

REGULAR CALLED MEETING
City Council
February 9, 2016

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 501 Center Avenue, Brownwood, Texas, with the following members present:

Stephen E. Haynes	:	Mayor
H. D. Jones	:	Councilman – Ward 1
Ed McMillian	:	Councilman – Ward 2
Larry Mathis	:	Councilman – Ward 3
Jerry DeHay	:	Councilman – Ward 5
Emily Crawford	:	City Manager
Pat Chesser	:	City Attorney
Christi Wynn	:	City Secretary

with Councilman Draco Miller absent, constituting a quorum of the City Council.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Haynes called the meeting to order.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman McMillian.
INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Councilman DeHay.

ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN: None

INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND RECOGNITIONS:

Police Chief, Mike Corley announced his retirement. He stated that he plans to retire in June. This will give him forty years in Law Enforcement, six with the City of Brownwood.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by McMillian, seconded by Jones, to approve the minutes of the Regular Called Meeting of January 26, 2016 as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Finance Director, Walter Middleton was present for questions regarding the check list. A motion was made by DeHay, seconded by Mathis, that the Claims and Accounts dated through February 5, 2016, be approved for payment as submitted. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Consider a request from the Central Texas Veterans Memorial Committee to move the WWII Veterans Memorial and flag pole from Coggin Park to Camp Bowie Memorial Park to be included in the Central Texas Veterans Memorial.

Dr. Stephen Kelly addressed the Council and stated that the Central Texas Veterans Memorial Committee is requesting permission to move the WWII Memorial and flag pole from Coggin Park to the new site at the Camp Bowie Memorial Park. The site will have eleven granite tablets. Other monuments will be moved to this location once permission is gained. Phase one consists of a seventy-five foot concrete circle, sidewalks that join to the V A Clinic, the American Legion Hall, and the hospital with wheel chair access. Phase two would add a walking trail through the park, landscaping, drip irrigation, and benches. The walking trail could connect to the City's walking trail at the Middle School, down Morris Shepherd Drive.

Mayor Haynes asked Parks Director, David Withers if we had a plan to fill the space at Coggin Park, once the memorial is removed. Mr. Withers stated that there are no plans yet. Councilman Jones asked if they had the proper equipment to move the monument without damaging it. Dr. Kelly stated that they have asked the 111th Battalion, but they have to gain permission from the General. Mayor Haynes asked who owns the monument. Dr. Kelly stated that the VFW and the Legion constructed the monument.

A motion was made by Mathis, seconded by McMillian, to allow the Central Texas Veterans Memorial Committee to move the WWII Veterans Memorial and flag pole from Coggin Park to the Camp Bowie Memorial Park to be included in the Central Texas Veterans Memorial. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Consider a Resolution authorizing the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Inc. (TCAP) to negotiate an electric supply agreement for electric deliveries for a five year period beginning January 1, 2018, authorizing TCAP to act as the City's agent for such negotiations, authorizing signatories on the electric supply agreement and committing to budget and purchase electricity for the Years 2018 through 2022 to meet the City's electrical needs.

City Attorney Chesser stated that TCAP is made up of Texas cities who have joined together to obtain better negotiating power for the purchase of electricity. The City has been a member since 2001. The current contract is expiring at the end of 2017. Consultants from TCAP held a meeting in Brownwood and presented three options to choose from. TCAP is required to have the contract signed within twenty-four hours after it has been negotiated. This Resolution allows for the signing of the contract and names Walter Middleton, Emily Crawford, and Pat Chesser as signatories.

Finance Director Middleton stated that we are given an opportunity to choose what we think will be best for the City. We are able to lock in a rate between now and June 30th that will provide historic lows in electricity. Option 1 provides a fixed price of 4.1¢ per kWh. Option 2 provides the same fixed price for peak usage periods and then turns to the spot market for all off-peak usage. Option 3 begins with the purchase of a block of

power to cover base needs with spot market purchases for any needs in excess of the base. It would also utilize a fixed price for solar power that would provide approximately 10% of our energy needs. Block power is the cheapest form of energy available in the wholesale market. Prices could be as low as 2¢ to 2.5¢ per kWh. This model has the potential to provide the greatest savings over the term of the contract and is the option we are recommending. The current energy rate is 7.4¢ per kWh and five years ago it was 13.5¢ per kWh.

A motion was made by DeHay, seconded by Jones, to approve a Resolution authorizing the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Inc. (TCAP) to negotiate an electric supply agreement for electric deliveries for a five year period beginning January 1, 2018, authorizing TCAP to act as the City's agent for such negotiations, authorizing signatories on the electric supply agreement and committing to budget and purchase electricity for the Years 2018 through 2022 to meet the City's electrical needs. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION R-16-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE TEXAS COALITION FOR AFFORDABLE POWER, INC. (TCAP) TO NEGOTIATE AN ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR FIVE YEARS FOR DELIVERIES OF ELECTRICITY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018; AUTHORIZING TCAP TO ACT AS AN AGENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICITY; AUTHORIZING EMILY CRAWFORD OR WILLIAM P. CHESSER OR WALTER MIDDLETON TO EXECUTE AN ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR DELIVERIES OF ELECTRICITY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 AND COMMITTING TO BUDGET FOR ENERGY PURCHASES IN 2018 THROUGH 2022 AND TO HONOR THE CITY'S COMMITMENTS TO PURCHASE POWER FOR ITS ELECTRICAL NEEDS IN 2018 THROUGH 2022 THROUGH TCAP.

AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS:

Consider a purchase agreement with American Ramp Company for Skate Park equipment and installation and authorize the City Manager to sign said agreement.

Parks and Recreation Director, David Withers addressed the Council and showed a brief video of the proposed skate equipment. After the presentation, he stated that Councilman Jones, City Manager Crawford, and himself looked into several different options for the types of skate equipment available. The recommendation to choose American Ramp Company (ARC) was based on maximizing the available funds and warranty. Equipment from ARC will allow the City to provide a larger skate park area with a flat concrete slab and metal ramps (20 year warranty) versus a total concrete skate park, which is more costly and labor intensive. Mr. Withers passed around a metal sample that the ramps could be constructed. The City of Brownwood will be responsible for the construction of the concrete slab, and will renovate the existing restrooms and build a sidewalk. Location for the Skate Park will be at the Mays Park located at 2700 Austin Avenue. A community meeting will be held to get input from local skaters and other interested parties. There is currently \$100,000 allocated for this project. We are looking at around \$50,000 in concrete prices alone. Councilman Jones has been working with local

vendors to try to get the concrete prices down so that the funds available for the park can go towards the skate ramps. The proposed drawing showed \$100,000 worth of skate ramps on the proposed 50' wide x 100' long concrete slab. The slab to be poured will have a slight tilt so that rain water will drain off. Mr. Withers stated that this park design is for mid-level skaters, but will accommodate beginners and more advanced and also bmx bikes as well. If approved, completion could be by July 2016. Mayor Haynes asked what would be approved today. Mr. Withers stated that the contract is for \$2,500 and includes a public meeting, and design work of the skate park. Councilman DeHay asked if we could take private sponsorship donations for the project. City Manager Crawford stated yes because we would like to put as much of the \$100,000 towards the equipment purchase as possible.

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by DeHay, to approve an agreement with American Ramp Company for Skate Park equipment and installation and authorize the City Manager to sign said agreement. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Consider authorizing the City to partner with the Brownwood Area Chamber of Commerce, Brown County, the City of Early, Brown County Water Improvement District, and the Brownwood Economic Development Corporation and enter into an agreement with Rural Issues Consulting for services during the Texas Legislative Session.

City Manager Crawford stated that Bob Turner, Rural Issues Consultant, has been representing Brownwood and Brown County for the past four years. His presence and involvement has proven to be very effective in representing our voice in Austin and keeping us informed of legislation that would impact us, both negatively and positively. The Chamber of Commerce has entered into a contract with Mr. Turner and billed participating entities equally. The contract is for two years and the cost is \$44,000 to be split equally. Each will pay \$7,333 over two years or \$3,666.50 per year.

A motion was made by DeHay, seconded by Mathis, to authorize the City to partner with the Brownwood Area Chamber of Commerce, Brown County, the City of Early, Brown County Water Improvement District, and the Brownwood Economic Development Corporation and enter into an agreement with Rural Issues Consulting for services from 2016 – 2017 in the amount of \$3,666.50 per year. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

Investment Report

Finance Director Middleton presented the Investment Report for the quarter that ended December 31, 2015. The total investment balance is \$18,064,661 the beginning of the quarter started with \$11,257,821 and earned \$5,240 in interest. The blended interest rates are TxPool .1311 and TxStar .1374. The CNB Checking account balance is \$951,684; FDIC coverage is \$250,000; Pledges provided by CNB \$4,894,004; for a total security at CNB \$5,144,004. Comparison of Investments by Type – Operating Funds - Fourth Quarter 2015 3,933,385; Fourth Quarter 2014 \$3,528,994; Fourth Quarter 2013

\$4,184,530; and Fourth Quarter 2012 \$2,261,084. Bond proceeds are up due to the \$4.8 million dollars that was issued for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

WORKSHOP:

Council convened into a Workshop in the Haynes Conference Room to discuss the Municipal Development District (MDD) Election, street projects, and future planning.

The Mayor, Council, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Director of Utilities - David Harris, were present for discussion on street projects and funding. Mr. Harris stated that the Street Department has not been able to work on streets because they have been pulled away for other projects such as the pool, fire station, soccer complex, etc. There was discussion of increasing the street budget, not pulling the street crew for other projects, and discussion about funding.

MDD Election – City Manager Crawford handed out a Memorandum from City Attorney, Chesser regarding the Role of the City Council, City Staff, and BEDC Board and Staff in support of the MDD Election. No other discussion was held.

Future Projects – Mayor Haynes discussed options for prolonging the pool season and what we may do for lifeguards. City Manager Crawford stated that the City is working towards having current City employees certified to teach lifeguard training. Also, the Ron Jackson Correctional Facility has an indoor pool and they have agreed to allow us to use it for lifeguard training. This will allow lifeguards to be trained in Brownwood and to not have to pay a large fee to gain the certification. City Manager Crawford also spoke about increasing lifeguard pay. Also discussed were pool hours and splash pads in other parks.

Councilman McMillian discussed curb and gutter requirements. He also discussed the requirement of obtaining a permit to replace plywood floors, and the requirement to raise the water heater up 18". Mayor Haynes stated that he would like to see the Unified Appeals Board hear these concerns.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Haynes declared the meeting adjourned.

STEPHEN E. HAYNES, Mayor

ATTEST:

CHRISTI WYNN, City Secretary