



**MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF THE
BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Benbrook City Council was held at 7:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers with the following Council members present:

Jerry Dittrich, Mayor
Renee Franklin
Larry Marshall
Dustin Phillips
Jim Wilson
Laura Mackey
Ron Sauma

Also Present:

Andy Wayman, City Manager
Joanna King, City Secretary
Jim Hinderaker, Assistant City Manager
Hillary Cromer, EDC Analyst
Rick Overgaard, Finance Director
Jeffrey Rodriguez, Marketing and Communications

Others Present:

Bill Smith
Jason Ward
Robin Ward
Denis Greer
Barbara Greer
Diane Presley
and 3 other citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation given by Pastor Todd Pylant with First Baptist Church of Benbrook
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

IV. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held August 1, 2019

Motion by Mr. Sauma seconded by Dr. Marshall to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 1, 2019.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Dr. Marshall, Mr. Phillips, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Mackey, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Abstain: Ms. Franklin

Motion carries 6-0-1.

V. PRESENTATION BY MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

CC-2019-06 Appointment to Alternate Position on Zoning Board of Adjustments/Appeals Commission

Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Phillips to appoint Thomas Casey to the unexpired term in Alternate B on the Zoning Board of Adjustments/Appeals Commission with a term date expiring December 30, 2020

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Dr. Marshall, Mr. Phillips, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Mackey, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

VI. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

A. GENERAL

G-2423 Adopt Ordinance repealing Section 10.40.010.A.8 of Chapter 10.40 – Parking Restrictions, Title 10 – Vehicles and Traffic of the Benbrook Municipal Code by removing no parking restrictions on a portion of Rolling Hills Drive

Jim Hinderaker gave the following report: Pursuant to a recent citizen request to the City Council, the proposed ordinance repeals a “no parking” restriction on both sides of Rolling Hills Drive between R.M. 2871 and Rolling Hills Court/Sorrell Court.

The parking restriction was adopted by City Council in 2000 based on traffic concerns from neighboring property owners at the time. Specifically, citizens voiced opposition to the parking of vehicles and horse trailers along Rolling Hills Drive near the Shepard Valley Equestrian Center (now operating as the Tabernacle of Praise Fort Worth) during major equestrian events.

Following the property’s change of use from the Shepard Valley Equestrian Center to the Tabernacle of Praise Fort Worth, the need to accommodate over-flow parking with on-street parking is no longer an issue. In addition, the existing “no parking” restriction places an unnecessary parking burden on family members and visitors seeking to park near any of the residential properties directly abutting this section of Rolling Hills Drive.

Motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Ms. Franklin to adopt Ordinance No. 1447 repealing Section 10.40.010.A.8, Chapter 10.40 – Parking Restrictions, Title 10 – Vehicles and Traffic of the Benbrook Municipal Code by removing the “no parking” restrictions from Rolling Hills Drive between R.M. 2871 and Rolling Hills Court/Sorrell Court.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Dr. Marshall, Mr. Phillips, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Mackey, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1447 being “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS, AMENDING TITLE 10 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE BENBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE, BY REPEALING SECTION 10.40.010.A.8, CHAPTER 10.40.010 – NO PARKING ANYTIME; PROVIDING THAT THIS

ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; PROVIDING FOR ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**SECTION 6
PENALTY CLAUSE**

Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for all violations involving zoning, fire safety or public health and sanitation, including dumping of refuse shall be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for all other violations of this Ordinance. Each day that violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION 11
EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

VII. OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS

- 1. Conduct 1st Public Hearing on 2019 Property Tax Rate**
- 2. Conduct 1st Public Hearing on 2019-2020 Proposed Budget**

Rick Overgaard gave the following summary of the proposed 2019 Property Tax Rate

Effective and Roll Back Tax Rates (per \$100 valuation)

- Effective Tax Rate \$0.587345
- Roll Back Tax Rate \$0.627770
- Proposed Tax Rate \$0.627770

Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rates (per \$100 valuation)

- General Fund \$0.60647
- Debt Service Fund \$0.02130
- Operating Funds \$0.62777

Changes in Assessed Valuations

- Certified Appraised Value 6.32%
- Total Taxable Value 9.82%

Assessed Value Data

- New Construction \$29,989,655
- One Cent of Property tax \$ 229,368

At the August 1, 2019 City Council meeting the Finance Director presented the certified appraisal roll from Tarrant Appraisal District (TAD). City Council accepted the certified appraisal roll and appointed the Finance Director to calculate and publish the effective tax rate and roll back tax rate. Notice was published in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on August 7, 2019. The first public hearing on the tax rate is tonight, August 15, 2019 and the second public hearing will be September 5, 2019.

The current tax rate is \$0.64 per \$100 valuation. The proposed tax rate for 2019 is \$0.62777 per \$100 valuation.

Rick Overgaard gave the following summary of the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget:

Revenues

- General Fund \$20,973,383
- Debt Service Fund \$ 487,107
- Operating Funds \$21,460,490

Expenditures

- General Fund \$19,872,244
- Debt Service Fund \$ 1,561,424
- Operating Funds \$21,433,668

Transfers Out – General Fund

- Capital Asset Replacement \$250,000
- Capital Projects Fund \$650,000
- Wall Repair Fund \$250,000

Transfers to Operating Funds

- Road Damage Fund \$1000,000
- Storm Water Utility Fund \$586,752
- TIF Fund \$503,136

Projected Ending Fund Balances

- General Fund \$8,386,666
- Debt Service Fund \$ 345,018
- Operating Funds \$8,731,684

Budget Highlights (Base Budget)

- Continuation of current services, programs and staffing levels
- Step increases of eligible full-time employees
- Replacement of computers, peripherals, and software as scheduled
- Swing sets for City parks
- \$250,000 transfer out to Wall Repair Fund
- Purchase two desktop scanners for Finance
- Additional software licenses for electronic plan review
- Upgrade and modernization of the IT infrastructure
- Upgrade Laserfiche/GIS software and services
- One additional police officer

Budget Highlights (Decision Packages)

- Replacement of four light bars for police vehicles
- Seven new Taser devices
- Eleven SWAT ballistic helmets
- Incentive money for out-of-state applicants
- Incinerator for property and evidence destruction
- New animal control vehicle
- Replacement of 16 self-contained breathing apparatus bottles
- Opticom traffic light system for emergency vehicles
- One Lucas chest compression unit for EMS
- Replacement of one ambulance
- Replacement of radar light sensors for intersections
- Continuation of street sign replacement program
- Expansion of street overlay program
- Expansion of concrete infrastructure repair program
- Rebuild and expand ballfield dugouts
- One 2.3-yard hopper top dresser for athletic field maintenance
- One stump grinder for tree removal
- Refinish shop floors in fleet maintenance
- Update plan room for digital plan review

Debt Service Fund

- Principal and interest payments for three General Obligation Bond issues
- Transfers from Storm Water Utility Fund and TIF Fund for related debt - \$1,089,878
- Debt Service Property Tax Rate at \$0.0213

The first public hearing on the 2019-2020 proposed budget is being held tonight, August 15, 2019. Copies of the FY 2019-2020 Proposed Budget are available to the

public. The second public hearing will be held on September 5, 2019. City Council will adopt the FY 2019-2020 budget, adopt the 2019 property tax rate and ratify property tax revenue increase at the September 19, 2019 meeting.

Mayor Dittrich opened the public hearing on the 2019 Property Tax Rate at 7:49 p.m. No one spoke to the item. Mayor Dittrich closed the hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Dittrich opened the public hearing on the 2019-2020 proposed budget at 7:50 p.m. No one spoke to the item. Mayor Dittrich closed the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

VIII. INFORMAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS

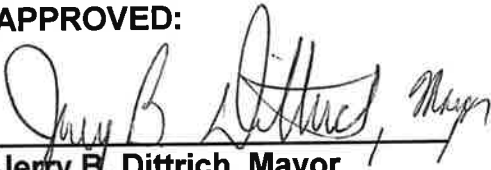
Councilmember Mackey wished for a "Good School Year" to the students, teachers, staff, and all involved with Benbrook Schools.

Councilmember Franklin announced the Benbrook Household Hazardous Waste event is scheduled for August 24, 2019.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jerry B. Dittrich, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joanna King, City Secretary