



**MINUTES  
OF THE  
MEETING OF THE  
BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY JULY 16, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Benbrook City Council was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2009 at 7:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers at 911 Winscott Road with the following Council members present:

Jerry Dittrich  
Keith Bailey  
Charlie Anderson  
Rickie Allison  
Ron Sauma  
Mark Washburn

Also Present:

Andy Wayman, City Manager  
Donna Savage, Assistant to City Secretary  
Dave Gattis, Deputy City Manager  
Ron Rainey, Executive Director

Others Present:

Ed Gallagher, Planner  
Tommy Davis, Fire Chief  
Jackie Hartman, Fire Captain  
Sherri Newhouse, Budget Director  
Matthew Weatherly  
Dan Tully  
Jess Jordan  
Bill Smith  
Karen Barber  
Debbie Watkins

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. INVOCATION  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation given by Dr. Larry Sanders  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **III. MINUTES**

#### **1. Minutes of the regular meeting held July 2, 2009**

Motion by Mr. Washburn, seconded by Mr. Allison to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 2, 2009 as presented.

Vote on the Motion:

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

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

### **IV. PRESENTATION BY MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

#### **CC-2009-13 Discuss Benbrook Post Office**

Andy Wayman gave the following report: The Benbrook Postal Service is considering closing and consolidating to a larger facility in Fort Worth. The Benbrook postal identity will be lost to Fort Worth along with the inconvenience of having to travel further to other locations.

Vote on the Motion

Motion by Rickie Allison, seconded by Mr. Anderson to have City staff research ways to keep the Post Office in Benbrook for presentation at the next Council meeting.

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

### **V. PRESENTATION BY BENBROOK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

#### **EDC-2009-03 Quarterly Financial Report**

Ron Rainey gave the following report: Benbrook Economic Development Corporation respectfully submits its Profit and Loss Statement for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2008-09. Total expenses for the period were \$106,279.01. Total income for the period was \$213,272.43 resulting in Net Income of \$106,993.42.

The largest amount of income was generated from Sales Tax Collections with that amount being \$206,218.20. More than one third of the quarterly expenses were generated from Legal Expenses and totaled \$36,262.41 with most of those expenses reimbursable when an Option is fully exercised on property currently

deeded to the Benbrook Economic Development Corporation on Benbrook Blvd. Personnel Expenses made up 53.6 percent of the quarterly total.

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Allison to approve the EDC Quarterly Financial Report as presented.

Vote on the Motion:

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

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

## **VI. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER**

### **A. GENERAL**

#### **G-1855 Receive 2009 Citizen Survey**

Andy Wayman gave the following report: The City recently received the results of the 2009 Citizen Survey conducted by the National Research Center in Boulder, Colorado as part of The National Citizen Survey. The City first participated in the survey in 2007 and conducts this particular survey every two years (in odd-numbered years). The statistically-valid survey assesses citizen opinions about the community and municipal services. Continued participation in the National Citizen Survey allows comparison to other communities (for benchmarking purposes) and monitors City performance and citizen preferences over time (2007 versus 2009). In even-numbered years, the City conducts a Benbrook issues/policy specific survey through a local survey firm.

A total of 1,200 surveys were mailed to a random sample of households and responses were received from 368 families. The 95-percent confidence interval for the responses is  $\pm 5$  percent. Responses that deviate more than 8 percentage points from 2007 to 2009 are considered statistically significant.

Generally, citizen satisfaction improved compared to 2007. Benbrook remains well above the national average in citizen perceptions of core service provision, reflecting a continued emphasis on providing the services citizens value most at the highest possible level.

The results of the survey will be posted on our website next week for the public to view.

Motion by Mr. Sauma seconded by Mr. Anderson to accept the 2009 Citizen Survey

Vote on the Motion:

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

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

**VII. INFORMAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Debbie Watkins with the Benbrook Chamber made the announcement on August 14, 2009 Mayor Dittrich will throw the first pitch at the Fort Worth Cats game.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M. followed by a worksession

**APPROVED:**

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**Jerry B. Dittrich, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Joanna King, City Secretary**