



**MINUTES  
OF THE  
MEETING OF THE  
BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Benbrook City Council was held on October 17, 2019 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  
Amanda Valdez, Management Analyst  
Bennett Howell, Public Services Director

Others Present:

Bill Smith  
Clarke Rogers  
Tristan Engel  
Harper Jackson  
Rozalynn Cato  
Garland Goodwin  
Faviola Centeno  
Christopher Lopez  
and 4 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 October 3, 2019**

Motion by Ms. Franklin seconded by Dr. Marshall to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 3, 2019.

Vote on the Motion:

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

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

**V. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

**A. CONTRACT**

**C-328 Approve contract with Tarrant County Fire District #1 for Fire and EMS for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Andy Wayman gave the following report: For a number of years, Tarrant County has engaged (via contract) the Benbrook Fire Department to provide fire and EMS services to portions of unincorporated Tarrant County (exhibit).

The City last renewed the annual fire and EMS services agreement with Tarrant County in October 2018.

Contract continuation is beneficial to Benbrook for the following reasons:

- The 2019/20 rate of compensation (\$127,000) compensates the City for services rendered.
- Provision of the County provided tanker and brush truck precludes the purchase of this apparatus by Benbrook citizens.
- The 2018/19 rate of compensation from points is estimated to be \$220,000.
- The 2019/20 contract includes a grant from the district of \$25,000 for the purchase and replacement of firefighting equipment.

- Additionally, Benbrook will receive \$75,000 towards the purchase of an ambulance.
- The total cash reimbursement from Tarrant County to the City is approximately \$447,000.

As is standard for Tarrant County, they did not provide new contracts until after the fiscal year began. The term of the contract is for one year, from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Sauma to approve the contract with Tarrant County Fire District #1 for Fire and EMS for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Vote on the Motion:

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

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

**C-329 Award Construction Contract to Ragle, Inc. for the Clear Fork Emergency Access Bridge Project and Approve the Overall Construction Budget**

Bennett Howell gave the following report: On December 7, 2017, City Council approved a one-lane, gated emergency access bridge over the Clear Fork Trinity River to improve emergency response times to Northeast Benbrook. The City Council directed Staff to 1) imitate full engineering design of the emergency access bridge that precludes any public access, 2) negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fort Worth, and 3) secure an Access Permit with the Texas Department of Transportation.

Bids were received and opened on August 28, 2019, with the following results:

	<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Bid (\$)</b>
1	Ragle, Inc.	1,972,480.00
2	McMahon Contracting, LP	2,160,715.78
3	SEMA Construction	2,212,239.00
4	Ed Bell Construction	2,419,174.00
5	Rebcon, Inc.	2,434,670.00

Ragle, Inc. submitted the low bid of \$1,972,480, which is more than the \$1.6 million original estimate provided by Freese and Nichols at the beginning of the project.

Originally, the TXDOT review was for a simple drive access permit and not a full-blown bridge project, limiting TXDOT's involvement. However, as the design review proceeded, TXDOT required the project to be modified to include:

- Third-party construction inspections.
- Soil anchors for the Articulated Concrete Block riprap.
- Additional 24-inch storm drain lateral from Bellaire Drive that includes 24-inch reinforced concrete pipe, a 48-inch manhole and headwall.
- Adhering to TXDOT's submittal process during construction including lab results, material testing, etc.

The overall construction budget includes bridge construction, materials testing to verify construction materials meet specifications, Opticon emitters for all fire and police vehicles to automatically open the gates and construction inspection services to meet TXDOT's inspection requirements.

The overall construction budget is broken down as follows:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget (\$)</b>
Construction	1,972,480
Materials Testing	20,000
Opticon Emitters for Vehicles	75,800
Construction Inspection	78,750
<b>Total Construction Budget</b>	<b>2,147,030</b>

During the review of all bids, the City confirmed Ragle, Inc. had successfully completed other similarly scoped construction projects. All references stated they were pleased with their performance.

The General Fund and Stormwater Utility Fund will be used to finance the project and is broken down as follows:

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| • General Fund            | \$1,704,709 |
| • Stormwater Utility Fund | \$ 442,231  |
| Total Construction Budget | \$2,147,030 |

Motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the construction contract with Ragle, Inc. for the Clear Fork Emergency Access Bridge for \$1,972,480 and approve the total construction budget of \$2,147,030.00.

Vote on the Motion:

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

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

**C-330 Award Construction Inspection Contract for Clear Fork  
Emergency Access Bridge to Freese and Nichols, Inc.**

Bennett Howell gave the following report: On May 3, 2018, Benbrook City Council approved an engineering contract with Freese and Nichols for the design and cost estimate for the emergency access bridge where the Clear Fork Trinity River crosses under I-20. The bridge will be located on the north side I-20 and connect the I-20 service road to Bellaire Drive South.

The design approval process was very complicated because it had to be approved by the City of Benbrook, City of Fort Worth and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). The City of Fort Worth reviewed and approved the design based on an Interlocal Agreement between the two Cities. TXDOT had to approve the design because the project is located wholly within their right-of-way.

During the review process, TXDOT added the requirement that the project had to be inspected by a TXDOT-certified bridge inspector. The City will contract with Freese and Nichols to provide a TXDOT-certified bridge inspector to inspect the project. The inspection contract is a not-to-exceed contract so the anticipated final amount should be less.

The General Fund will finance the project.

Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Mackey to approve the engineering contract extension to Freese and Nichols for the Clear Fork Emergency Access Bridge for a not-to-exceed amount of \$78,750.

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. INFORMAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**


**VII. COUNCIL MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Renee Franklin reminded citizens of the upcoming Heritage Fest event to be held October 19, 2019 at Dutch Branch Park from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Jerry B. Dittrich, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Joanna King, City Secretary