

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
PARKER CITY COUNCIL
July 7, 2020
5:30 pm**

Mayor Musgrave called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Mayor Musgrave gave the Invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council Members Barrow, Haney, Jones and Mayor Musgrave. Commissioner Galbreath attended virtually.

Also Present: City Attorney Sloan, Police Chief Hutto, Fire Chief Kelly, and City Clerk Griffin

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion of Council Member Barrow and second of Council Member Jones, the Council approved the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting and the Workshop/Special Meeting on June 16, 2020.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Fire Chief Kelly expressed his concerns regarding the trailers across from the Fire Department that still did not have skirting on them, which was a fire safety hazard. City Clerk Griffin informed the Council that the Notice of Violation had been issued to the mobile home park owner, but that anything would not be followed up on or addressed until the Code Enforcement Officer returned from being quarantined. Chief Kelly suggested using County Code Enforcement Officers to fill in until Parker's Officer could return to work.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Verizon Cellular Modem for PEEP Park

On motion of Council Member Jones and second of Council Member Haney, the Council approved for PEEP Park the Verizon cellular modem 5-year contract for \$964.10 with 5 gig of data monthly for \$36.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

2. Approval for Mayor to Negotiate for Purchase of Small Vacant Lot for Directional Sign

On motion of Council Member Barrow and second of Council Member Jones, the Council approved for the Mayor to negotiate an option agreement for a small vacant lot for a directional sign and then report back to the Council for final approval of the option.

4 Ayes, 1 Nay.

Mr. Jones	AYE
Ms. Galbreath	AYE
Mr. Haney	NAY
Ms. Barrow	AYE
Mayor Musgrave	AYE

CLERK'S REPORT

- Interviews for the bookkeeper's position will start tomorrow, Wednesday, July 8, 2020.
- Water cut-offs are scheduled later this month due to the scheduling of our employees. Instead of the normal 8th of the month, it's now scheduled for the 14th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- We currently have 2 employees being quarantined due to exposure to family members who had tested positive to the Coronavirus. Chief Kelly will provide tomorrow to the Mayor the guidelines on compensation for employees out due to COVID-19.
- A Workshop/Special Meeting will be scheduled in the near future to work on the 2020-2021 Budget. This upcoming budget will be the hardest one the City has ever worked through due to accounting for normal operations and disaster recovery expenditures. The Mayor has requested a waiver for the City's portion of any matching funds from FEMA, but has not yet received a response.
- The Mayor also introduced the filing of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) valued at approximately \$6 million. Chief Kelly outlined the 3 projects to be included in the grant draft that should be available at the end of the following week:
 1. A new Police Station across from the existing Community Building (Anchor ECI)
 2. Reforestation of Parker, beginning with PEEP Park (Anchor ECI)
 3. Complete regeneration of Sports Complex (CDR McGuire)

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Council

Council Member Barrow questioned if the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funds could be used to purchase the small vacant lot for the City's directional sign. Attorney Sloan said he would research it.

Council Member Barrow announced the details of Chief Kelly's Retirement Party scheduled for Saturday, August 1. Employees and family members are welcome to come between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. All citizens are invited to attend from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Council Member Barrow will obtain the plaque.

Council Member Barrow asked what the City's plan would be if disruptive behavior/rioting started in Parker. Chief Hutto stated he would enforce the laws. The one area of concern were the Civil War graves in the cemetery.

Council Member Galbreath asked if there was a plan to address the multiple permitting and code enforcement issues with Tool Time. She inquired if the City could charge fines, double permit fees, or anything else that would get their attention. The Mayor stated that he would meet with Attorney Sloan to determine what could be done.

Council Member Galbreath expressed her concern on using outside Code Enforcement Officers.


Council Member Galbreath question Chief Kelly on when he first learned of the CDBG. Mr. Kelly responded 10 days ago. Although this was a short turnaround, Council Member Galbreath recommended that the Council be included in the future for input on major projects like this. Chief Kelly was asked about including the park on Parkway Drive and the Lake on Dover to be included as part of the grant. He said those areas were not considered as blighted and would not qualify for the grant.

Council Member Jones commented on the rioting in the St. Augustine area where the Council voted to remove public statues, but the people are rebelling and saying they are getting rid of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Next Regular City Council Meeting is July 21, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.
 - Submit potential agenda items NLT July 14, 2020
- Next Scheduled Planning Commission Meeting is July 13, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.
 - Submit potential agenda items NLT July 6, 2020


Karen Griffin, City Clerk