



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

A WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD AT CITY HALL, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024 BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON
SHERRY GARRISON
TJ HAIGHT
TOMMY GINN
BILL PATTERSON
RON MARTIN
GEORGETTE FORD

MAYOR
COUNCILWOMAN
COUNCILMAN
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OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES
SARA ROBINSON
JIM FOX
ANGELA SMITH

CITY MANAGER
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
CITY SECRETARY

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE –

- a. Jimmy Burke, commended and spoke in favor of the recommendation to name the library after former Mayor Wayne Riddle.
- b. Becky Stockstill-Cobb, commended and spoke in favor of the recommendation to name the library after former Mayor Wayne Riddle.
- c. Manzoor Memon, commended and spoke in favor of the recommendation to name the library after former Mayor Wayne Riddle.
- d. Mike Peters, commended and spoke in favor of the recommendation to name the library after former Mayor Wayne Riddle.
- e. Pat Adams, commended and spoke in favor of the recommendation to name the library after former Mayor Wayne Riddle.

1. PRESENTATION ON THE FUTURE CHRISTMAS DECORATION SERVICES FROM DEKRA-LITE FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK – Parks and Recreation Director Charlie Sandberg introduced Nancy Palo, a representative with Dekra-Lite that spoke of the overall vision and list of décor that was approved by the Committee. The services provided by Dekra-Lite will include the purchasing, installation, removal, storage and refurbishing of the décor to help keep it looking fresh and in good condition. These services will be under contract for a total of five (5) years with a guarantee of only a 4% increase each year to cover inflation. The new décor will be installed on 35 street poles along with customized signage to guide the public in finding all the locations the new mascot “Tex” is displayed. “Tex” the new mascot that will measure 18 feet tall and 10 feet wide and will stand along the 30 feet tall Christmas tree that will be displayed as well. (A1-A2)

City Manager James Stokes emphasized and reminded City Council that the commitment with Dekra-Lite will be for 5 years and does not include any decorations for the new Jimmy Burke Activity Center or the new Community/Recreation Center.

2. DISCUSSION OF RENAMING DEER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING AFTER WAYNE RIDDLE – Mayor Mouton opened up the discussion by inviting input of Council members wanting to express their opinion of the agenda item. A photo was presented to show what the building would look like with the new name displayed. Mayor Mouton’s recommendation is to have it displayed as the Wayne Riddle Deer Park Public Library.

Councilwoman Garrison expressed her wish for the name of the library to remain as is, “Deer Park Public Library”.

Councilman Martin and Councilman Patterson both agreed with and support the recommendation made by Mayor Mouton.

Councilman Ginn and Councilwoman Garrison both thanked the citizens that commented and expressed their opinion on renaming the library after Wayne Riddle.

3. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE UPDATED DESIGNS FOR THE JIMMY BURKE ACTIVITY CENTER, MUSEUM, OUTDOOR EVENT SPACE AND THE NEW ELLA AND FRIENDS DOG PARK – Collin Perry a representative with BRW, gave details on the adjustments to the design of the JBAC. Galvanized steel will be used instead of the weathered steel that was originally planned. The total space of the JBAC remains the same. The schematics are developing into the updated renderings that were presented to Council. These included the museum lobby space and the positions of the display cases. There will be a total of 444 parking spots that can be utilized for the different events at the JBAC and softball fields. The design and details of the dog park are currently being created with amenities such as a splash pad, space designation for both small and large dogs and a well-established buffer between the dog park and golf course to ensure safety. The “Plaza” will be constructed between the new JBAC and the museum. This area can be used as a space to get fresh air with shade and seating. This space will also have a stage like covered area for performers. A timeline for the completion of construction is estimated at 17 months with a total construction cost of \$28,304,275. (Exhibit B1-B7)

4. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO RESTRUCTURING OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – City Manager Stokes gave an overview of the prior structure of the Public Works Department that were, in years past, had been separate departments. City Manager Stokes spoke in favor of returning to having the responsibilities split between two divisions, Public Works and Engineering. This department will handle engineering, code enforcement, capital projects, and permitting with City Engineer Dilcia Jiminez as the Director of Planning & Development/City Engineer that will report directly to the City Manager. All other responsibilities of the current administrative staff would remain under Public Works and the new Public Works Director. City Manager Stokes explained that the Assistant Public Works Director will no longer be an active position within the Public Works Department and that the current Public Works Operation Supervisor position will be reclassified. This position will have new responsibilities and will report to the Public Works Director in a hybrid role. There is a possibility of a new position that will help out with capital projects but it is yet to be determined.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE ANNUAL COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS FOR BIAS BASE/RACIAL PROFILING – Police Chief Grigg gave a summary of the analysis from the data collected in 2023. There were a total of 21,303 stops that included 1368 searches conducted, with no internal affairs investigations resulting in disciplinary action(s) taken towards an officer related to bias-based policing. Chief Grigg also summarized the 2022/2023 fiscal year cash seizures and one vehicle seizure conducted by the Deer Park Police Department. This data will be submitted to the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement (TCOLE) by March 1, 2024. (Exhibit C1-C2)

6. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES AND UPDATE ON THE 2024 STRATEGIC PLAN – Assistant City Manager Sara Robinson advised Council that March 1, 2024 is scheduled as the upcoming Strategic Plan session. The session will include Council, Directors and staff and will be facilitated by Ron Cox Consulting. This session is an all day event that will be held at the DPISD Education Support Center beginning at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor