

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2013 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Baldwin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Councilmembers absent:
None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – No one was signed in to speak.

5. PRESENTATION ITEMS –

Finance Director, Linda Truitt, presented the unaudited investment and finance reports as of September 30, 2012.

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 approval of the January 15, 2013 meeting minutes.

COUNCIL ACTION:

APPROVED

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Halbert moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Daugherty seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. Against: None. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

7. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

A. Consider and take action, if any, upon a proposed resolution approving the City of Murphy Employee Policies and Procedures.

Council held discussions related to the proposed tobacco policy and commented that Staff should review alternatives to the proposed policy prohibiting new hires from using tobacco products. Alternatives discussed included increased health premiums, limited or prohibited use during work hours and the use of designated smoking areas. Council discussed the

financial impacts of the proposed hazardous weather policy and the proposed executive benefit plan. Council asked Staff to bring a revised policy back for consideration at a future meeting.

COUNCIL ACTION:

NO ACTION

No action was taken.

- B. Consider and take appropriate action, if any, on an ordinance amending the FY 2011-2012 revenue and expenditure budgets for the General Fund and the Debt Service Fund and creating a budget for the Murphy Municipal Development District (MDD).

COUNCIL ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Daugherty moved to approve an ordinance amending the FY 2011-2012 revenue and expenditure budgets for the General Fund and the Debt Service Fund and creating a budget for the Murphy Municipal Development District (MDD). Councilmember Richmond seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. Against: None. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0. (*Assigned Ordinance No. 13-01-943*)

- C. Consider and take action, if any, regarding neighborhood traffic control issues and the City of Murphy Traffic Calming Initiative Policy.

City Manager, James Fisher, presented the proposed Traffic Calming Initiative Policy to the Council. Mr. Fisher stated that Staff had been reviewing the issues on Moonlight Drive since December and expected to bring recommendations to Council in February.

Council held discussions with regard to the proposed policy. Mayor Pro Tem Daugherty asked that Section 4.1.1 of the policy be revised to include streets with a speed limit up to 35 mph. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Halbert inquired about the difference in charges for speed control versus volume control and asked about dead end streets. Council asked Staff to bring a revised policy back for consideration at a future meeting.

COUNCIL ACTION:

NO ACTION

No action was taken.

- D. Discussion/review of the city sidewalks and future hike and bike trails projects

Director of Parks and Public Works, Kim Lenoir, reviewed the City's sidewalk inventory with the Council and indicated that the areas that were lacking sidewalks were primarily due to new construction or areas with bar ditches. Ms. Lenoir stated that there were approximately 100 locations identified by staff, with resident input, that needed repair at an estimated cost of approximately \$50,000. Ms. Lenoir stated that the Parks and 4B Boards will be looking at plans for future hike and bike trails.

COUNCIL ACTION:

NON-ACTION ITEM

No action was taken.

8. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

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

North Murphy Road Construction Update – There has been some construction slow down due to weather

McCreary Road Construction Update – Construction is approximately 50% complete.

Regulations Regarding Bee Keeping

Joint Work Session on Animal Shelter – The Work Session has been scheduled for Thursday, January 31st.

Christmas Tree – The Christmas Tree was damaged due to wind last month. The approximate purchase cost was \$29,000 and the City expects to receive approximately \$23,000 from the insurance claim.

Update on Board and Commission Training – Forty one out of 51 board members attended the training on Saturday.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held

10. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Bret Baldwin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristi Gilbert, City Secretary

