

City Council
Steve Reid, Mayor

Place 1 Dan Perkins

Place 2 James Evans

Place 3 Jeff Dailey

Place 4 Velma Del Bosque-Hobdy

Place 5 Renee' Francey

Place 6 Sandra Linson-Bell

Work Session Minutes**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Reid called the Work Session to order at 5:00p.m. Present were Councilmembers Perkins, Evans, Dailey, Del Bosque-Hobdy, Francey and Linson-Bell. Also present were Interim City Manager Massoud Ebrahim, City Secretary Debra Newell and City Attorney Daniel Ray.

2. Items to be Discussed

- A. Preliminary FY 2013-2014 Budget Presentation (*Massoud Ebrahim, DPW/ Interim City Manager and Cliff Copeland, Finance Director*)

General Fund

- Maintain current tax rate at 0.699 per \$100 TAV for 2013-14.
- Revenue shortfall of approximately \$350,000 due to decrease in taxable assessed value (Per Tax Appraisal District).
- Sales tax revenue increase includes reduction of \$84,777 per year to Texas State Comptroller due to large refund (Texas Supreme Court Ruling).
- Include pay increase for employees.
- Increased Street Improvement Program budget to \$1,000,000.
- Elimination of SGR contract. Cost reduction approximately \$50,000
- Cut TxDOT contract for additional mowing. \$60,000 cost reduction.
- Transferred Lot Abatement Mowing to Solid Waste fund for net cost reduction of approximately \$40,000.
- All vacant positions will remain frozen pending evaluation of position.
- Review all programs for possible savings.
- Maintain a healthy and appropriate General Fund Balance while establishing funds for capital purchases.
- Maintain a property tax rate less than the effective tax rate to cushion the impact of future increases in the debt service due to GO Bond Issues for the YMCA & Street reconstruction propositions. Debt service rate is anticipated to increase 7 to 12 cents through 2017.

Water & Sewer Fund

- Proposing to increase water rates to wholesale customers (Following recommendation of rate study).
- Proposed increase to Sewer Hauler Rates (Following recommendation of rate study).
- Include pay increase for employees.
- Maintaining a healthy and appropriate Water Utility Fund Balance and establishing a \$2,500,000 Water Utility CIP.

Solid Waste Fund

- Negotiated new five year agreement with Progressive Waste Solutions which includes a proposed rate increase of approximately 4.5% (3% for new contract & 1.5% for previous CPI).
- Disposal rates include a proposed rate increase of 2.33% based on contractual agreement.
- Transferred Lot Abatement Mowing from General Fund.

Insurance Fund

- Increased City contribution from \$9,365 to \$9,600 per budgeted position.
- Advertise request for proposals on employee Health Insurance plan (City Council Committee involved).

3. Items on the Regular Agenda of July 23, 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**

The Council adjourned into Executive Session at 5:30p.m., as listed on the regular agenda.

5. Adjourn

Upon reconvening in Open Session, the Work Session was adjourned at 5:55p.m.

Regular Meeting Agenda**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Reid called the Regular meeting to order at 6:01p.m. Present were Councilmembers Perkins, Evans, Dailey, Del Bosque-Hobdy, Francey and Linson-Bell. Also present were Interim City Manager Massoud Ebrahim, City Secretary Debra Newell and City Attorney Daniel Ray.

2. Invocation

Randy Daw of Johnson Street Church of Christ gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance**4. Presentations****5. Citizens to be Heard**

Steve Ramsey, 2505 Rolling Hills Drive, presented the Council with a copy of L-3's current lease at their Waco facility. He urged the Council make sure the new Greenville lease is fair to all involved, including the taxpayers.

Deidre Mead, 414 Division, requested that the Council appoint a committee to study ways to reduce the number of animals euthanized at the Animal Shelter. Greenville should strive to have the lowest number of animals euthanized per capita.

Byron Taylor thanked the City for providing a July 4th celebration. He also noted that he watches the sales tax numbers and would like the City to continue to pursue companies that will generate more sales tax as opposed to Alternative Financial Services which do not generate sales tax.

Wes Trueblood, 2902 Webb Street, will be back at the August 13 meeting to discuss the possibility of opening a homeless shelter in Greenville. He noted that the homeless population now includes families with children.

Melissa Bishop, 1414 Reiger, noted that Greenville and Hunt County have a real need for a homeless shelter.

Ben Collins, 3911 Stonewall, said that he is currently serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission and is disappointed to see the Alternative Financial Services item on the agenda. He also does not believe that it meets the requirement of the Open Meetings Act to discuss it in Executive Session. He stated that the old Braums' building does not meet the zoning requirements for Alternative Financial Services.

Mayor Reid explained to Mr. Collins that the item listed on the agenda for executive session has nothing to do with the old Braums' building.

Randy Daw, 1111 Edgewood, said he is philosophically against Alternative Financial Services and he supports the idea of a homeless shelter.

John Kelso, 6005 Horne, said while he supports free enterprise, Alternative Financial Services do not generate any sales tax. He also believes the issue should start the process with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

6. Consent Calendar

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2013
- B. Resolution confirming reappointment of a Civil Service Commissioner (*Massoud Ebrahim, PWD/Interim City Manager*)

Don Jefferies is reappointed. Resolution No. 13-33: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, TEXAS, CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO SERVE IN PLACE 1; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Councilmember Francey moved for the adoption of the consent calendar, Councilmember Del Bosque-Hobdy seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the City Council.

7. Public Hearings

8. Ordinances

9. Resolutions

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

Library Advisory Board Minutes April 16, 2013
June Financials
GBOD Quarterly Report

11. Executive Session

The Mayor announced the time as 6:28 p.m., and stated the Council would now go into Executive Session under **Sections 551.071(1) and (2)** - Consultations with Attorney for advice on legal matters regarding **1) Waste Water Treatment Plant construction and liquidated damages related to construction delay; 2) regarding potential condemnation proceedings for 30' utility easement, approximately 0.151 acres, on south side of I-30 access road between Monty Stratton and Highway 34; 3) Discuss hiring of special counsel to answer Public Information Act Request from Joe Weis dated July 17, 2013 and to advise council on any future issue related to the City Attorney's Office; 4) Discuss potential changes to or deletions from the Zoning Ordinance related to Alternative Financial Services; Section 551.087 Projects: Splash, Rounder, Peary, Focus, Greenville-IPW, Lions, Nugget, NYPD, Elevator, Spark JC, Birch, Fox, Conceal, Socrates 100, Graphite Shaft, Clover, Cocktail Sauce, Greenville-McCarthy, Bread; Section 551.072: Discussion with respect to the purchase, lease, or value of real property 1) Real property at the Greenville SportsPark for potential third-party leasee- Greenville YMCA for proposed event center/ YMCA; 2) Projects: Splash, Rounder, Peary, Focus, Greenville-IPW, Lions, Nugget, NYPD, Elevator, Spark JC, Birch, Fox, Conceal, Socrates 100, Graphite Shaft, Clover, Cocktail Sauce, Greenville-McCarthy, Bread, EDC Land; Section 551.074: City Manager Selection Process.**

12. Take action on any item discussed in Executive Session

Upon reconvening in Open Session at 7:54 p.m., the Council now considered:

- A. Consideration and action to hire Special Counsel for responding to Open Records Request dated July 17, 2013, and to advise Council on any future issues relating to the City Attorney's office (*Daniel Ray, City Attorney*)

Councilmember Francey moved to hire the law firm of Curtis, Alexander, McCampbell & Morris to assist with Open Records Requests, Councilmember Bell seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the City Council.

- B. Consideration and action on appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or hearing complaints or charges against a public officer or employee (*Barry Robinson, Director of Human Resources*)

Councilmember Perkins moved to hire Chris Hartung Consulting to conduct the City Manager search, Councilmember Del Bosque-Hobdy seconded. Motion failed by 2-5 vote, with Evans, Dailey, Francey, Linson-Bell and Mayor Reid voting "no."

13. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m., by unanimous consent of the City Council.


Steve Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:


Debra Newell, City Secretary