

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
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**Of**  
**THE CITY OF PARKER CITY COUNCIL**  
**February 7, 2023**  
**5:30 pm**

**AGENDA**

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

Invocation was given by Pastor Alex Palomaria of Parker United Methodist

**ROLL CALL –**

Ms. Barrow - present  
Mr. Chaple - present  
Ms. Galbreath - present  
Ms. Gibson - present  
Mayor Kelly - present

**ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE: (non-agenda items)**

1. Patricia Fousek of 1344 Stratford Ave. asked if this time was for non-agenda items only.
2. Jody Matokovich of 4808 E 3<sup>rd</sup> has concerns over the numerous stray cats in the area.
3. Cynthia Rozzo owner of 1440 Dover Road and 6021 E Hwy 98 has concerns and questions over discussions at town hall meeting. Concern over past purchases of land, fire chief position and code enforcement of seniors. She feels she was not given sympathy or grace as a senior citizens, she feels mocked by the clerk's offer to help seniors who need help with cutting their grass. Claimed clerk gave her a hard deadline and was not given an extension to mow her grass. She feels mistreated by being made to cut her grass.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

On a motion of Ms. Barrow and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Chaple council approved the minutes from January 11, 2023, and January 17, 2023.

Ms. Barrow - aye  
Mr. Chaple - aye  
Ms. Galbreath - aye  
Ms. Gibson - aye  
Mayor Kelly - aye

Ms. Galbreath made a motion to correct typo on January 3, 2023, minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Gibson. Clerk will correct and post updated minutes changing "not to now" in reference to purchasing of a lawn mower.

Ms. Barrow - aye  
Mr. Chaple - aye  
Ms. Galbreath - aye  
Ms. Gibson - aye  
Mayor Kelly - aye

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 1. Introduction of Katie Anderson, Bay County Public Library, Parker Branch, Updates and Upcoming Events.** Ms. Anderson passed out flyers with statistics of the Parker library. Ms. Anderson recapped her history with books and love of the library. Library rentals have increased 24% since last year. STEM and Lego kits have been set up, monthly crafts, 541 wi-fi sessions since October. Many resources on site are used by community on a regular basis. Will continue to update the council on upcoming events via City Hall and Facebook page with Ms. Gibson's help.
- 2. Interlocal Agreement with The City of Callaway for Median Improvements and Maintenance Along Certain Sections of Tyndall Parkway –** Mr. Sloan has received the draft from staff and has made some changes to the document.

On a motion of Ms. Galbreath and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Gibson council approved the interlocal agreement with Callaway as presented.

Ms. Barrow - aye  
Mr. Chaple - aye  
Ms. Galbreath - aye  
Ms. Gibson - aye  
Mayor Kelly - aye

- 3. Second Reading, Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of Ordinance 2022-411 Relating to the Code of Ordinances related to Code Enforcement, Unfit/Unsafe Structures, and Including Procedures –** Public hearing opened at 5:55 pm, Mr. Sloan recapped the ordinance is the result of meeting with magistrate and council. Ms. Fousek of 1344 Stratford Ave. asked if this replaces Chapter 26 of the code of ordinances, Mr. Sloan stated just portions of it. Ordinances are available to public if a request for copy is made. Advertising may soon be done via a website hosted by Bay County as well per Ms. Gibson. Discussion of placing informational packets on the City of Parker website. Public hearing closed at 6:00pm.

On a motion of Ms. Gibson and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Galbreath council approved the second reading of Ordinance 2022-411.

Ms. Barrow - aye  
Mr. Chaple - aye  
Ms. Galbreath - aye  
Ms. Gibson - aye

Mr. Sloan read Ordinance 2022-411 by title.

On a motion of Ms. Galbreath to adopt Ordinance 2022-411 and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Chaple council.

Ms. Barrow - aye  
Mr. Chaple - aye  
Ms. Galbreath - aye  
Ms. Gibson - aye  
Mayor Kelly - aye

**4. First Reading, Public Hearing of Ordinance 2023-412 Relating to Ad Valorem Taxes –**

Public hearing opened at 6:02 pm, Patricia Fousek passed out literature pertaining to establishing The City of Parker and not being allowed to levy ad valorem taxes (literature given to clerk and council). Supports ad valorem for infrastructure but has concerns about how charter is written. Concern over Florida Statute 166.031 and needing a vote by electors at the next general election. Feels charter should have been changed before vote for ad valorem. Asking for guidance on process. Mr. Sloan stated that is not correct. City was form in 1967 by special act of the legislature, in 1973 the State of Florida enacted the Home Rule Powers Act, and anything in the charter of the city became an ordinance, with some few exceptions. The council is now deleting some antiquated provisions that are no longer applicable, the constitution allows for cities to levy ad valorem taxes. At the prior meeting the council expressed a desire to move forward with ad valorem taxes, this is an ongoing process, 3.8 millage may not be the final levy, in September an ordinance will finalize the millage rate. This will not go to the citizens for a vote. Ms. Fousek thanked Mr. Sloan for the clarification, but still feels that the council voted for 3.8 millage ad valorem. Public hearing closed at 6:07 pm.

On a motion of Ms. Galbreath and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Gibson council approved the reading of Ordinance 2023-412.

Ms. Barrow - nay  
Mr. Chaple - aye  
Ms. Galbreath - aye  
Ms. Gibson - aye  
Mayor Kelly - aye

Mr. Sloan read Ordinance 2023-412 read by title.

**5. Adoption of Employee Handbook –**On a motion by Ms. Barrow and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Galbreath council approved the adoption of the employee handbook.

Ms. Barrow - aye  
Mr. Chaple - aye  
Ms. Galbreath - aye  
Ms. Gibson - aye  
Mayor Kelly - aye

6. **Discussion of 5-Year Plan** – Ms. Galbreath distributed a spreadsheet. Trash truck payment may be a year behind to pay off loan due to Hurricane Michael. \$65000 for truck now. \$10000 for trencher. \$10000 ditch lining. \$300000 for three sets of bathrooms, two at sports park and one at Earl Gilbert. \$50000 for lighting and security at sports park. \$60000 truck for sewer department to access beach. \$85000 truck and two trailers for water department. \$120000 for police cars, Mayor Kelly stated they found two replacement vehicles at Ford in Panama City but must secure them by Wednesday, they will not have all of the equipment needed for a police car. \$25000 for MDT for each police car. \$75000 to pay off rescue fire truck, owned by city not the volunteers. Bunker gear would be the first set purchased by city since 1955. Ms. Gibson asked about the advantage of paying for the rescue truck. Mayor stated that the taxpayers would not have to pay the firetruck payment if ARPA used. ARPA cannot be used for matching funds. Ms. Gibson stated we have till December 2024 to spend the money, this is a 5-year budgetary plan not a city plan, concern over rushing when ad valorem will hit in 2024 tax season. Discussion over approving portion of ARPA and have a workshop to discuss other spending. Public works needs drainage on Soule and manhole on 11<sup>th</sup> and Alexander to be spent now, \$25000 and \$40000. Mayor asked to approve the two police cars as well. Ms. Barrow stated that she had sufficient time to look over spreadsheet, Ms. Gibson would like to wait for a workshop. Council did ask for ARPA funding to be put on spreadsheet at previous meetings. Mr. Summerlin explained that a doghouse manhole was used at 11<sup>th</sup> and Alexander and the manhole has sunk about 8”, he has had three quotes for repairs at that location. Mayor Kelly stated the bunker gear will take several months to come in. Discussion over first time seeing the ARPA allocated out on a spreadsheet. Council would like to see infrastructure repaired and the other items looked at during a workshop. Motion made by Ms. Galbreath to approve allocating ARPA funds towards the trash truck (\$25000), Lighting and security at sports park and fishing pier (\$50000), Soule Dr. resurfacing (\$25000), Alexander and 11<sup>th</sup> St (\$40000), Police cars (\$120000), Bunker Gear (\$41000), and three bathrooms (\$300000) seconded by Ms. Barrow.

Ms. Barrow - aye  
Mr. Chaple - aye  
Ms. Galbreath - aye  
Ms. Gibson - aye  
Mayor Kelly - aye

Ms. Fousek asked for clarification on bunker gear spending, Mayor Kelly said that \$41000 will outfit 10 firefighters. Workshop scheduled for Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9 am to discuss ARPA allocation of remaining funds. Mr. George Haralabidis of 1440 Dover Road asked if the spreadsheet is a cash flow or expected from ad valorem? Council has not had that conversation yet.

**Task List:**

**5- and 10- year Plan** – Ms. Gibson states this list is not a 5- and 10-year plan, we want a strategic plan not a budgetary plan. Ms. Gibson has a copy of Bay County’s strategic plan. Ms. Gibson wants a grant writer on staff. Discussion over LMI area in Parker.

**Stormwater Master Plan** – Anchor on agenda for February 21 to discuss.

**Procedural Manual** – Council directed department heads to have to them by 3/7/2023 meeting.

**User Fee** – list under construction and clerk will give to council, council will decide when to update fees at a workshop.

**Zoning Changes** – Ms. Galbreath will look into ECRC assisting at her next meeting with TPO on February 13th.

**Grant Writer** – will discuss at workshop on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am.

**Closing Remarks:**

**Mr. Chaple** – Easter Egg Hunt committee meeting on 2/9 at 5:30 at community center. Eggs have been donated by a citizen.

**Ms. Galbreath** – Traycee Chapman, liaison for Tyndall AFB, has been promoted and moved to San Antonio, Ms. Galbreath has requested replacement to be added to planning committee. TPO has launched online scheduler for all riders and online ticketing. Grant writer website to connect to freelance writers, Upward.com. Questions at town hall meeting, Cheri Lane property will be reimbursed by grant per Anchor. Making a motion that all agendas and backup documents be posted on website, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Gibson.

Ms. Barrow - aye

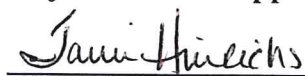
Mr. Chaple - aye

Ms. Galbreath - aye

Ms. Gibson - aye

Mayor Kelly - aye

**Adjournment at approximately 6:37 pm.**



Jami Hinrichs, City Clerk