

THE CITY OF PARKER COUNCIL

June 7, 2022

5:30 pm

PARKER CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER at 5:30 pm

ROLL CALL:

Barrow - present

Chaple - present

Galbreath - present

Gibson - present

Mayor Kelly – present

Also in attendance: Chief Hutto, Tony Summerlin, Magistrate Libby, Beverly Hutto, Kathleen O'Brien and AnnMarie Morris

Approval of the minutes from May 17, 2022, with correction to attendance as present for Ms. Gibson. Motion by Ms. Barrow and second by Mr. Chaple.

Barrow – aye

Chaple – aye

Galbreath – aye

Gibson – aye

Mayor Kelly – aye

Items from the audience: none

Regular agenda:

1. Recommendation of Cooper St bore bid: Ms. Moore of Anchor Engineering stated 2 bids were opened at the previous council meeting. First bid was from L&K for \$1014450 and second bid was from Mainline for \$1049913. Recommendation of L&K made by Anchor with stipulation that they talk with public works over the use of HTPC and PVC. On a motion of Ms. Barrow and a 2nd by Ms. Gibson to accept the bid of L&K.

Barrow – aye

Chaple – aye

Galbreath – aye

Gibson – aye

Mayor Kelly – aye

2. First reading of Ordinance 2022-404 regarding purchasing policy. Public hearing opened at 5:34 – no comments – closed at 5:34.

. On a motion of Ms. Galbreath and a 2nd by Ms. Barrow to read Ordinance 2022-404.

Barrow – aye

Chaple – aye

Galbreath – aye
Gibson – aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

Ordinance 2022-404 read by Mr. Sloan.

3. **Request for the division of parcel into 3- Betty Masters** – single family home and 2 duplexes on parcel. Request due to insurance difficulties with current carrier. Granddaughter, Christina Bass in attendance for Ms. Masters. If divided the lot sizes will not meet LDR requirement except for single family home. Advised to only divide into 2 parcels and speak with insurance company to see if she can purchase a homeowner’s policy for private residence and commercial policy to cover rentals.
4. **Discussion of fire chief position.** Ms. Galbreath passed out an email from Joseph Colaviope, Field Representative Community Hazard Mitigation Solutions. Email stated that if a chief only responds to calls from home, it could possibly affect the ISO points. ISO rating is currently a 4, water supply, certifications, firemen on call, distance the chief lives from station all effect the points. Concern over growth of city and height of buildings in the future could affect the rating. Having two paid firemen on duty during the day would help. Currently there is a Chief for the 17 volunteers and a chief for the other 3 paid positions. Fire Chief opening is currently being advertised for applications for position. Salary is a concern for most who have applied. Not all counties have a paid fire chief. Dan Schroeder spoke about the possible need for ad valorem tax to supplement the income for Parker. Will continue searching for a qualified candidate for fire chief position.
5. **Discussion of phone system.** Flux labs gave a bid of \$2000 less and we would no longer have to have Nextiva. There have been numerous issues with Nextiva and the police department phones. Jeremy McSpadden, CEO of Flux Labs in attendance. Can do a voice contract for 2 years minimum. He was not in attendance at last council meeting but was told that there were complaints of his services. Questioned over why the price is now much lower than what we are currently paying monthly. Fluxlabs reached out to city employees, has a 15-minute response time. Concern over refurbished computers being placed in city offices not new computers. Request to begin RFP for computers and phone systems. ATT and WOW are not compatible with our system. Fluxlabs gave a new quote of \$3800 monthly but may have had Powernets quote. Sealed bids should be done to ensure fair quotes are received. Motion for RFP for IT and phones to be headed up by Chief Hutto, motion by Ms. Galbreath and a second by Ms. Gibson.

Barrow – aye
Chaple – aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson – aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

6. **Request to purchase parcel 25249-000-000.** Council previously voted to offer \$15,000 for land near entrance to Cheri Lane, it was rejected by the owner. Owner stated to Mayor Kelly,

he would accept \$25,000 from city or will list for \$50,000. Ms. Galbreath has had a conversation with city engineer and now believes the land purchase will benefit the homeowners in Cheri Lane. Motion to offer \$25,000 made by Ms. Barrow and a second by Mr. Chaple.

Barrow – aye
Chaple – aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson – aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

Option may trigger an appraisal per attorney, motion to exempt motion of appraisal

Barrow – aye
Chaple – aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson – aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

7. City of Parker Facebook discussion. City Facebook began after Hurricane Michael and was not officially voted on. Currently 1400 followers, can turn off comments on posts, can archive under Bay County at no cost to the City of Parker. Numerous stats given as to how many views have been received on previous posts. Discussion to keep Facebook page, with out comments and archiving under Bay County, Mr. Sloan will check with Bay County to ensure that we can use their social archiving.

8. Discussion of amending alcohol sales prior to 7 am. Business owner had asked at the 5th Tuesday meeting if alcohol sales could begin earlier to accommodate charter boats loading before 7 am. Council and Chief Hutto discussed the possible ramifications of earlier sales. Staffing of police department a concern. Motion to amend ordinance to 6 am sales for convenience stores made by Ms. Gibson and a second by Ms. Galbreath.

Barrow – nay
Chaple – aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson – aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

9. Reading of Ordinance 2022-403 Golf Cart usage. Discussion that you can purchase insurance for a golf cart. Must have a valid driver's license. Public hearing opened at 6:45pm. Asked what major roads can be crossed, none with golf cart, only with an LSV. Roads must be 30 mph or less. Must register the cart with the city and display a permit and have insurance. Permit price questioned. If operating, they must have insurance of 10/20 BI. Only able to operate sunrise to sunset. Public hearing closed at 7:02 Motion to read Ordinance 2022-403 made by Ms. Galbreath and a second by Ms. Gibson.

Barrow – nay
Chaple – aye

Galbreath – aye
Gibson – aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

Ordinance 2022-403 read by Mr. Sloan.

Closing remarks:


Mr. Chaple: requested to put up 4' chain link fence at Memorial Park. Council will look at site and decide at a later date.

Mayor Kelly: EPA sent letter and we will meet on the 16th of June to discuss the beginning of the pier. Discussion of benefits packet being allowed to be taken by former elected officials. Ms. Barrow stated they are here to serve the people only. Mr. Chaple said it is for employees only, we are not employees. Ms. Galbreath asked if it is required by state statute to cover past elected officials? Ms. Gibson said no. Motion to not allow past or present elected officials to be entitled to benefits made by Ms. Barrow and a second by Ms. Gibson.

Barrow – aye
Chaple – aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson – aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

Pastor Davis spoke of mentorship and passing out clothes, food, backpacks to the students of Parker Elementary. Will host the students on July 30th at community center from 2 to 4 to pass out to those in need. Will get work out via Facebook and newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm



Jami Hinrichs, City Clerk