



**MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF THE
BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Benbrook City Council was held on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 7:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers at 911 Winscott Road with the following Council members present:

Jerry Dittrich
John Vander Pan
Larry Stowe
Ron Sauma
Rickie Allison
James Schull
Keith Bailey

Also Present:

Andy Wayman, City Manager
Joanna King, City Secretary
Dave Gattis, Deputy City Manager
Tommy Davis, Fire Chief

Others Present:

Ed Gallagher, City Planner
Walter Shumac, Director of Public Services
Robert Rowley, Engineer
Cathy Morris, Administrative Analyst
Charlotte Vander Pan
Bill Smith
Lt. Col. Bobby Payne
Daniel Tully
Bill Truex
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shannon
Glen Martin
Pat Dunkin
and 10 other citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

**II. INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation given by Elder Jackie Davis with Tabernacle of Praise
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 1, 2007

Motion by Mr. Vander Pan, seconded by Mr. Stowe to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2007 regular meeting with one correction as noted in pre-council worksession.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Allison, Mr. Vander Pan, Mr. Schull, Mr. Sauma, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Stowe, Mayor Dittrich

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

- 1. Walter Shumac – Director of Public Services**
- 2. Robert Rowley – City Engineer**

Mr. Gattis introduced Walter Shumac, Director of Public Services and Robert Rowley, City Engineer as the newest City employees.

V. CITIZEN PRESENTATION

- 1. Bobby J. Payne, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret) – Request Permit for Marksmanship Range to be Located at Western Hills High School**

Retired Lt. Col. Bobby J. Payne addressed City Council requesting an exception from Chapter 9.20 - Weapons of the Benbrook Municipal Code. Lt. Col. Payne informed City Council that Western Hills High School JROTC Program has been selected as the only Air Force Unit in Texas to have a marksmanship program.

The Air Force is supplying the materials and equipment for the program at no cost to the students. There are approximately twenty students involved in the program.

Each student is required to complete the Civilian Marksmanship safety course and pass the safety exam with a 90% or above. A safety pledge must be completed along with parental consent to be part of the program.

Students will be trained for National Three-Position Olympic shooting using Daisy 953 MC air rifles with .177 caliber pellets. The velocity of the pellets is less than 600 feet per second. The current ten meter range is located in an old storage area in the north end of the school. The configuration complies with standard operating procedures.

Motion by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mr. Bailey to authorize an exception to the Benbrook Municipal Code Chapter 9.20 to Western Hills High School JROTC for the issuance of a shooting range permit.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Schull, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Vander Pan, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

VI. PRESENTATION BY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

VII. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER

A. GENERAL

G-1683 Introduction of Multi-Use Vehicle – RESCUE 53

Fire Chief Tommy Davis gave the following report: In 2005, Benbrook was awarded two grants (1) the State Homeland Security Program for \$275,000 and (2) the Urban Area Security Initiative for \$110,000. The grants were combined to facilitate the purchase of a Special Operations Hazmat/Rescue Unit for hazardous material response and equipment for the apparatus. In March of 2006, the State released the grant funding.

The Special Operations Hazmat/Rescue unit is a specially designed multi-use vehicle. It carries a variety of equipment for determination and initial clean up of hazardous chemical spills and will carry a large variety of rescue equipment. It also serves as a mobile command unit and has a light tower for nighttime observation.

Last week, staff traveled to the Pierce Fire Apparatus Manufacturing Plant in Appleton, Wisconsin. Staff spent three days inspecting the new truck prior to delivery. The new apparatus is named "RESCUE 53" as Staff believes the community will feel more comfortable with the word RESCUE versus HAZMAT.

For a number of years, the City has purchased fire apparatus from Pierce Manufacturing. Staff is very pleased with both build quality and field capability. In addition, staff is very familiar with the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of Pierce Manufacturing equipment.

Rescue 53 is comprised of 13 large compartments. The compartments store a variety of equipment ranging from a Hazkit for detecting specific chemicals, gas detectors, hydrocarbon spill containment, decontamination equipment, air packs, advanced rope rescue equipment and swift water rescue equipment.

The command cab has maps to cover all areas of the City, a satellite telephone, a computer database for tracing all types of hazardous materials and a radio system

that can communicate with local, state and federal agencies. It also has tactical command capabilities for fires, mass casualty and law enforcement situations.

Rescue 53 has involved a number of fire personnel and over a year of planning. As a result, the City of Benbrook Fire Department is a leader in Hazardous Material response for Tarrant Count at no cost to the City of Benbrook.

Chief Davis presented a slide show of Rescue 53 and announced that the unit would be located in the parking lot for viewing following the City Council meeting.

G-1684 Financial Report for Month Ending January 31, 2007

Mr. Wayman gave the following report: Year-to-date General Fund revenues amounted to \$6,401,855. Revenues for the month of January totaled \$3,633,286. Year-to-date General Fund expenditures amounted to \$3,869,574. January expenditures totaled \$999,049. Through January, revenues exceed expenditures by \$2,532,281.

Benbrook Economic Development Corporation revenues were \$63,376 while expenditures were \$61,463. For the year, expenditures exceed revenues by \$152.

At January 31, 2007 investments were \$12,527,781.

Motion by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mr. Schull to accept the financial report for the month of January 2007.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Sauma, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Allison, Mr. Shull, Mr. Bailey, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Vander Pan

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

B. CONTRACT

C-226 Consider Bids and Award Contract for Plantation West Creek Drainage Improvement

Mr. Gattis gave the following report: The Capital Improvements Program includes drainage improvements to Plantation West Creek beginning at a point approximately 250 linear feet from its confluence with Mary's Creek northward to a point of its intersection with Mary's Creek Drive for a total distance of approximately 2,150 linear feet. The project utilizes both rock gabions and concrete walls. The project also includes channel improvement to Willow Bend Creek from Llano Avenue southward approximately 200 feet.

Both projects greatly improve the efficiency of drainage runoff. The Plantation West Creek project protects numerous houses from flooding.

City Staff opened bids on Wednesday, January 31 for the project. Linder Construction placed the low bid of \$1,999,065. Linder Construction has performed work for the City in the past with satisfactory results. The City Engineer has reviewed the firm's references and statement of qualifications and finds nothing to warrant disqualification of their bid.

The CIP allocated \$1,849,325 for construction of this project. There is currently \$1,791,067 available in the Drainage Fund and \$80,754 available in the Street Fund that can be allocated to street repairs associated with the Plantation West Creek project, for a total of \$1,871,821. An additional \$76,702 is available from street assessments. Because of the importance of the project, Staff recommends that the remaining \$50,542 be funded from unallocated reserves.

Motion by Mr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Schull to award the contract for the construction of Plantation West Creek and Willow Bend Channel Improvements to Linder Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,999,065 to be paid from Account 04-3012-5219, and that sufficient fund be transferred from unallocated reserves.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Vander Pan, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Schull, Mr. Allison

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

VIII. OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS

IX. INFORMAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Bill Truax and Mr. Jack Shannon expressed appreciation to City Council and staff for approving the Plantation West Creek Drainage Improvement Project.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jerry B. Dittrich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanna King, City Secretary