

**Council Minutes March 10, 2015**

**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. in the Conference Room, Work Session at 6:15 p.m. and Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 10th day of March, 2015 with the following members present:**

Michael Boyter  
Ray Champney  
Jim Davisson  
Steve Farco  
Roger Fisher  
Roy W. Turner

Mayor Pro Tem  
Council Members

constituting a quorum.

Mayor Griffin was absent from the meeting.

Staff present included:

Roger Gibson  
Stan Lowry  
Michael Wells  
Kelli Agan  
Natalie Foster  
Les Hawkins  
Kenny Overstreet  
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden

Interim City Manager  
City Attorney  
City Secretary  
Technical Services Manager  
Marketing Specialist  
Deputy Police Chief  
Field Operations Manager  
Managing Director

**CONFERENCE ROOM WORK SESSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Boyter called the Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

- **Interview for appointment to the Street Improvement Economic Development Corporation.**

The Council conducted an interview for the Street Improvement Economic Development Corporation.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyter adjourned the Work Session at 6:09 p.m.

**COUNCIL CHAMBER WORK SESSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Boyter called the Work Session to order at 6:15 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: 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Technical Services Manager Kelli Agan presented information regarding Item #3, which is to pursue grant funding through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). TxDOT receives funding

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through the National Highway Safety Administration, and this grant is for a specialized traffic enforcement detail for driving while impaired. The program would be in place for several days around Spring Break and the July 4 and Labor Day holidays. The City already participates in some TxDOT initiatives and this funding would increase the City's participation from 35 hours to 140 hours. The maximum funding reimbursement is \$6,042, with the City's portion of the cash match being \$1,012, leaving a maximum of \$4,830 to be reimbursed to the City.

Field Operations Manager Kenny Overstreet presented information regarding Item #4. He stated the City went out to bid for concrete panel replacement, curb and gutter work, and sidewalks. The low bid was received from Cam-Crete Contracting in the amount of \$186,945. There are approximately 200 locations for sidewalk repair, and this project would cover approximately 7,000 square feet, or 40 percent of the total. There are 70 requests for curb and gutter repairs, and the project would repair 421 square feet, or 80 percent, of the total. There are 90 concrete street panels that need to be replaced, with 936 square feet being considered extreme, and the project would reduce this total by approximately 50 percent. By utilizing this contractor, the City would not need to hire more people or order special equipment, and would reduce their list by 28 percent. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Overstreet stated that this is a budgeted item; that they have not done this type of bid in three years; that to determine how much to budget, they contacted their contractors to determine what they were getting cost-wise and came up with an average; that \$170,000 was budgeted for concrete panels and \$70,000 for sidewalks; that for prioritization, the City's thoroughfares rate a high "c" or low "b," while some residential streets are getting into the high "b" and "a" ranges; that staff will ask for funds in the next budget for three more street rebuilds; that they have a five-year projection list and can do about half of the repairs in that timeframe; that they reassess their list twice a year and locations may be reassessed if repeated calls from residents are received; that this project is for sidewalk replacement and not installing new sidewalks; that some items did move up to a higher priority on the list after the reassessment; and that all 200 sidewalks and 90 panels were reassessed.

Mr. Overstreet presented information regarding Item #5. The bid opening for this item was held on February 18 and no bids were received by the 2:00 p.m. deadline. At 2:18 p.m., two bids were received from out-of-state contractors that could not be opened. Staff is asking for Council to reject the bids and to have them returned unopened to the contractors. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Overstreet stated they were expecting more bids and believes they will get a different result if they re-bid.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyter adjourned the Work Session at 6:27 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- a) Pursuant to Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations with the City of Euless.
- b) Pursuant to Section 551.074, personnel matters – City Manager search.

Executive Session was not held.

### **REGULAR SESSION 6:30 P.M.**

The Regular Session began at 6:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Boyter called the meeting to order.

### **INVOCATION (Pastor Robert White, Cornerstone Church North)**

Pastor Robert White of Cornerstone Church North gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS**

Marketing Specialist Natalie Foster stated that there is still time to register for the Boys Ranch family campout for Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. There will be a movie under the stars, s'mores and sleeping bag story time. The second annual photo scavenger hunt for children ages 12 to 17 will be at the Library on Saturday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ArtsFest is scheduled for Saturday, March 28. People can enjoy Easter festivities at the Boys Ranch and then head over to ArtsFest, which will feature art, food trucks, craft beers and wine. The event will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**OPEN FORUM**

Nobody chose to speak during Open Forum.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT**

Motioned by Councilmember Champney, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve the following items by consent: 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Motion approved 6-0-0. Mayor Pro Tem Boyter declared the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:
  - a) February 24, 2015 regular meeting
  - b) March 1, 2015 special meeting

This item was approved by consent.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

2. The following individual has requested to speak to the Council tonight under Persons to be Heard:
  - a) Ed Henderson, 2513 Meadow View, Bedford, Texas 76021 – Requested to speak to the Council regarding EV Public Charging Stations.

Mr. Henderson withdrew his request to speak.

**NEW BUSINESS**

3. Consider a resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the FY 2015 National Priority Safety Program grant funding.

This item was approved by consent.

4. Consider a resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to award the Concrete Sidewalk, Driveway, Ramp/Street Panel and Curb and Gutter Reconstruction at Various Locations Project to Cam-Crete Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$186,945.

This item was approved by consent.

**5. Consider a resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to reject the bids for the 2015 Crack Sealing Program at Various Locations Contract.**

This item was approved by consent.

**6. Consider a resolution appointing a member to serve on the Street Improvement Economic Development Corporation.**

Motioned by Councilmember Farco, seconded by Councilmember Davisson, to approve a resolution appointing Martin Hathaway to serve on the Street Improvement Economic Development Corporation.

Motion approved 6-0-0. Mayor Pro Tem Boyter declared the motion carried.

**7. Report on most recent meeting of the following Boards and Commissions:**

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

No report was given.

✓ **Beautification Commission - Councilmember Turner**

Councilmember Turner reminded everybody about Clean Up Bedford/Chunk Your Junk Day scheduled for April 18.

✓ **Community Affairs Commission - Councilmember Boyter**

Mayor Pro Tem reported that the Commission was to hold a business roundtable the previous week, which was cancelled due to the weather and the timeline has not been reset.

✓ **Cultural Commission - Councilmember Champney**

Councilmember Champney reported that the Commission met the previous night and had a hefty agenda. Upcoming events include ArtsFest and the Easter egg hunt on March 28, Taste and Tunes at the Old Bedford School (OBS) on April 2, Twilight Thursdays at the OBS on April 9, 16, 23 and 30, Arts Talk at the OBS on April 20, a pop-up art gallery at the OBS on April 30, Twilight Thursdays at the OBS on May 7, 14 and 21, the storefront art gallery at the shopping center on Harwood Road and Central Drive from June 6 to August 1, FourthFest on July 4, and BluesFest on Labor Day weekend. He discussed the Commission working on getting a 501(c)(3); the amount of money generated through arts and culture in Texas being in the billions; the City of Clifton, Texas, with a population of 4,000 people, establishing a cultural district in 2009, which generated \$2.4M in economic activity, \$1.1M in earnings and three dozen jobs; how hard the Commission is working; the Texas Cultural Trust 2015 State of the Arts report; HEB ISD being enthusiastic about participating in arts and culture; development equaling opportunities and creating a unique point of differentiation; and the City being home to Arts Council Northeast, the OBS, Trinity Arts Guild, ONSTAGE and the Boys Ranch. He hopes that by next year the application will be in for a designation by the State for a cultural district. He applauded the efforts of the Commission and staff members including Managing Director Mirinda McQuagge-Walden and Events and Cultural Coordinator Jeff Florey.

✓ **Library Board - Councilmember Davisson**

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

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

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Councilmember Farco reported that the Teen Court banquet will be on April 16.

### **8. Council member Reports**

Councilmember Farco stated that he attended the HEB Chamber of Commerce Expo and that staff from Community Services, Parks, and the OBS did an outstanding job with the City's booth.

### **9. City Manager/Staff Reports**

No report was given.

### **10. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.**

Executive Session was not held.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Boyter adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

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Jim Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michael Wells, City Secretary