

## Work Session Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Dailey called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Perkins, Perks, and Francey. Also present were City Manager Steve Alexander and City Secretary Debra Newell. Councilmembers Linson-Bell, Del Bosque-Hobdy, and Mayor Reid were absent. Attorney Robert Scott was also in attendance.

### 2. Items to be Discussed

#### A. 2013 Budget Process (*Cliff Copeland, Finance Director*)

1. Department Presentations – Public Safety (*Daniel J. Busken, Police Chief/ Doug Caison, Fire Chief*)

Chief Busken gave an overview of his department's responsibilities and budgetary requests. He also mentioned the problem in retaining qualified Dispatchers, which will be discussed further.

Fire Chief Caison also gave an overview of his department's responsibilities and budgetary requests. He added that one current request was to create a new position of Public Education Coordinator instead of rehiring a Fire Secretary. This position would have the Fire secretarial duties as well as increased Public Education duties. One project would be to start a Citizens Fire Academy. The annual cost of creating this position would be \$9,400 per year, but would only cost half of that amount for the remainder of the current fiscal year. City Manager Steve Alexander asked if the Council would like him to bring back an item for a reclassification of this position. The Council generally agreed that he has the authority to do it administratively and there was a consensus among the City Council Members for him to do so.

#### B. Personnel Pay Plan – Proposal to Address Turnover in Dispatch (*Daniel J. Busken, Police Chief*)

City Manager Steve Alexander noted there is a very high turnover in Dispatch. He has been working with Chief Busken and Barry Robinson to address the issue. The job is shift work, highly stressful, and low pay. There are costs associated with not being able to retain trained dispatchers, being money and efficiency. The City of Greenville's pay ranges are comparable with other cities; however, we have not been able to advance employees through the pay range, thereby resulting in a lower wage. Implementing a certification pay, similar to a Police Officer's, will hopefully lead to a higher retention of competent and content employees. City Manager stated he would implement a 5% adjustment immediately in an effort to create stability in this department and bring back other recommendations for the City Council's consideration during the budgetary process for fiscal year 2013-14.

### 3. Items on the Regular Agenda of April 9, 2013

### 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED FOR AGENDA ITEMS OR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS AS LISTED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA - SECTIONS 551.071, 551.087, 551.072, 551.074, OR 551.073

### 5. Adjourn

The work session was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

## Regular Session Agenda

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Dailey called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Perkins, Perks, and Francey. Also present were City Manager Steve Alexander and City Secretary Debra Newell. Councilmember Linson-Bell, Del Bosque-Hobdy, and Mayor Reid were absent. Attorney Robert Scott was also in attendance.

### 2. Invocation

Pastor Ron Hight of Cornerstone Community Church of the Nazarene.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. Presentations

### 5. Citizens to be Heard

John Kelso, 3503 Highmeadow, said he has been disappointed that the City Council does not respond to his questions or surveys. He wonders how citizens will vote on the Street Bond if they do not have enough information.

### 6. Consent Calendar

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2013
- B. Ordinance authorizing final payment to Pacheco Koch for the design of Monty Stratton Parkway (*Massoud Ebrahim, Public Works Director*)

Ordinance 13-024: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO PACHECO KOCH FOR THE DESIGN OF MONTY STRATTON PARKWAY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- C. Resolution appointing Mike Taylor to Place 1 on the GEUS Board of Trustees (*City Council*)

Resolution 13-13: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, TEXAS, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO PLACE 1 ON THE GEUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Councilmember Perkins moved, Councilmember Perks seconded for the adoption of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the City Council present.

### 7. Public Hearings

- A. Public hearing, consideration and action on an ordinance reenacting Section 14.07 entitled "Curfew Hours for Minors" of Chapter 14, "Offenses and Additional Provisions" of the Code of Ordinances (*Daniel J. Busken, Police Chief*)

It is a requirement that the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance be reviewed every three years. Statistics show a reduction in offenses since this provision has been implemented. The first public hearing on this item was held at the March 26, 2013, City Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Dailey opened the Public Hearing and

asked if anyone wished to speak regarding this ordinance. There was no one. Mayor Pro Tem Dailey closed the Public Hearing. The City Council agreed it is in the best interest to continue this curfew.

Councilmember Perks moved, Councilmember Francey seconded for the enactment of Ordinance 13-025: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, TEXAS, REENACTING SECTION 14.07 ENTITLED "CURFEW HOURS FOR MINORS" OF CHAPTER 14, "OFFENSES AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, DEFINING TERMS, CREATING HOURS FOR CURFEW FOR MINORS, CREATING OFFENSES FOR MINORS, PARENTS OF MINORS, AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS VIOLATING CURFEW REGULATIONS, PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER APRIL 9, 2013.** Motion carried by unanimous consent of the City Council present.

- B. Public hearing, consideration and action on an ordinance authorizing a budget amendment for upgrade of outdoor warning sirens (*Cliff Copeland, Finance Director*)

Roxana Martin, Assistant Finance Director, told the Council that in 2002, five outdoor warning sirens were installed at Graham Park, Middleton Park, Wright Park, the Greenville SportsPark, and Oak Creek Park. Currently, the existing controls on the equipment are nearing the end of their useful life and replacement parts are becoming obsolete. The SportsPark siren recently had to be upgraded to the next generation of controls because repair parts were no longer available to fix the damaged unit at a cost of \$14,500. The total amount of a budget amendment needed to upgrade all the outdoor warning sirens \$ 89,500. If the remaining sirens are not upgraded, a budget amendment in the amount of \$14,500 is still needed.

Due to the high frequency of required maintenance on these remaining units, a plan is needed to resolve these ongoing issues. Since 2002, there have been major advances in technology and communications. Because of these advances, there are other possible solutions to an outdoor warning system in lieu of sirens. This can be in the form of the Weather Warning System provided by CodeRed, social media, and/or Smartphone weather applications.

Mayor Pro Tem Dailey opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak regarding this budget amendment. Al Atkins, 2510 Rolling Hills, said he thought the outdoor warning sirens were very important for people in the parks. Persons might not have access to their cell phones if they are in the new proposed water park. Dave Dreiling, 6302 Villa Fontana, said he is in favor of spending the funds for the upgrade. He also noted that if we have visitors at our SportsPark, they may not get the local Code Red warning call.

Duane May, 5 Heritage, said people need to be responsible for their own safety and the money should be used elsewhere. Most people have cell phones and can add a weather application.

John Kelso, 3503 Highmeadow, questioned how much was really needed to be spent. He also noted that the director of tournaments or the owner of the water park would be responsible for alerting people in their facility as to any upcoming storms.

Mayor Pro Tem Dailey closed the Public Hearing.

Steve Alexander noted that City Staff has struggled with this decision as he is not sure of the value of an upgrade.

Councilmember Francey believes that the sirens give you a false sense of security and people need to have some personal responsibility for their own safety.

Mayor Pro Tem Dailey agrees that people are getting information from many sources but the sirens are a security blanket. He is not in favor of spending the money, but believes citizens like to know the sirens are there.

Councilmember Perkins would like go ahead and spend the money now, but begin an education campaign of the different ways to get information and to emphasize that the sirens are only designed to be heard outdoors.

Councilmember Perks moved to table the item until a full council is available to vote on this important issue, Councilmember Francey seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the City Council present.

## 8. Ordinances

- A. Consideration and action on an ordinance establishing maximum, reasonable and prudent rates of speed on Monty Stratton Parkway from IH-30 to Lions Lair in the City of Greenville; repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith and fixing penalties for violation hereof (*Massoud Ebrahim, Public Works Director*)

Director of Public Works, Massoud Ebrahim, explained that the Police Department conducted a speed study and determined the speed limit should be set at 50 mph. After discussion among the City Council about the width of the street and the fact that there is not a shoulder at this time, it was decided to set the speed limit at 40 mph.

Councilmember Perks moved to set the speed limit at 40 mph, Councilmember Francey seconded for the enactment of Ordinance 13-026: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM, REASONABLE, AND PRUDENT RATE OF SPEED ON MONTY STRATTON PARKWAY FROM IH-30 TO LIONS LAIR IN THE CITY OF GREENVILLE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; AND MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER APRIL 19, 2013.** Motion carried by unanimous consent of the City Council present.

- B. Consideration and action on an ordinance amending City of Greenville Code of Ordinances Article 16.04 Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation by the addition of Section 16.04.005 (use of motorized vehicles in public parks – prohibited) (*Colby VanGundy, Director of Parks and Recreation*)

Director of Parks and Recreation Colby VanGundy briefed the City Council on complaints about four wheelers and ATVs being driven in the City's Parks. He said there is an issue of safety when you have children playing in the parks. The ordinance allows for only licensed motor vehicles to be allowed in the City parks.

Councilmember Francey moved, Councilmember Perks seconded for the enactment of Ordinance 13-027: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE IN ARTICLE 16.04 PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION BY THE ADDITION OF THE SECTION 16.04.005 (USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN PUBLIC PARKS - PROHIBITED); PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$500; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Motion carried by unanimous consent of the City Council present.

- C. Consideration and action on an ordinance authorizing the City of Greenville to transfer the Optional County Fee for Child Safety funds collected by Hunt County and transferred

The Hunt County Commissioners Court adopted an "Optional County Fee for Child Safety" in 2012 under the Texas Transportation Code Section 502.403 and this fee can be used for several programs, one of them being to fund programs the county is authorized by law to provide which are designed to enhance child safety, health, or nutrition, including child abuse prevention and intervention and drug and alcohol abuse prevention. The \$1 fee will be added to each vehicle registration in Hunt County. The County will pass through this fee to the City for distribution to the Child Advocacy Center. City Manager Steve Alexander noted that it would be appropriate for the Child Advocacy Center to report to the City Council on an annual basis about how these funds were being used. There was also discussion about a "fair share" amount based on the clients seen from inside the city limits.

Councilmember Perkins moved "to transfer funds annually based on a "fair share" calculation with an annual review, Councilmember Perks seconded for the enactment of Ordinance 13-028: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREENVILLE TO TRANSFER THE OPTIONAL COUNTY FEE FOR CHILD SAFETY FUNDS COLLECTED BY HUNT COUNTY AND TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY OF GREENVILLE TO HUNT COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Motion carried by unanimous consent of the City Council present.

**9. Resolutions**

**10. Board and Commission Minutes/City Staff or City Council Reports**

Perdue Month Report for February

**11. Executive Session**

**12. Take action on any item discussed in Executive Session**

**13. Adjourn**

There being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.