

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 28, 2017

5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 110 NORTH 8TH STREET  
GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

AN OPEN MEETING WAS HELD CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

1) CALL TO ORDER AT 5:31 P.M. THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Chumley, Council Members, Mitchell, Rainer, Suson, Hitt, and Doyle

REGRETS: City Attorney Sandy Gately and Councilmember Ronnie Viss

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager William H. Parry III, City Secretary Wendy Cole, Brenda Kiphen, Don Norman, Nathan Gohlke, Cheri Shepherd, Rodney Murry, David Bullard, Larry Kennedy, Nick Kohel, and Ron McCann

2) HEAR VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM: AT THIS TIME, ANY PERSON WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL NOT SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA MAY SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL FOR A MAXIMUM OF THREE (3) MINUTES. NO FORMAL ACTION CAN BE TAKEN ON THESE ITEMS AT THIS MEETING.

Ronald McCann of 106 Rocky Branch Road approached the Council and spoke about his neighbor burning trash, brush and plastic the prior Sunday about 11:00 a.m. Mr. McCann explained that he contacted the Police Department about 11:10 a.m. and reported the burn and was informed that the Gatesville Fire Marshall gave his neighbor permission to burn. Mr. McCann said the smoke bothered him and his family and requested that the Council consider changing the way that controlled burns are permitted within the City. Mr. McCann said there was a red flag warning out of San Angelo/Midland –Odessa and Mr. Parry said that Coryell County’s red flag warnings come out of the National Weather Service in Fort Worth and there was no a red flag warning for Coryell County on that day. Mayor Chumley said City Staff will look into this.

David Bullard of 614 Golf Course Road spoke to the Council about sewer problems and drainage at his house. He said his pump is not working correctly. Mr. Bullard said that since the new Wal-Mart was built water has been draining on his and neighbors properties.

Mayor Chumley said City Staff will look into this issue.

3) CONSENT AGENDA (ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE BY CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTS AN ITEM BE REMOVED AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.)

2017-20

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting.

2017-21

Consider Proclamation declaring April 2017 as “Fair Housing Month in the Central Texas Region”.

Motion by Suson, seconded by Rainer, all voting “Aye” to approve Resolution Number 2017-20 approval of Minutes from previous meeting and 2017-21 proclamation declaring April 2017 as “Fair Housing Month in Central Texas Region”.

4) CONSIDER BID AWARD FOR THE LIVE OAK STREET WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION PROJECT

City Manager William H. Parry III reminded the Council that this project has been in discussion for about a year now and would replace the water and sewer lines, fire hydrants, manholes and water meters on Live Oak Street and around Oak Park Circle with street replacement after project completion. Nine firms expressed interest in the project and obtained copies of the plans with three companies actually submitting bids. The bids were opened on March 22, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. The bid tabulation was included in the council book and as follows:

Bidder	Base Bid
Whitewater Construction, Waco TX	\$849,334.00
B-Corp Utilities, Gatesville TX	\$399,923.44
TTG Utilities, Gatesville TX	\$428,433.90

The low bidder was B-Corp Utilities with a total bid of \$399, 923.44. In the base bid, the project funds installation of approximately 2,629 linear feet of 6-inch C-900 PVC water line, 417 linear feet of 6-inch SDPR sewer line by open cut, 149 linear feet of 10-inch HDPE sewer line open cut, and 524 linear feet of 10- inch HDPE, sewer line by directional bore. The project is expected to commence in April 2017.

The Street Department will rebuild Live Oak Street to standard upon completion of the water/sewer line project. Walker Partners Engineers have reviewed the bids and evaluated the three contractors and recommend that the bid be awarded to low bidder, B-Corp Utilities.

Mr. Parry said that Nick Kohel, Walker Partners representative was present if anyone had any questions. There was a brief discussion on the following:

- Manholes
- B-Corp Utilities was formerly K & S Backhoe
- Possibility of directional boring being conducted by a contractor or by B-Corp Utilities.
- Some sections of curb and gutter may have to be reconstructed by the city and done at the city’s expense – cost should be minimal and then curbs and gutters should be good for 40-50 years.
- Preconstruction meeting April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Walker Partners will provide the City “as built” drawings at the conclusion of the construction project so the new lines will be well documented.
- New gas line replacement is currently on going on Live Oak.
- A Town Hall meeting will be held several weeks before the project starts for the affected residents.

Following the discussion Mayor Chumley asked for a motion.

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Suson, all voting “Aye” to approve Resolution Number 2017-22

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-22 - approve awarding the Live Oak Street Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project to B-Corp Utilities in the amount of \$399,923.44.

5) CITY MANAGERS REPORT

- WaterCARE Communities Program. City Manager Parry participated in an asset management webinar on March 21<sup>st</sup>. This webinar showed a system that allows a person to look at all the different parts of the water and wastewater system, determine their criticality, the consequence of failure, their age, and replacement cost. It is then put together in a digital form so that going forward City Staff can determine how much money is needed to recapitalize infrastructure; what to replace, what to repair.

Several department heads will meet with the University of New Mexico Environmental Finance Center on Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the City Manager's office if any councilmembers would like to attend.

- Stillhouse WWTP Expansion. The City's request for funding from Texas Water Development Board has not been approved but the City has been approved to submit a letter for funding.
- Energy Savings Performance Contract. The lighting retrofit has commenced at the Police Department. It has already made a difference in the brightness and staff expects to see significant savings on the energy bill. The library will be the next project.
- Tomorrow is the farewell dinner for Lieutenant General and Mrs. MacFarland. Everyone should have received an invitation – please RSVP.
- Budget/Financial Report. Reconciled financial statements as of the end of February 2017 are included in the read ahead book. The City is in good financial shape right now with the Reserve Fund being \$180,000 and the tax allocation for March 2017 (reflecting January 2017 sales) up 4.35% over the same month last year.
- Legislative Update. Senate Bill 2 passed the Finance Bill Committee which will cap cities abilities to raise property taxes above 5% above the last year's effective rate. The new bill would mandate an election if the 5% rate was exceeded. The bill now must pass in the House.
- Future Council Agenda Items. This is a newly added item so councilmembers can see what is up and coming. Added to this list will be approval of Planning and Zoning Commission members in April.
- Department Head Reports. Mr. Parry said he would answer any questions concerning these reports. There were no questions.

Councilmember Comments:

Suson: Update on P & Z.

Parry: It will be moving forward soon.

Rainer: Will The Community Development Block Grants that were approved this year be affected by Federal Budget cuts?

Parry: No-the City's approved grants are secure and funded. The asset management meeting on Monday will certainly help the City going forward in planning and funding projects if the Community Development Block Grants are no longer available.

6) ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 5:55 P.M. THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Wendy Cole  
City Secretary

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Gary M. Chumley  
Mayor







