

Duncanville City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Briefing Room at City Hall with a quorum to wit:

- COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Barry L. Gordon
Councilmember Joe Veracruz
Mayor Pro Tem Don McBurnett
Councilmember Monte Anderson
Councilmember Mark D. Cooks
- COUNCIL ARRIVING AT:**

Councilmember Johnette Jameson – 6:03 p.m.
Councilmember At-Large Patrick Harvey – 6:29 p.m.

I. WORK SESSION / BRIEFING

I.1. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Gordon read the item into the record, and City Manager Hugman reviewed each item. Item 4D - casting the City of Duncanville's vote for the fourth member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District (DCAD). Mayor Gordon questioned if there were any concerns with recasting their vote for Michael Hurtt. Council agreed to re-nominate Michael Hurtt.

I.2. BRIEFINGS / PRESENTATIONS

I.2.A. *Receive a briefing on the status of the Zoning Ordinance Update.*

City Planner Chasidy Benson provided status on the Zoning Ordinance update. Discussion on the following included; a process overview, progress to-date, a timeline of events, zoning districts and land uses, and development standards. Staff suggested Council attend the scheduled Planning and Zoning Commission meetings to hear the updates that are being discussed and offered one-on-one training with staff. Mayor Gordon showed concern of the possibility of recent legislation that could affect the zoning update.

I.2.B. *Discuss Annual City Council Calendar.*

City Manager Hugman discussed the City Council Calendar.

Council decided on the following dates:

- Special Meeting to Review RFP's - February 4th – 5:00 p.m.
- Joint Meeting with the Park Board – February 10th – 6:00 p.m.
- Joint Meeting with Planning and Zoning Commission – February 24th – 6:00 p.m.
- Interviews with Search Firms – February 25th – 6:00 p.m.
- Interviews with Search Firms – February 27th – 6:00 p.m.
- Strong Towns Workshop – March 21st – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Town Hall, Census – March 26th – 6:00 p.m.
- Town Hall, Budget – April 9th – 6:00 p.m.
- Boards and Commissions Banquet – April 16th – 6:00 p.m.
- Joint Meeting with Planning and Zoning Commission – April 27th – 6:00 p.m.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

II.1 *City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, Deliberations about Real Property, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, to wit: real properties generally located north of Wheatland Rd., east of Cedar Ridge and west of Cockrell Hill Rd.*

Executive Session was moved until after Staff and Board Reports.

Mayor Gordon recessed the Briefing Session at 7:05 p.m.

III. **REGULAR SESSION - CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:00 P.M.)**

The City Council convened into Regular Session in the Council Chambers at 7:10 p.m. with Mayor Gordon presiding.

The Invocation was delivered by Councilmember Veracruz.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were led by Mayor Gordon.

III.1. **REPORTS**

III.1.A. **Mayor's Report.**

Mayor Gordon recognized Suzanne Pointer as a Champion of the City for her service to our seniors' community as Director of the Goldenaires choir since 2013. Ms. Pointer orchestrates regular concerts at the Senior Center as well as nursing homes in the city. Her work includes selecting the music, directing the choir in rehearsals and concerts, and accompanying the choir on the piano. All her time is given with a true servant's heart and she is deeply appreciated by all to whom she serves.

III.1.B. **Councilmembers' Reports**

Councilmember Cooks encouraged all citizens to attend:

Lunch, Laugh, and Learn

January 23, 2020

6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Topic: 2020 Census: The Importance of Being Counted and What to Expect

Special Guest: Madeline Kelley-Schwoch

Councilmember Cooks encouraged all citizens to shop Duncanville.

III.1.C. **City Manager's Report.**

None.

III.2. **PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None.

III.3. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

"Pursuant to Section 551.007 of the Texas Gov't Code, any member of the public has the opportunity to address the City Council concerning any matter of public business or any posted agenda item; however, the Act prohibits the City Council from deliberating any issues not on the public agenda and such non-agenda issues may be referred to City staff for research and any future action; all persons addressing are subject to council adopted rules and limitations permitted by law"

To address the Council, please submit a fully-completed request card to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of the Citizens' Input portion of the Council meeting.

Mayor Gordon read the item into record. The following spoke during the Citizens Input Period:

Misty Bain, 102 Walnut Street – spoke against Council approving Item 5A and encouraged Council to take more time at developing a plan for a signature event.

III.4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Gordon requested that City Secretary Kristin Downs read the Consent Agenda Items.

III.4.A. ***Consider the Minutes for the January 7, 2019 City Council Special Meeting, and January 7, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting.***

III.4.B. ***Consider a Resolution authorizing the annual procurement of senior meal program services with Visiting Nurse Association of Texas, in the unit amount bid through the City of Grand Prairie Contract #17124, with an annual estimated expenditure amount of \$72,500.00.***

III.4.C. Consider a Resolution approving the Dallas County Election Systems & Software Expressvote Universal Voting System to be used in all future elections held in the City of Duncanville while contracting with Dallas County Elections.

III.4.D. Consider a Resolution casting the City Council of the City of Duncanville's vote for the fourth member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District (DCAD).

Mayor Pro Tem Don McBurnett made a motion to approve the item as stated, Councilmember Mark D. Cooks seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against. Items approved.

III.5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

III.5.A. Consider a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to move forward with the planning and implementation of a signature community event for the fall of 2020.

Mayor Gordon stated he has had concerns over the signature community event and read the following email that he sent to City Manager Hugman.

Dated: January 17, 2020

I have given this subject a great deal of thought. Reference our conversation this week about seeking proposals from other sources for the signature event and looking back on the criticism received for doing sole source for waste management. While sole source in that case was substantiated, sole source for this action is not in my view. While the individual who briefed council said his fee was \$30K, within the city manager's procurement authority, the city expenditure of \$150K for the event does make it a council matter, as it should be. Further, whomever we choose as a promoter is someone with whom the city should have a long-term relationship. That said, due diligence would indicate more than once source should be considered.

Director Bart Stevenson presented the item and provided an event summary.

Event Summary:

- Implement a signature community event in 2020
- Musical artists will be diverse
- No admission charges
- Beer and wine will be available
- Large children's area and ample vendors
- Barbeque competition with KCBS
- Budget of event - \$150,000
 - Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund and General Fund Balance
- Utilize a professional event planning firm for coordination and execution of the event

Director Stevenson stated staff is more than happy to process an RFP with the Purchasing Department. The event would need to be pushed back until Spring 2021.

Mayor Gordon stated he would prefer to see an RFP; the association with the vendor could turn into a long-term partnership. The City could still participate with smaller events in September of 2020 for the community but would not publicize it as the signature event for the city.

Director Stevenson stated there is monies in the recreation operation funds budgeted for concerts in the park and movies in the park.

Mayor Gordon stated he is still not convinced if the city should partner with KCBS.

Councilmember Jameson stated a signature event should highlight what Duncanville has that is different; the creeks and trees are beautiful and need to be capitalized. KCBS was a Lions Club function and she does not recall the

Lions Club officially asking the City to continue with the event. Councilmember Jameson stated Council needs to have input from the citizens and would like Council to have a Special Meeting to discuss what the signature event should look like.

At-Large Councilmember Harvey stated the hotel-motel tax fund is there to provide resources for events that meet two requirements; heads in beds and fits the nine required categories. If the requirements are not met more property taxes will be taken; hotel-motel taxes are paid by people coming from out of town to stay in Duncanville. At-Large Councilmember Harvey recited the dialogue from the Briefing Session from the January 7, 2020 City Council meeting. At-Large Councilmember Harvey stated the consultant took his time to speak with Council and shared his fees. Going out for an RFP can result in competitors undercutting the consultant who provided his time and knowledge. At-Large Councilmember Harvey asked Council to take a moment and think about the unintended consequences and suggested just saying thank you for sharing your ideas.

Mayor Gordon stated he reconsidered and accepted responsibility for moving forward without having more deliberation. Stepping back and providing an RFP will put everything in black and white and believes Mr. Thompson would not be offended and would be happy to comply.

Councilmember Jameson stated the community needs to have an opportunity to decide what the event should look like and does not feel bad about taking time to rethink.

Councilmember Anderson suggested having a group of individuals collaborate on what the signature event should look like. The median age in Duncanville is 34; Council should reach out to the millennials and find out what they would like to see in the community.

Councilmember Cooks agreed with Councilmember Anderson and stated the average age of the City Council is 61 and suggested the Multicultural Committee help reach out to the community.

City Manager Hugman clarified when staff brought Mr. Thompson in to talk with Council on January 7, 2020 it was a result from a Briefing Session in December that was on discussion regarding the Barbeque and Blues festival. Council had more questions about the festival, and staff brought Mr. Thompson in to help answer those questions. Mr. Thompson was brought in as a consultant to answer Council's questions. Council started talking about moving forward with him. Given there is a lot of questions and it is moving fast staff also discussed and agreed to step back and submitting an RFP would be the best option. Being prudent and taking more time to plan out the event and get more input from the citizens is staff's suggestion.

Mayor Gordon suggested Council table the item, provide an RFP and have staff provide interim events with the signature event taking place in Spring of 2021.

Councilmember At-Large Patrick Harvey made a motion to table the item, Councilmember Johnette Jameson seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against. Item was tabled.

City Manager Hugman clarified Council has provided direction to staff to provide an RFP for a promoter for an event, staff will provide a draft to Council with details, Council will direct staff on different possibilities to engage the community for input on a theme and what the event should look like.

Director Stevenson stated he did make it clear to Mr. Thompson that he was coming in as an educational component and is fine with abiding by the RFP process.

III.5.B. *Take any necessary action as a result of the Executive Session.*

Item was moved until after Staff and Board Reports.

III.6. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

III.6.A. ***Receive Police Department Quarterly Report.***

Lieutenant Hendrick presented the Police Department Quarterly Report. The following was discussed; final reporting on FY19 objectives, FY19 workplan items, recruiting, staffing and personnel, events, accomplishments, and NIBRS Group A offenses.

Mayor Gordon recessed the Regular Session at 8:21 p.m. for City Council to convene into Executive Session.

II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Session was called into session at 8:25 p.m. and City Attorney Hager read the item into record.

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The Council closed the Executive Session at 9:06 p.m.

Mayor Gordon called the Regular Session into order at 9:06 p.m.

- III.5.B. ***Take any necessary action as a result of the Executive Session. Item was moved until after Staff and Board Reports.***

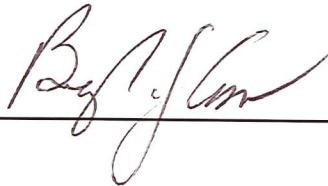
No action taken.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR



ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY

