

Council Minutes September 11, 2012

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COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Work Session at 5:30 p.m. and Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 11th day of September, 2012 with the following members present:

Jim Griffin	Mayor
Michael Boyter	Council Members
Chris Brown	
Jim Davisson	
Patricia Nolan	
Sherri Olsen	
Roy W. Turner	

constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Beverly Griffith	City Manager
David Miller	Deputy City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Michael Wells	City Secretary
Cliff Blackwell	Administrative Services Director
Bill Cooper	Information Services Director
Roger Gibson	Police Chief
John Kubala	Public Works Director
Jill McAdams	Human Resources
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden	Managing Director of Community Services
Jacquelyn Reyff	Planning Manager
Maria Redburn	Library Manager
Bill Syblon	Development Director
James Tindell	Fire Chief

WORK SESSION

Mayor Griffin called the Work Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Council discussed placing the following items on consent: 2, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17.

Administrative Services Director Cliff Blackwell presented information regarding Item #5. Pursuant to the Public Funds Investment Act, the City is required to present an investment policy to the Council for review and approval. The City has an Investment Committee with Councilmember Turner as Chair. The Policy, which regulates how the City invests public funds, is regulated by State statute and each year there may be legislative changes. The changes this year are minor. He was encouraged that there is the significant possibility of increasing the City's return. The City works with their consultants, Valley View Consulting, to solicit rates. CDs are the most attractive option that the City is currently utilizing. Money market accounts are averaging 35 basis points while CDs average between 40-50 basis points. The hierarchy of goals per the Policy is safety, liquidity, diversity and yield.

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Development Director Bill Syblon presented information regarding Item #8. The City has received feedback from businesses along the corridor regarding "Still in Business" signs being limited to five feet in height and a total square footage of 35. With the new walls being constructed with the highway expansion, visibility to the signs is limited. The proposed changes to the Sign Ordinance would allow "Still in Business" signs on the building itself or on a pole sign to increase visibility. One other change that is being proposed due to the ever-evolving process is to defer authority to the City Manager to make decisions on "Still in Business" signs.

Parks Superintendent Don Henderson presented information regarding Item #9. He stated that the changes to the contract are for increased mowing for medians and adding the new properties purchased by the City that are in the flood plain. Jenson Gainer, representing Lawn Associates, stated that they first started working with the City in 2006. The elevated water tanks and the well lots have also been added to the contract but the net cost per service has not increased since 2008. He then explained the typical mowing schedule. Medians are mowed over a day and a half with two crews. With the addition of rights-of-way, which are mowed every other week, it takes three days. This summer, they missed mowing medians twice due to rain. There have been issues with blue stem and bahia grasses this summer, especially along the west end of Harwood Road. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Gainer stated they do not treat the grass. He supervises his crews using GPS and can tell how long they have been at a location. He talks twice a week with Mr. Henderson and drives by the medians and rights-of-way every week as well as the drainage areas once every four weeks. The cost of mowing is per visit. He stated that he will make a better effort to get on a set schedule and that this is the first time he has heard complaints. They do not handle downed limbs but he stated that he needs to do a better job communicating with Mr. Henderson regarding downed limbs.

- **Staff report on the 2012 City of Bedford Labor Day Blues and BBQ Festival.**

Special Events Coordinator Wendy Hartnett stated the overall goals of the festival are to increase hotel usage, provide a community event, foster economic growth, encourage citizen involvement and produce a phenomenal festival. The mission is to continue the popular BluesFest with a twist, the BBQ cook-off. In regards to advertising and median, she presented a final wrap-up from their public relations firm Bob Hill and Company that showed a cost per impression of \$1.43 per thousand people. There were 59 BBQ teams, up from 52 last year and there was added revenue from additional space fees. There were 46 art vendors, up from 42 last year, and 20 food vendors. On-line packages continued to be the bread and butter for gate sales. The festival received rave reviews from sponsors, the Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS), citizens, vendors and artisans. The total attendance was approximately 15,200 and there was an increase in sponsorships of \$34,000. Challenges that were overcome included the highway construction; putting a sign plan in place; maximizing the venue space by shifting the stage; adding additional parking venues and communicating to the users of the parking; and increasing sponsors, including the title sponsor, Texas Health Resources. There were 30 people in the judging class, 17 teams in the People's Choice, and nine teams, plus Rita's, in the Battle of the BBQ. These events brought in additional revenue of \$10,391. The BBQ Pitmasters show was filming during the event and was an asset. In regards to specialty seats, there were 125 reservations on Saturday and 118 on Sunday for combo seats, which included the party tent and reserved seats; there were 219 reservations on Saturday and 216 on Sunday for party tent seats; and there were 256 reservations on Saturday and 160 on Sunday for reserved seats, 80 of which were sold on site. These options brought in additional revenue of \$32,535. There was a total of \$332,569 in expenses as compared to revenues of \$213,265, for a total hotel tax contribution of \$119,304, or a 64.1% cost recovery. Looking forward, they are looking at increasing attendance, adding more sponsors, continuing to improve the volunteer structure, enhancing the BBQ and music events, evaluating the complicated ticketing options, additional revenue streams and minimizing wristband confusion. Based on questions from Council, Ms. Hartnett stated that the \$34,000 in additional sponsorship covered a lot of the costs from the lack of attendance on Sunday. The attendance the previous year was approximately 19,000. In regards to closing the gap on cost recovery, she stated the biggest thing is to capitalize on the BBQ, which is very sponsorable. This event is the largest sanctioned KCBS event in Texas. There were a number of electronic billboards advertising the event throughout the Metroplex. BBQ Pitmasters is going to air this fall.

- **Staff report on the application for the Mayors Challenge.**

Police Chief Roger Gibson stated that the Mayors Challenge was not the precursor to the Repeat Victimization Program proposal. In looking at vacancies and manpower availabilities, command staff questioned if something could be done different with those positions to better serve the community and the Police Department. They had discussions with the City Manager, the Deputy City Manager and Dr. Eric Fritsch at the University of North Texas and they believe they came up with a viable solution. He was part of the committee that looked at three possible alternatives for the Mayors Challenge: the Repeat Victimization Program, the Cultural District and the Employee Health Clinic. They looked into which one of the alternatives met the basic criteria of the Challenge: 1) is the idea innovative and unique; 2) is it a problem on the national level; 3) if successful, would there be a strong interest in other communities to replicate it on a national level; and 4) can it be replicated.

In regards to the Repeat Victimization Program, the Police Department find themselves in situations dealing with the same issues over and over again, primarily domestic violence and mental health detentions, but also juvenile offenses and neighborhood disputes. These are problems that every community faces. The University of North Texas was approached and they were excited about working on the Program. They would be responsible for surveys and data collection. If the program works, then it can be replicated in other communities.

Chief Gibson explained how the Program meets components of the Mayors Challenge. In regards to addressing serious social and economic problems, he stated that of the 550 domestic violence offenses reported in the City last year, repeat victims account for 15% of that total. Mental health detentions have increased from 225 in 2006 to 376 in 2011, and approximately 20% were repeat calls last year. According to the Justice Department, 13% of all violent crimes involve violence between partners and 25% of adult victim compensation goes towards domestic violence victims. The economic loss for violent crime is \$1.9B. Per the U.S. Conference of Mayors, domestic violence was the primary cause of homelessness for females. Per the Council of State Governments, 5% of the population has a serious mental issue and 7-10% of all police contacts are for calls involving people with mental problems. In regards to improving customer service for residents and businesses, he explained that in dealing with domestic violence calls, many victims are not inclined to deal with a male officer. Nor can the officer offer long term solutions as they are resolving the immediate issue, making arrests if necessary and doing paperwork. If the Department can bring in those partners discussed in the Program, the problem can be attacked the next day by talking to that victim in a better setting and have people professionally trained to cover some of those aspects better than the Department is able to on the initial call. This would also benefit in dealing with mental health calls as well. If they can get to the point that they are able to reduce the number of repeat calls, there would be the potential benefits of less patrol calls, criminal investigations, court cases, arrests as well as a better quality of life for the victims. In regards to enhancing accountability and engagement with the public, he stated that results for this program will be tracked and surveys will be conducted. In regards to costs, the vast majority will be for the salary and benefits of the three officers. Further, they will utilize two vehicles that would normally have been retired and the Department is in the process of converting seldom used offices for the Program. In regards to implementation, the first officer was moved to the Program last week. The other two officers will be moved a few months down the road. In regards to creating efficiencies that make government work better, faster and cheaper, if the root causes are attacked as opposed to dealing with the symptoms, there is a chance to remove repeat victimization, which benefits the victims, the Department and the taxpayers.

Chief Gibson explained the tiered escalation response. After the first domestic violence incident, there would be some level of interaction beyond the initial call offering support and information. As the violence continues, the level of interaction would increase. Critical partners in the program would include UNT and an intern program, Women's Haven, a chaplain's group, victim's assistance groups and the District Attorney's Office.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Work Session at 6:34 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To convene before the Regular Session, if time permits, in the conference room in compliance with Section 551.001 et. Seq. Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

- Pursuant to Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Block A, Lot 1A, Bedford Plaza Addition.
- Pursuant to Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Block 1, Lot A1, Dallas Federal Addition.

Council was unable to meet in Executive Session prior to the Regular Session.

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Block A, Lot 1A, Bedford Plaza Addition and Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Block 1, Lot A1, Dallas Federal Addition at 8:10 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 9:02 p.m. 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 6:30 P.M.

The Regular Session began at 6:43 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION (Senior Pastor Nosa Onaiwu - Arise and Shine International Ministries)

Senior Pastor Nosa Onaiwu of Arise and Shine International Ministries gave tonight's invocation.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS (Bedford Fire Department)

The Bedford Fire Department Color Guard presented the colors.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Cub Scout Pack 363 – Leader David Wilhite)

Cub Scout Pack #363, lead by David Wilhite and Cub Scouts Mack Cleveland, William Bawcombeschast, Tyler Lane, Rohan Oberoi and Jonathan Seguija, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Nobody chose to speak under tonight's Open Forum.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilmember Olsen, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve the following items by consent: 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 16 and 17.

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

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation recognizing September as Blood Cancer Awareness Month.

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Mayor Griffin read a proclamation recognizing September as Blood Cancer Awareness Month. Teresa Edwards of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society was on hand to accept the proclamation. She accepted it on behalf of the Society and her son Jonathan, who passed away from leukemia on October 9, 2009. She mentioned that September is also Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. **Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:**
 - a) **August 23, 2012 work session**
 - b) **August 28, 2012 regular meeting**

This item was approved by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Public hearing and consider an ordinance to rezone Lots 39 and 40, J.R. Murphy Addition, 2413 Murphy Drive, from R-15,000, Single-Family Residential Detached District to MD-3, Medium-Density Residential-Single-Family Detached District. The property is generally located north of Bedford Road and west of Murphy Drive. (Z-227)**

Planning Manager Jacquelyn Reyff presented information regarding this ordinance. The applicant is requesting to rezone 2413 Murphy Drive from R-15,000 to MD-3, for the construction of 14 single-family homes and a detention area near Lot 9. Currently, there is one home on one of the lots as well as miscellaneous storage. The current zoning allows for low population densities. Over the last several years, there have been similar types of development in the area whereby a large single-family residential property is subdivided to allow for the construction of more medium-density single-family houses. There are specific design standards for this type of zoning, which would be met per the concept plan and elevations submitted by the applicant. They would be in excess of what is required by the district including average lot sizes between 4,900 SF and 6,600 SF, lot widths averaging 50 feet, and five-foot side lots. At the time of platting, engineering and drainage would have to meet code. The City's Comprehensive Plan shows the area to be low-density residential in nature so this use would not be in conflict with the plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this item at their August 9, 2012 meeting with additional language being added to the boxed notations on the concept plan that the minimum floor area not be less than 1,800 square feet. The minimum floor area does not include the garage. In answer to questions from Council, Ms. Reyff and staff explained that the concept plan would become part of the zoning package. The side yards would be five feet on each side. The subdivision fence would be made of brick and the intention is to have the homeowner's association be responsible for it and the detention area. The detention area would be a detention pond and would not have water in it all the time. Council discussed adding the five foot side yards to the concept plan and indicating on the plat that the homeowner's association is responsible for the fence and detention area.

Bill Stimmel of Coldwell Bank presented information regarding the Kassel Court Addition. He was joined by the developer, Tommy Cansler and the builder, Keith Hamilton. He presented slides showing what is currently at the location and the general concept and elevations of the development. They are looking at sales prices of \$375,000 and up.

Council and staff discussed the bylaws and covenants of the HOA, that the developer will be in charge of the HOA until a certain number of lots have been sold, the platting process documents being presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission and notations on the face of the plat stating that the HOA is responsible for the fence and detention area.

Mayor Griffin opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

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Ray Champney, 2300 Marshfield Drive – Mr. Champney stated that the HOA in his subdivision is a mandatory association. He questioned whether this HOA would be incorporated or provisioned in relation to the approval of the rezoning.

Sherilyn Hageman, 2604 Second Street – Ms. Hageman stated that something will have to be done about the rats and carpenter ants that will be coming towards her house from the development.

Mayor Griffin closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

City Attorney Stan Lowry recommended an amendment to the ordinance. Section 2 currently reads that approval of the rezoning is subject to no stipulations. It should be amended to read that approval of this rezoning is subject to the concept plan attached as Exhibit A.

Keith Hamilton, 1841 Mid Cities Boulevard, North Richland Hills – Mr. Hamilton is the engineer for this project. In answer to questions from Council, he stated that a contractor will be hired to clear the site. There is a lot of debris currently at the site that will be removed. After that, there will be grading, padding the lots, utilities and streets.

Motioned by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve an ordinance to rezone Lots 39 and 40, J.R. Murphy Addition, 2413 Murphy Drive, from R-15,000, Single-Family Residential Detached District to MD-3, Medium-Density Residential-Single-Family Detached District. The property is generally located north of Bedford Road and west of Murphy Drive (Z-227) with the amendment to Section 2 of the ordinance to say subject to concept plan attached hereto as Exhibit A and with the stipulations on the concept plan to be added that traditional five feet side yards be included and that the City of Bedford receive a filed copy of the homeowner association bylaws which will include the responsibility for the detention pond prior to a building permit being issued by the City.

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

4. Consider and act upon an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the City of Bedford, Texas for the fiscal period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013; levying taxes for 2012; providing for intra-fund and/or intra-departmental transfers; providing for investment of idle funds; and declaring an effective date.

Administrative Services Director Cliff Blackwell presented information regarding this ordinance. Last month, staff presented a budget to Council that was 2.2% above the current budget and that kept the tax rate the same. Since that time, adjustments have been made based on meetings with Council. The proposed budget is valued at \$58,649,510, which includes capital items for next year, additional staffing, exercise stations at Bedford Trails, a code enforcement initiative in the amount of \$86,000, and a Fire Department battalion chief vehicle. The total revenue budget is \$59,411,838, which is less than 1% over the current budget. The expenditure budget is 2.9% above the current budget. Another item included in the budget is an employee compensation package in the amount of \$540,135. In regards to the tax rate, per Truth in Taxation statutes, even if the Council keeps the effective rate but there is any increase in property tax revenues, there must be a separate vote to improve that increase. The initial increase was \$2,137. In order to remove that increase, staff is recommending that the tax rate be tweaked below the effective tax rate to \$0.4991152 per \$100 valuation, or a 1.03% decrease from the current rate. Staff is recommending approval of this budget in the amount of \$58,649,510 for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 and the approval of a tax rate of \$0.4991152.

Council discussed employee compensation, the code enforcement package, the marketing specialist position and sponsorship opportunities for the City in the amount of \$3,000. Council was of the consensus to fund the code enforcement initiative and the marketing specialist position but to have further discussion on the best way to utilize those funds.

Motioned by Councilmember Boyter, seconded by Councilmember Davisson, that property taxes remain the same by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.4991152 per \$100.00 assessed valuation; and approve an

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ordinance adopting the annual budget for the City of Bedford, Texas for the fiscal year October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 with the condition that Council would like to fund additional opportunities for the City to increase its visibility in local community programs something in the neighborhood of \$3,000.

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

5. Consider a resolution accepting the City of Bedford Investment Policy.

This item was approved by consent.

6. Consider all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of "City of Bedford, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2012", including the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of such certificates of obligation. The proceeds from these certificates will be used for constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, enlarging, equipping, and improving sewer system properties and facilities.

Administrative Services Director Cliff Blackwell introduced David Medanich with First Southwest who discussed both this item as well as Item #7. Also in attendance was Chris Settle with Fullbright and Jaworski, the bond counsel. There are two transactions, one sold to the Water Development Board at 1.15% and one to the open market at 2.13%. The City was able to maintain their AA rating with a stable outlook from Standards and Poor. He explained to Council that there is no interest rate from 2013 through 2018 on the \$630,000 as it is subsidized by the State and the subsidy is higher than the interest rate in those years. The remaining rates are favorable. The overall borrowing cost is 1.156% for a 20-year obligation. The other bond was sold competitively on a dedicated website earlier in the day. There were ten bids and the lowest rate was 2.132%. These are the lowest rates that the City has ever borrowed at. The City has received a good faith check from Raymond James, the winning bidder.

Motioned by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Brown, to approve an ordinance and all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of \$630,000 "City of Bedford, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2012", dated September 11, 2012.

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

7. Consider all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of "City of Bedford, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2012A", including the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of such certificates of obligation. The proceeds from these certificates will be used for improving and extending the City's combined Waterworks and Sewer System, including the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefore and professional services rendered in relation to such projects and the financing thereof.

This item was discussed under Item #6.

Motioned by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Nolan, to approve an ordinance an all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of \$4,270,000 "City of Bedford, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2012A", dated September 11, 2012

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

8. Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the City of Bedford Code of Ordinances, "Advertising;" Article III-Signs, Section 6-70 "Special Sign Types," providing for an Exhibit 'A' being the City of Bedford Sign Regulations; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; and providing and effective date.

This item was approved by consent.

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- 9. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with for city-wide mowing services with Lawn Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$178,275.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 10. Consider a resolution of the City Council of Bedford, Texas, authorizing the submission of an application regarding the Repeat Victimization Program for the Mayors Challenge.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 11. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Alsay Incorporated in the amount of \$1,871,520 for the Construction of Simpson Terrace Potable Water Well.**

Public Works Director John Kubala presented information regarding this item as well as Items #12 through Item #15. They are for the Simpson Terrace Well, which will serve as an additional water supply for the City. It will pay for itself in six years. Item #11 is for the completion of the well itself. The Council rejected the original bids back in January when they came in well over the estimate. The total cost of the entire project is \$2,500,320. Funding for the well will come for the 2011 and 2012 Water Certificates of Obligation.

Item #12 is for the chemical feed construction and monitoring at both the Simpson Terrace and Stonegate wells. The chemical feed at the Stonegate well will be converted to be more compatible with water coming from the Trinity River Authority (TRA) to help reduce taste and odor problems. This involves going from free chlorines to chloramine. The amount of the bid was \$658,000; however, after the bid was received, Public Works Superintendent Bill Shelton and the City's Engineer Dick Perkins met with the contractor and were able to reduce the amount of the project by \$220,000, for a total contract cost of \$438,800. It was recommended to award the contract in Item #12 and then approve the change order in Item #13. Item #14 is to allow the Public Works Department to operate the wells and the chemical feed equipment from the Service Center instead of having to be on-site. Item #15 is piping to move the water from the well to the top of the elevated storage tank, which mixes with the water from TRA. This also includes part of another contract, which is the suction pipe for the upper pressure plane booster station.

Council and staff discussed the payback on the project and potential increases in the water rates.

Motioned by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Brown, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Alsay Incorporated in the amount of \$1,871,520 for the Construction of Simpson Terrace Potable Water Well.

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

- 12. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Red River Construction Company in the amount of \$658,800 for the Construction of Chemical Feed and Monitoring at Simpson Terrace and Stonegate Potable Water Wells.**

This item was discussed under Item #11.

Motioned by Councilmember Boyter, seconded by Councilmember Davisson, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Red River Construction Company in the amount of \$658,800 for the Construction of Chemical Feed and Monitoring at Simpson Terrace and Stonegate Potable Water Wells.

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

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- 13. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into Change Order #1 with Red River Construction Company in the amount of \$220,000 to reduce the authorized contracted amount for the Construction of Chemical Feed and Monitoring at Simpson Terrace and Stonegate Potable Water Wells.**

This item was discussed under Item #11.

Motioned by Councilmember Nolan, seconded by Councilmember Olsen, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into Change Order #1 with Red River Construction Company in the amount of \$220,000 to reduce the authorized contracted amount for the Construction of Chemical Feed and Monitoring at Simpson Terrace and Stonegate Potable Water Wells.

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

- 14. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with DNA Automation Inc. in the amount of \$136,500 for the Construction of the Bedford Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) System for Water Facilities.**

This item was discussed under Item #11.

Motioned by Councilmember Davisson, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with DNA Automation Inc. in the amount of \$136,500 for the Construction of the Bedford Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) System for Water Facilities.

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

- 15. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Blastco Texas, Inc. in the amount of \$53,500 for the Construction of Simpson Terrace Elevated Storage Tank (EST) Piping Modification at Simpson Terrace Potable Water Well.**

This item was discussed under Item #11.

Motioned by Councilmember Olsen, seconded by Councilmember Davisson, to approve resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Blastco Texas, Inc. in the amount of \$53,500 for the Construction of Simpson Terrace Elevated Storage Tank (EST) Piping Modification at Simpson Terrace Potable Water Well.

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

- 16. Consider a resolution authorizing the payment to the City of North Richland Hills, in the amount of \$27,800.40, to provide continuous maintenance for subscriber radios and auxiliary equipment to obtain maximum performance.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 17. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one-year agreement between the City of Bedford, Texas and Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$276,963.96 for support and maintenance of the trunk radio infrastructure and for the trunk radio system manager. The grand total of \$276,963.96 will be divided equally, with one-sixth, or \$46,160.66, being paid by each member city.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 18. Report on most recent meeting of the following Boards and Commissions:**
✓ **Animal Control Board – Councilmember Olsen**

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No report was given.

✓ **Animal Shelter Advisory Board - Councilmember Olsen**

Councilmember Olsen reported that the Board met on August 29 and that they are really looking forward to making changes as discussed by Council. Their next meeting is scheduled for November 7. The Pet Fair is scheduled for October 20 and the Board is looking at new ways to publicize the event with banners and portable signs as well as beefing up the volunteer and foster program. The Shelter will be participating in the Extreme Mutt Makeover sponsored by the Humane Society North Texas on October 13 at the Will Rogers Center.

✓ **Beautification Commission – Councilmember Turner**

Councilmember Turner reported that the Commission will meet next Monday, September 17 and they are considering awards for businesses.

✓ **Community Affairs Commission - Councilmember Boyter**

Councilmember Boyter reported that the Commission held a Residential Roundtable at the Old Bedford School, which was attended by a number of people. He gave kudos to the Commission for taking up arms to communicate with citizens and engage with them about what is going on in the City. Bill Syblon and Butch Lindsey also attended the Roundtable. There will be a Business Roundtable next Thursday.

✓ **Cultural Commission - Councilmember Nolan**

Councilmember Nolan reported that the Commission met the previous night and that they have received back the survey from most of the venues. They are currently in the process of sending surveys to artist groups. They will have a table at the Cultural Walk on October 6 and she invited everybody to come out that day.

✓ **Library Board – Councilmember Brown**

Councilmember Brown reported that the Board will meet next Wednesday.

✓ **Parks & Recreation Board - Councilmember Davisson**

Councilmember Davisson reported that the Board met and he is impressed that each one of the member has their own park, which they inspect and present a laundry list of things regarding their park. He attended the Doggie Splash Day this past Saturday and he thoroughly enjoyed it.

✓ **Senior Citizen Advisory Board - Councilmember Turner**

Councilmember Turner reported that the Board will not meet again until October. There is a reception for the retirement of Virginia Chamblee on Friday, September 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

✓ **Teen Court Advisory Board - Councilmember Olsen**

Councilmember Olsen reported that the Board met last Thursday and that they have scheduled a follow-up work session regarding their mission statement. They are also looking into fundraising events. She mentioned that September is Teen Court Month.

19. Council member reports

Mayor Griffin thanked the Fire and Police Departments for hosting the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Library that morning. He also reminded Council that they own a bed at the Community Garden.

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There was an event on Saturday involving a learning session and preparing the beds for the fall. There is a 50 day window where additional vegetables can be grown, including broccoli, squash, carrots and green beans. 580 pounds of vegetables have been donated to the Food Pantry. There has been discussion on expanding the Garden to include more beds.

Councilmember Turner made citizens aware of an invitation from the NTE to attend an open house at the Hurst Conference Center on Wednesday, September 18 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

20. City Manager/Staff Reports

No report was given.

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

No action was necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Griffin adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Jim Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary