenkins explained if they can get it permitted in the next few months they could break ground in fall, and it takes approximately nine months to a year to build. No further questions or discussion from Council.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley moved to adopt the approval of a construction plat for Jenkins Self Storage at 305 W. FM 544. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

- B. Hold a public hearing and consider and/or act upon an ordinance approving recommendations regarding amendments to Chapter 28 - Development Standards, Chapter 70 – Subdivisions and Chapter 86 – Zoning. (Approved as **Ordinance Number 15-06-994**)

Director of Economic/Community Development gave an update on the recodification project. It will be brought to City Council in July. Roberts explained it's basically a clean-up of the ordinances, deleting duplicates, etc.

Mayor Barna opened the public hearing at 6:09 pm. No one requested to speak. Mayor Barna closed the public hearing at 6:09 pm.

Councilmember Thomas asked about the fourteen (14) day consecutive limit for Bed and Breakfasts type of accommodations. Mack with the City Attorney's office explained the time frame is something that is the current standard time limit in our ordinances for this type of establishment. When a room is rented for longer than a thirty (30) day period the taxes change, as a hotel tax is not charged. Council discussed the time limit and Mayor Eric Barna explained it's a "clean up" rather than changing anything. When the City of Murphy moved from a general law city to a home rule city some ordinances overlapped.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley moved to adopt an ordinance approving recommendations regarding amendments to Chapter 28 - Development Standards, Chapter 70 – Subdivisions

and Chapter 86 – Zoning. Councilmember Sarah Fincanon seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

C. Discuss the 2015-16 Operating Budgets for the Police Department and Animal Control Division.

City Manager, Fisher explained the Police Chief will be leaving Thursday and therefore will give the highlights for the Police Department and Animal Control Division budget this evening. Police Chief Cox explained the highlights of the Police budget including: there will be no additional full time employees for this budget, adding two (2) part time crossing guards in the fall due to the new cross walk along N Murphy Road. Smart 911 is new software that will allow a resident's personal information to be stored. Any information they request can be stored such as allergies, disabilities, contact information and more. Council asked if there were other cities in the area that are subscribing to Smart 911, several are participating. Kim Parker, of the Police Department explained the information stored on Smart 911 would be available to other cities that are subscribed. Council recommended getting feedback every six (6) months to a year to see how valuable this technology is to our residents. Council asked for clarification of data storage. Parker confirmed the data is not housed at the city but we can access it when needed. Docking stations are in the budget at around \$6,700. They are being replaced with universal docking stations. Two (2) new Tahoe's are in the budget, at the estimated cost of \$115,000 with equipment. There is a \$500 budgeted item listed to drug collection which has been an excellent program in the past. Ewatch for neighborhoods that want to participate; this program is for residents who have cameras taping activities in their yards. They can choose to subscribe and Murphy PD will place a sign in their neighborhood. This will allow the police to use their recorded footage if necessary. It has been very beneficial in aiding officers with package thefts from front porches. Council asked about why there are no additional personnel requested for this budget especially in regards to the case load for detectives. Cox explained their workload is sustained and the peaks have not been an issue for their regular loads.

D. Discuss the Letters of Interest received for the City of Murphy Community Survey project.

City Manager, Fisher explained we have received four bids and we are interested in two of the companies. Director of Economic/ Community Development, Kristen Roberts has contacted the companies to set up meetings next week for interviews. Roberts addressed council regarding the two we have narrowed it down to as ETC Institute and Decision Analysts. Roberts opened up the interviews for Council to participate. Councilmembers Siddiqui, Spraggins and Fincanon volunteered. Council requested to make sure we receive the raw data so we can analyze that ourselves as well. Council wanted to make sure we do this every two (2) years so we can conduct a gap analysis annually.

Roberts also gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan (comp plan); we are requesting the RFP's for the comp plan and the deadline by Tuesday of next week.

7. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

A. Upcoming Town Hall Meeting – June 3, 2015

The previously scheduled Town Hall Meeting with TxDOT and HOA's has been changed to individual meetings between the different HOA's and TxDOT representatives at the request of TxDOT. Council wanted to clarify that we are trying to facilitate the meetings between TxDOT and the HOAS that have been impacted by the construction on North Murphy Road.

B. Timbers Nature Preserve

Playground equipment has been delivered; site work for the bathroom has begun. We have had approximately 80 rain days on this project and we are continuing to move forward.

C. Betsy Lane Road Widening Project

This project should begin in mid-June.

D. South Maxwell Creek Parallel Trunk Sewer Line

Nothing can begin until all the areas dry out.

E. North Murphy Road

See 7.A. as it was all inclusive.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council convened into close Executive Session at 6:59 pm 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.

9. RECONVENTE INTO REGULAR SESSION

The City Council reconvened into open session at 7:32 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. §551.071: 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.

- C. Take Action on any Executive Session Items.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

APPROVED BY:



Eric Barna, Mayor



ATTEST:


Susie Quinn, City Secretary