



**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY,
MARCH 5, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Benbrook City Council was held on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 7:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers at 911 Winscott Road with the following Council members present:

Jerry Dittrich
Keith Bailey
Rickie Allison
Mark Washburn
Ron Sauma
Dan Tully

Also Present:

Andy Wayman, City Manager
Joanna King, City Secretary
Dave Gattis, Deputy City Manager

Others Present:

Ed Gallagher, City Planner
Ron Rainey
Bill Smith
Robert Clark
Jim Wilson
Victor Baxter
Karen Barber
Larry Stowe
Pamela Brandenburg
Vernon Gatlin
Kyle Carr
Debbie Watson
Dennis Wood
and three other citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p. m. by Mayor Dittrich.

**II. INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation was given by Mr. Larry Stowe.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 19, 2009

Motion by Mr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Sauma to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held February 19, 2009.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Abstain: Mr. Tully

Motion carries 5-0-1.

IV. PROCLAMATION/AWARD/RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation – Texas Smartscape® Month

2. Proclamation – Poison Prevention Week

V. REPORTS OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

PZ-2009-03 Adopt Ordinance vacating and abandoning any interest in a 722-square foot strip in the C.H. Borden Survey Abstract A-243 and authorize the Mayor to execute a quitclaim deed

Mr. Gattis gave the following report: The Benbrook Water Authority is the owner of approximately 4.499-acre site in the C.H. Borden Survey Abstract Number 243. The property is bounded by Old Benbrook Road on the south, Benbrook Boulevard/U.S. Highway 377 on the west, the Union Pacific Railroad on the north, and Z. Boaz Park on the east.

BWA's initial acquisition occurred in 1975 with the purchase of the north 2.166 acres for a ground storage tank and pump station. In 2002, the Benbrook Economic Development Corporation acquired most of the balance of the site south of the 2.166-acre BWA property to trade to BWA for the Authority's interest in the old City Hall/Water Authority site on Del Rio Avenue. The BWA acquisition of the remaining property enabled the Authority to plan for the expansion of the pump station facility.

The 2002 Benbrook EDC purchase of the various parcels did not include title to the strip known as Sessums Place. The purchase also did not result in a consistent deed line along the south line of the overall properties adjacent to Old Benbrook Road. The City vacated interest in Sessums Place Road in 2008.

BWA is finalizing a plat of the property into a single large lot to accommodate future facilities expansion. BWA will dedicate 749-square feet as right-of-way. A 722-square foot portion of the shortage area is proposed to be vacated in favor of BWA.

The proposed dedication areas combined with the proposed vacation area creates a 33.25-foot long consistent line along the Old Benbrook Road frontage of the property with the completion of the plat.

Motion by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Bailey to adopt Ordinance No. 1283 vacating and abandoning a 722-square foot strip in the C.H. Borden Survey A-243 and authorize the Mayor to execute a quitclaim deed.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Tully, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1283 being **“AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST THAT THE CITY OF BENBROOK MIGHT HAVE IN AN UNIMPROVED 0.017 ACRE TACT OF LAND ADJACENT TO OLD BENBROOK ROAD AND LOCATED IN THE C.H. BORDEN SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 243, BENBROOK, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS; DECLARING THAT SUCH LAND IS UNNECESSARY FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED RELEASING TO BENBROOK WATER AUTHORITY ANY RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST THE CITY MIGHT HAVE IN SUCH LAND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

VI. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER

A. CONTRACT

C-242 Approve design contract with Schrickel Rollins and Associates for landscape architecture services for Benbrook Boulevard widening project

Mr. Gattis gave the following report: TxDOT is proceeding with engineering design for Benbrook Boulevard (US 377) widening project. TxDOT no longer has a landscape architect on staff and recommends that the City retain a landscape architect.

Staff has negotiated a draft contract with Schrickel, Rollins and Associates.

The Design Contract is in two phases

- Preliminary design and coordination with TxDOT \$ 28,000
- Final design, bidding and construction administration \$139,000

The construction budget for landscape elements \$1,800,000

Motion by Mr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Washburn to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Schrickel, Rollins and Associates to be paid from the Core Value Fund.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Tully, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

VII. INFORMAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M. followed by a worksession to conduct interviews with candidates for Benbrook Economic Development Board of Directors position.

APPROVED:

Jerry B. Dittrich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanna King, City Secretary