

## Council Minutes September 12, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS §

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 12th day of September, 2017 with the following members present:

Jim Griffin  
Michael Boyter  
Roger Fisher  
Dave Gebhart  
Amy Sabol  
Rusty Sartor  
Roy W. Turner

Mayor  
Council Members

constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Brian Bosshardt  
Cliff Blackwell  
Stan Lowry  
Michael Wells  
Sean Fay  
Jeff Gibson  
Meg Jakubik  
Kenny Overstreet  
Miguel Ozuna  
Maria Redburn  
Emilio Sanchez  
Bill Syblon  
Eric Valdez

City Manager  
Interim Assistant City Manager  
City Attorney  
City Secretary  
Fire Chief  
Police Chief  
Strategic Services Manager  
Public Works Director  
Human Resources Director  
Library Director  
Planning Manager  
Development Director  
Community Services Manager

### **COUNCIL CHAMBER WORK SESSION**

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

- **Presentation on Community Affairs Commission activities.**

Community Affairs Commission Chairperson Sal Caruso introduced Commission Members Gary Morlock, Roy Savage and Margaret Hall who were in attendance. He thanked staff liaison Meg Jakubik and Council liaison Michael Boyter. The mission statement of the Commission is to serve businesses, residents, homeowners associations, apartment associations, care centers and faith based organizations. He discussed residential roundtables, which are held twice a year and are well attended. Ms. Hall serves as director of that subcommittee. The next roundtable is scheduled for October 12, 2017. He discussed business roundtables, which are held twice a year. Doug White is the chairperson of the subcommittee and they are working on increasing attendance. The next roundtable is scheduled for November 8, 2017. He discussed block parties, including one held at Bell Manor Elementary School. Over 500 people attended

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and there were 20 vendors, with whom it has been outstanding to work. The last block party was held at Bedford Estates and was affected by the weather. The next block party is scheduled for September 28, 2017. Last year, the resident of the year award was presented to Faye Brooks. The small business of the year award went to Crazy Cowboy and the large business of the year award went to Adam Smith's Texas Harley-Davidson. He stated that 6Stones has been a big supporter of the Commission and the community. Their Community Powered Revitalization Fall Blitz will be held October 20 and 21, 2017.

- **Update on Phase Next Boys Ranch Park Improvement Bond Election Communication Materials.**

Mark Hatchel with Kimley-Horn stated this item concerns the advertisement tools for the upcoming bond election. He presented a three-dimensional video of the Boys Ranch Park and displayed informational sheets for the Park and multi-generational center. He stated the video is to help people envision the idea of the park, which is still a concept and a work-in-progress. The idea from the start was to do a multi-generational park. The park information sheets show the latest iteration of the Master Plan and has information about the bond proposition, the tax implications, the impact on senior citizens, the quality of life, the economic impact of parks, and voting and contact information. The improvements are what has been presented to Council previously. The informational sheet on the center identifies square footages, budget allocations, and cost recovery. There is still a lot of work needing to be done, including detailed programming for the center in case the bond is approved. He believes the materials give people a clear picture of the quality and scope of the project. In response to a question from Council, Interim Assistant City Manager Cliff Blackwell confirmed that the tax implications listed on the informational sheets are for the full \$70,000,000 project. There was discussion on having more information on the project; having something unique and special that residents could be proud of and would improve their quality of life; advertising the recreation center; the amount of video dedicated to the center; residents being engaged and feeling responsible; finding more selling points to make the project more attractive to undecided residents; showing something special and unique to Bedford that residents cannot get in another city; selling the "wow" factor; upgrades to the facilities; the number of stories for the athletic center; the center having a roof deck to look over the park; the improved tennis center; the possibility of the four ballfields having synthetic turf; the park features being state-of-the art; and marketing to undecided residents.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Work Session at 5:56 p.m.

### **REGULAR SESSION**

The Regular Session began at 6:31 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS**

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order.

### **INVOCATION (Father John Kalimi, St. Vincent's Episcopal Cathedral Church)**

Father John Kalimi of St. Vincent's Episcopal Cathedral Church gave the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledges of Allegiance to the flags of the United States and Texas were given.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS**

No announcements were made.

**OPEN FORUM**

Dorothy McWhorter, 1600 Martha Drive, Bedford – Ms. McWhorter signed up to speak on Items 9 and 10. She stated she has lived in the City for 43 years and every year it is said that the City is losing police officers and firefighters due to poor pay. The problem, if there is one, can be solved by the actions of the elected officials. It has always been stated that the City is losing police officers and firefighters because the cities of Hurst and Euless pay more. Euless raises their salaries, followed by Hurst, and then the pressure is put on Bedford to follow suit. She asked at what point are police and fire salaries raised to satisfy them and at what point does management say this is what the job pays. She stated police officers and firefighters are never satisfied with what the City has to offer them, including retirement and health insurance. She asked Council to adopt a measuring stick to eliminate the yearly uproar and to tell the City if there is a problem with salaries. If there is a problem, then it needs to be solved but if there is no problem, the employee should be given a copy of the job description with what the job pays.

She stated the City has lost its way and its priority should be city services used by every taxpayer, which are the fire, police, water, sewer and streets, and which cannot be purchased elsewhere. She stated Council has lost sight of taking care of basic city services, which are needs, not “nice-to-haves.” Regarding budgeting, she stated monies should be set aside every budget to replace every big item of equipment. She stated Council has lost sight of the fact that government cannot be all things to all people. She will vote against the \$70,000,000 bond issue as it is against her principle to go to the polls to vote to increase her neighbors’ taxes and the City has not exercised a budgeting process to replace big item equipment. Regarding a statement at the previous Council meeting on the rollback and the loss of police officers, she asked if the rollback caused a massive exodus of police officers and whether there were documents to support whether the 27 percent increase would have saved those officers from leaving. She asked what the dollar amount was requested for Police and Fire starting in the Fiscal Year 2004/05 budget up to the 2016/17 budget, and how many of those officers returned to the City. She stated with those documents, Council can see the cause of the flight of officers and firefighters, and the rollback cannot be blamed anymore. She asked that when the City hires a new employee, whether it is expected they stay with the City until retirement. She asked how the City’s turnover rate compares with like companies on a yearly basis. She questioned the assumption that when an employee leaves the City to work in the same field is due to poor pay, and discussed employees retiring from the City and working for another company under a different retirement system. Regarding a statement made by an individual at the previous Council meeting regarding not allowing senior citizens to vote, she recommended the individual get a copy of the United States Constitution.

Tom Culbert, 925 Charleston Drive, Bedford – Mr. Culbert signed up to speak on Item # 15. He stated he wanted to clear up a mistake that the senior tax freeze is freeze on the rate, not taxes. His taxes go up every year when the value of his property increases and seniors are not getting a free ride. The senior rollback was approved on the ballot and the mayor at the time increased taxes by 14 percent, which were rolled back. The Council has to listen to the constituents. He asked why the City wants to combine the senior center with a gym and a pool, as there are gyms opening as businesses in Bedford for \$10.00 a month.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT**

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Motioned by Councilmember Gebhart, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve the following items by consent: 1, 2 and 3.

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

- 1. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:**
  - a) August 15, 2017 special session**
  - b) August 22, 2017 regular meeting**

This item was approved by consent.

- 2. Consider a resolution approving the City of Bedford Investment Policy.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 3. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Fort Worth in the amount of \$50.00 per voucher to allow for the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste for Bedford households at the permanent collection site.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 4. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter a seven-year no-cost contract with Securus Technologies, to provide an inmate phone system for the Bedford Police Department Detention Facility.**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

### **Council Recognition**

- 5. Presentation of the Katie Savage Resident of the Year Award.**

The Katie Savage Resident of the Year Award was presented to Patt Dreyer. Mr. Caruso read from the nomination letter, which stated Ms. Dreyer has been active with the Bedford Public Library since 2007 and was instrumental in establishing the Library Foundation, and serving in several positions, including president. She also has served as membership chairperson for the Library Friends and assisted with the annual book sale. She works tirelessly to raise money for the Library. She was behind the Mardi Gras Casino Night and Gala, which raises approximately \$20,000 annually. She worked with staff on naming rights, which raised money for the capital campaign to fund technology at the Library. Thanks to Ms. Dreyer's advocacy and fundraising efforts, the Library better serves patrons with low-vision. She recruited vendors, state agencies and non-profit organizations for the annual low-vision fare. The Library Foundation has provided technologies in the low-vision room. He discussed the ChristmasFest fundraiser established by Ms. Dreyer in 2010. This year, the Library donated \$1,500 for the purchase of large print books. Thanks to Ms. Dreyer, the Library Foundation is part of the North Texas Giving Day and she has worked tirelessly to develop a marketing campaign and personally contacts donors.

- 6. Proclamation recognizing the month of October 2017 as Vision Awareness Month in the City of Bedford.**

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation recognizing the month of October 2017 as Vision Awareness Month in the City of Bedford. \_\_\_\_\_ from the National Federation of the Blind accepted the proclamation.

**7. Presentation of donated books to the HEB ISD school libraries in recognition of children who read 2,000 or more minutes for HEB Reads!**

Library Director Maria Redburn discussed the creation of the HEB Reads! program, which was inspired by the HEB ISD superintendent, the mayors and city managers of the three cities, and several council members, to pull together resources to help children avoid the “summer slide” with the public libraries. Children that read over 2,000 minutes were invited to attend a summer reading club party with the mayor of their respective city and were able to put their name in a book or donate a book back to their home school.

Kiera Elledge with HEB ISD stated the mission of the HEB Reads! program is to strengthen the community by providing educational and literacy opportunities for all. The group is comprised of the library directors of all three cities along with staff from HEB ISD. Their three goals are to combat the “summer slide”, including reading for pleasure; take the libraries more into the community; and championing life-long learning, with an emphasis on STEM and STEAM. The estimated attendance at the Summer Reading Kickoff Party in 2017 was between 3,700 and 4,500, compared to 3,000 people in 2016. In 2017, 100 percent of campuses participated in the program, and the total number of minutes read was 1,912,541 in the elementary schools and 413,485 in the secondary schools. Also in 2017, 489 adults read 956,120 minutes, 228 homeschoolers read 472,970 minutes, 264 private and charter school students read 377,587 minutes and 225 children under the age of four read 215,258 minutes. Hurst had 750,016 minutes read, Euless had 463,405 minutes read and Bedford had 1,112,605 minutes read. Last year, three schools surpassed 100,000 minutes compared to six schools in 2017. Overall, elementary schools increased their total number of minutes by 53 percent, with secondary schools decreasing by one percent. Ninety-two percent of schools increased their number of minutes, while in the community, 71 percent of students increased their minutes. Hurst increased their minutes by 41 percent, Euless by 46 percent and Bedford by 49 percent. Their 2018 kick-off event will be Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Pennington Field from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She discussed involving various City departments during the event, such as Police and Public Works. She stated they wrote a grant in February through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for \$75,000 for a vehicle to take their outreach efforts on the road. Each library has committed to do at least three events a year and its tentative debut is March 3, 2018.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**8. Public hearing and consider an ordinance to rezone Block 1, Lot 1D1, Shops At Central Park Addition, located at 2404 Airport Freeway, Bedford, Texas, from Heavy Commercial (H) to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit /Indoor Amusement Center (H/SUP), specific to 3.2.C(13)g of the City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance, allowing for Urban Air Adventure Park and Escapology, The Live Escape Game, to operate an indoor amusement center with outdoor seating. The property is generally located south of Airport Freeway and east of Central Drive. (PZ-SUP-2017-50058)**

Planning Manager Emilio Sanchez presented information regarding this item, which is a request for a specific use permit for 2204 Airport Freeway allowing for Parker Coddington and Bedford Jump, LLC, operating as Urban Air Adventure and Escapology, to operate an indoor amusement center with outdoor seating. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this item at their August 10, 2017 meeting. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan designates the location as commercial. In response to questions from Council, Mr. Sanchez stated the business will feature an indoor trampoline park, along with a rock-climbing wall, a zip-line and concession items. The business will be targeted mainly towards children but will also be

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open for corporate, charitable and team-building events. The applicant projects over \$2,000,000 in sales.

Mayor Griffin opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Nobody chose to speak during the public hearing.

Mayor Griffin closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Motioned by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Sartor, to approve an ordinance to rezone Block 1, Lot 1D1, Shops At Central Park Addition, located at 2404 Airport Freeway, Bedford, Texas, from Heavy Commercial (H) to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit /Indoor Amusement Center (H/SUP), specific to 3.2.C(13)g of the City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance, allowing for Urban Air Adventure Park and Escapology, The Live Escape Game, to operate an indoor amusement center with outdoor seating. The property is generally located south of Airport Freeway and east of Central Drive. (PZ-SUP-2017-50058)

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

**9. Consider an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the City of Bedford, Texas for the fiscal period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; providing for intra-fund and/or intra-departmental transfers; providing for investment of idle funds; and declaring an effective date.**

This item was discussed after Item #11.

Motioned by Councilmember Sabol, seconded by Councilmember Sartor, to approve an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the City of Bedford, Texas for the fiscal period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; providing for intra-fund and/or intra-departmental transfers; providing for investment of idle funds; and declaring an effective date.

There was discussion on pay for first responders; competition with other cities; paying first responders what they are worth; holding back the money in the special project fund; letting the voters decide on bonds for Harwood Road; the purpose of government and on what taxpayer money is spent; the \$60,000 line item for a charity; the government providing for charitable causes; citizens taking pride in supporting their fellow man and not depending on government; breaking the public trust; issues with raising taxes to cover the possibility of the City being off on its projections; police and fire personnel being used as pawns in discussions about public trust and where government lines should be drawn; cutting funding for all non-profits; 6Stones' effect on the public trust and bringing the cities of Hurst, Eules and Bedford together; what the money for 6Stones is being used for, including staff time to evaluate homes; 6Stones being used as a pawn; the boundaries of government; the use of public and private funds; and whether organizations provide a service to the entire community.

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

Voting in favor of the motion: Mayor Griffin, Councilmember Sartor, Councilmember Sabol, Councilmember Boyter, Councilmember Turner and Councilmember Fisher.

Voting in opposition to the motion: Councilmember Gebhart

**10. Consider a resolution to ratify the property tax increase as reflected in the FY 2017-2018 City of Bedford Program of Services (Budget).**

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Motioned by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Sabol, to approve a resolution to ratify the property tax increase as reflected in the FY 2017-2018 City of Bedford Program of Services (Budget).

Motion approved 5-2-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

Voting in favor of the motion: Mayor Griffin, Councilmember Sartor, Councilmember Sabol, Councilmember Fisher and Councilmember Turner

Voting in opposition to the motion: Councilmember Gebhart and Councilmember Boyter

**11. Consider an ordinance levying taxes for the Tax Year 2017 for the City of Bedford, Texas; establishing the Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \_\_\_\_\_ per one hundred dollars valuation; providing for the apportionment of taxes for interest and sinking and for general operating needs; providing penalties and interest for delinquent taxes; and providing an effective date.**

This item was discussed prior to Item #9. There was discussion on the previous meetings on the budget, including a town hall meeting; thinking strategically on the City's needs as opposed to focusing just on the current year; the budget addressing the City's basic needs and not including new programs; the budget including the public safety step plan, raises for other employees and nine other critical items; the Council's strategic visioning and planning session; and steps to move the City forward and what draws people to the City.

Motioned by Councilmember Sabol, seconded by Councilmember Turner, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.52000, which is effectively a 9.13 percent increase in the tax rate.

There was discussion on options to lower the tax rate and the previous meetings on the budget. Councilmember Sabol withdrew her motion and Councilmember Turner withdrew his second.

There was discussion on decisions made during previous budget adoptions; the decision the previous year to lower the tax rate and issuing short term debt for capital items; paying cash for non-reoccurring supplemental requests with cash to lower the tax rate; punting decisions down the road; financial sustainability; creating space within the budget the following fiscal year by using tax money to pay for the supplemental requests; the General Fund reserve; and special project money. In response to questions from Council, Strategic Services Manager Meg Jakubik stated that based on expected revenues and expenditures, the reserve is expected to be approximately 14 percent at the beginning of the next fiscal year, and with revenues and expenditures being net even and with no building of the fund balance, the percentage would be slightly lower the following fiscal year. The previous year, the balance was at 20 percent. City Manager Brian Bosshardt stated that the projections from the budget work session showed the City to be out of money by year five or six if the tax rate was kept the same. By setting it at the \$0.52 rate, by year three, revenues would start to exceed expenditures and it would take six to seven years to get back to the 20 percent reserve requirement. There was discussion on when and why to go into reserves; what the special project fund would be used for; and the combination of declining sales tax revenue, employment agreements with several long-term employees, debt coming off the books, and historic increases in property values. Mr. Bosshardt stated that if Council had maintained the tax rate the previous year, this year's rollback rate would have been one cent over the budget as presented by staff. There was discussion on burdens being put on the taxpayers and the effect on the bond election and Bedford Commons; the path to moving the City forward; repeating past mistakes; cosmetic changes to the tax rate;

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moving the special project fund to the General Fund and the impact to the reserve; paying cash for capital items; paying for supplemental requests from the special project fund; and depleting the special project fund. It was stated that paying \$220,000 in cash for the compensation study, the human resources software and the personnel protective equipment would reduce the tax rate to \$0.5134. There was discussion on issuing debt to pay for future projects such as Bedford Commons and Harwood Road instead of paying out of the special project fund; what Council wants to do with the special project fund; additional expenses not included in the budget, including the Old Bedford School; the reduction in the tax rate the previous year; doing a five-year plan; the digital sign at the Old Bedford School; and creating space in the budget leading to an obligation to have to spend that money.

Motioned by Councilmember Sabol, seconded by Councilmember Turner, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.52000, which is effectively a 9.3 percent increase in the tax rate.

Councilmember Fisher asked that it be in the record that he made a motion in the voting system prior to Councilmember Sabol's motion.

Motion failed 4-3-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion failed. (The tax rate vote required approval by 60 percent of Council)

Voting in favor of the motion: Mayor Griffin, Councilmember Sartor, Councilmember Sabol, and Councilmember Turner

Voting in opposition to the motion: Councilmember Gebhart, Councilmember Boyter and Councilmember Fisher

Motioned by Councilmember Fisher that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.5134, which is effectively a 7.74 percent increase in the tax rate.

The motion failed for a lack of a second.

Motioned by Councilmember Sabol, seconded by Councilmember Turner, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.52000, which is effectively a 9.3 percent increase in the tax rate.

Motion approved 5-2-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

Voting in favor of the motion: Mayor Griffin, Councilmember Sartor, Councilmember Sabol, Councilmember Fisher and Councilmember Turner

Voting in opposition to the motion: Councilmember Gebhart and Councilmember Boyter

### **12.Consider an ordinance amending the schedule of water rates by amendment of Section 1., Ordinance No. 16-3175; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.**

Ms. Jakubik presented information regarding this item and Item #13. For the water rates, staff is recommending a pass through based on the increase from the Trinity River Authority (TRA), which will take the volume rate from \$3.74 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.83 per 1,000 gallons. Regarding sewer rates, she stated that revenue from the water and sewer system must pay for expenses. A consultant reviews the rate design to ensure that the City is recovering adequate revenue. In that review, the City was found to be short on the sewer side, so staff is



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recommending a two percent increase on the base rates. On the volume rate, there is an increase from both the TRA of just over \$0.19 per 1,000 gallons and an additional \$0.13 per 1,000 gallons recommended from the City operational side. The total increase on the sewer volume rate is from \$2.68 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons. Residential accounts are capped at 12,000 gallons on the sewer side.

Motioned by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Sabol, to approve an ordinance amending the schedule of water rates by amendment of Section 1., Ordinance No. 16-3175; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

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

**13. Consider an ordinance amending the schedule of sewer rates by amendment of Section 1., Ordinance No. 16-3176; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.**

This item was discussed along with Item #12.

Motioned by Councilmember Sartor, seconded by Councilmember Sabol, to approve an ordinance amending the schedule of sewer rates by amendment of Section 1., Ordinance No. 16-3176; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

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

**14. Consider a resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to enter a Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team (TEMAT) and the Bedford Police Department Public Safety Unmanned Aircraft Systems Response Team (PSURT) to assist in multi-jurisdictional operations and disasters.**

This item was discussed after Item #8.

Police Chief Jeff Gibson presented information regarding this item, which is a partnership between the City's drone operation team and DPS' Emergency Management Team. This allows the City's personnel to deploy in disaster situations to help members in the state as well as locally. In response to questions from Council, Chief Gibson stated if the team deploys in a disaster, the agreement allows the state to refund monies paid for by the City. The agreement also gives the City legal authority to utilize its experts in situations where other parts of the state need help. Under emergency exigent circumstances, the City deployed the drone team to Missouri City and Beaumont at the City's cost. He stated PSURT is a taskforce comprised of multiple agencies who work together to share resources to accomplish a common goal. The type of equipment for unmanned air support can get costly so when resources are shared, there is the ability to make a huge impact. The team was responsible for saving lives in Missouri City and Beaumont by effectively directing swift water crews to rescue people.

Motioned by Councilmember Gebhart, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to approve a resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to enter a Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team (TEMAT) and the Bedford Police Department Public Safety Unmanned Aircraft Systems Response Team (PSURT) to assist in multi-jurisdictional operations and disasters.

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

### 15. Report on most recent meeting of the following Boards and Commissions:

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✓ **Animal Shelter Advisory Board**

No report was given.

✓ **Beautification Commission**

No report was given.

✓ **Community Affairs Commission**

Councilmember Boyter commended the Commission on the great things they have been doing. He recognized Gary Morlock, Doug White, Sal Caruso, Roy Savage and Margaret Hall who were in attendance.

✓ **Cultural Commission**

Councilmember Sabol reported that Central Arts of Bedford has a short film series on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

✓ **Investment Committee**

Councilmember Turner reported that the updated Investment Policy was approved by Council and the fiscal environment has continued to improve. The City's total investments total approximately \$59,000,000, including the SWIFT funds, with an overall average return of 0.8 percent and 0.99 percent the previous quarter.

✓ **Library Advisory Board**

Councilmember Boyter reported recognized Deborah Allbach, the chairperson of the Board, who was in attendance. She notified the Board that she wants to step down as chair but will want to remain on the Board. Councilmember Boyter thanked her for her service.

✓ **Parks and Recreation Board**

No report was given.

✓ **Teen Court Advisory Board**

Councilmember Gebhart reported that the Board was unable to meet the previous week due to a lack of quorum.

✓ **Senior Citizen Liaison**

Councilmember Turner reported that there is a new series at the Senior Center in the autumn on fall prevention.

### 16. Council Member Reports

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Councilmember Fisher stated that the City had eight staff members in the Hurricane Harvey relief, along with equipment such as the drone, command vehicle and swift rescue boat. They helped a lot of people during that tragedy and he appreciates them. He also appreciates the citizens allowing the City to lend its resources to help fellow Texans and Americans.

### 17. City Manager/Staff Reports

No report was given.

### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Griffin adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

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Jim Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michael Wells, City Secretary