

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in work session at 6:00 p.m. and regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive on the 25th day of March 2008 with the following members present:

Jim Story	Mayor
Roy Savage	Mayor Pro Tem
Jeff Cason	Council Members
Lori Nail	
Charles Orean	
Dr. Roy Turner	
Bob Whistler	

Constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Beverly Queen	City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
James Hughes	Director of Parks and Recreation
Shanae Jennings	City Secretary
Miranda McQuagge-Walden	Communications/Special Projects Manager
Bill Syblon	Development Director

WORK SESSION

Mayor Story called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

- **Review and discuss items on the regular agenda and consider placing items for approval by consent.**

Council discussed approving the following items by consent: 3, 4 and 6.

- **Faye Beaulieu, Project Director, United Way Northeast to discuss a community plan to address senior isolation in Northeast Tarrant County.**

Faye Beaulieu, Project Director for United Way Northeast, gave a presentation to Council regarding senior isolation in Tarrant County and ways to combat senior isolation. Ms. Beaulieu discussed the many facets in which seniors will want to stay engaged in both active and sedentary activities, while many will be on fixed incomes. She also discussed how life expectancy is longer for seniors today than in years past and that at least one in five seniors experiences isolation. Ms. Beaulieu asked that Council stay educated on senior social isolation, characteristics, attributes and recommendations for taking care of isolation. She asked that Council fill out the Champions for Seniors page in a handout she provided to the Council and submit it to the United Way by August 1, 2008 so Bedford can be recognized through United Way.

Council requested that staff fill out the application and return it to the United Way by August 1, 2008.

- **Report of status of negotiations with Allied Waste regarding extending the current contracts for solid waste and recycling services.**

Mirenda McQuagge-Walden, Communications/Special Projects Manager, provided a report to Council on the status of negotiations with Allied Waste regarding extending the current contracts for solid waste and recycling services. It is recommended by staff that a formal competitive bidding process occur prior to extending the contract with Allied Waste.

Council was in agreement with collecting bids and directed staff to proceed with bids for service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To convene before 7:00 p.m., if time permits, in the conference room pursuant to Sections 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to discuss the following:

- a) Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.**

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code regarding deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Council also convened into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code regarding item 7 on the agenda to consult with the City Attorney.

Any necessary action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session will occur during the regular session of the Bedford City Council Meeting.

REGULAR SESSION 7:00 P.M.

Regular session began at 7:11 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Story called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION (Pastor Barney Hudson, St. Timothy Presbyterian Church)

Pastor Barney Hudson of St. Timothy Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilman Cason, seconded by Councilman Orean to approve the following item(s) by consent: Item(s) 3, 4, and 6.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Employee recognition.

The following employee(s) received recognition for dedicated service and commitment to the City of Bedford:

Joshua Brown, Fire Department – 5 years of service

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

2. Ken Walbridge, 100 Kiowa Drive West, Ste. 105, Gainesville, Texas 76240 – Requested to speak to the Council to discuss how seniors can defer their property taxes using Texas Property Tax Code 33.06, and to advise seniors on the benefits of this tax code to enhance their lifestyle.

Ken Walbridge, 535 Kiowa Drive East, Gainesville, TX – Mr. Walbridge spoke to the Council about the ability for seniors to defer their property taxes and advised seniors of the benefits of the property tax code which allows for this. He noted he was not a CPA but was here for informational purposes only so that he can share worth-while information which benefits seniors who are 65 years of age and older regarding their ability to freeze their taxes at the age of 65 years old. His website is assetpreservation@ntin.net or he can be reached at 1.888.536.2622 if anyone has any questions.

The Mayor indicated that while we appreciate Mr. Walbridge's request to speak under persons to be heard, the City does not endorse him or his company.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**3. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:
a) March 11, 2008 regular meeting**

This item was approved by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business during tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Consider a resolution authorizing the Park and Recreation Advisory Board projects for 2007/08.

This item was approved by consent.

5. Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of Opticom upgrades from Consolidated Traffic Control, Inc. through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments Corporative Purchasing Program (HGAC) contract in the amount of \$20,442.30.

Motioned by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Turner to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of Opticom Emitter Stations from Consolidated Traffic Control, Inc. through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments Corporative Purchasing Program contract in the amount of \$20,442.30.

Motion approved 6-0-1. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

Councilman Whistler abstained. An abstention affidavit has been filed in the City Secretary's Office regarding this item.

6. Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of two ½ ton trucks from Payton Wright Ford through the Fleet Concessions Management Program in the amount of \$29,123.90. (BS)

This item was approved by consent.

7. Discussion and possible action with regard to notification of the owners of the vehicles currently parked at 2709 Murphy Drive and 3737 Cummings Road about the January 2008 agreement between the City of Bedford and the owners of the properties located at the above mentioned addresses. *Item requested by Councilman Orean**

Council discussed this item at the beginning of the meeting in Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, consultation with the City Attorney.

Council also discussed this in public session. Councilman Orean requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. Mr. Orean indicated that the intent of this item is not to change the agreements which are in place in any way, but to exercise due diligence of the July 1, 2008 deadline to remove vehicles from the property and ensure that the owners of the vehicles are notified in a timely manner. Mr. Orean requested that Council instruct staff to notify and remind the Fitch's and Sanders' of the July 1st deadline between them and the City and requested that they notify the vehicle owners of the deadline to remove their vehicles.

Motioned by Councilman Orean, seconded by Councilman Whistler to instruct staff to send a reminder letter of the delay in enforcing our zoning ordinance in regards to parking at the two addresses mentioned and encouraging them to notify the individuals who are parking their vehicles on those properties of the pending enforcement date.

Motion approved 6-1-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

Councilman Savage voted against the motion.

8. Council member reports on City business.

Mayor Story – The Mayor indicated he'd be unable to attend the Beautification Awards presentation due to work, but he does congratulate the winners on their recognition. He attended the HEB Educational Awards Banquet and was able to present one of the awards. He thanked Mr. Savage for attending Meals on Wheels for him and thanked James Hughes for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Charles Orean – Mr. Orean announced that the Library Manager, Maria Redburn, has been named to the Library Journals 2008 movers and shakers of the top 50 individuals who have contributed to library science in the nation. He commended Ms. Redburn on her efforts in improving the Bedford Library and indicated that it was likely her diligent work efforts that prevented the outsourcing of the Library. Mr. Orean indicated that Ms. Redburn recognized the situation her library staff and the library was in during the outsourcing, pulled her staff together and rose to the effort to provide exceptional services and she is to be commended on that. He very much appreciates her efforts.

Roy Savage – Mr. Savage attended recent Meals on Wheels program and helped feed several people breakfast.

Roy Turner – Dr. Turner congratulated Maria Redburn for her work with the Library. He was proud of the City's Easter Egg Hunt with an attendance of about 500 people. Mr. Turned reminded everyone that the Beautification Awards will be given out this Saturday to four businesses recognized at the last council meeting.

He also recognized his son and grandson in the audience who came to see how government works.

Bob Whistler – Mr. Whistler attended the Community Affairs meeting this past week, which is moving forward nicely. They are currently looking into a virtual City website. He also indicated that the odds of being hurt as a result of drilling are far less than the probability of being hurt in a car accident.

9. City Manager's report.

City Manager Beverly Queen announced that she will be out of town due to a family death and since Deputy City Manager Steve Johnson is out of town, Fire Chief Tindell will be Acting City Manager.

10. Follow-up on issues raised at previous Council Meetings under persons to be heard.

There were no items raised at previous Council Meetings that were addressed at tonight's meeting.

11. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

There was no action taken as a result of the executive session.

OPEN FORUM

No one spoke during tonight's open forum.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, City Secretary