

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD January 4, 2018. The City Council of the City of Crowley, Texas met in Work Session on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, 201 East Main Street, Crowley City Hall, Crowley, Texas.

Present were Council Member Johnny Shotwell, City Council Place 1
 Council Member Jerry Beck, City Council Place 2
 Council Member Jesse Johnson, City Council Place 3
 Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Hirth, City Council Place 4
 Council Member Tina Pace, City Council Place 5
 Council Member Christine Gilbreath, City Council Place 6
 Mayor Billy P. Davis

City staff included: City Manager, Robert Loftin
 City Attorney, Rob Allibon
 Finance Director/ACM, Lori Watson
 EDC Director/ACM, Jack Thompson
 City Secretary, Carol Konhauser
 Fire Chief, Pleasant Brooks
 Police Chief, Kit Long
 Public Works Director, Mike Rocamontes
 Planning & Comm Dev Director, Rachel Roberts
 Community Service Director, Cristina Winner
 Event Specialist, Julie Hepler
 Media Relations, Jay Hinton

Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Mayor Billy Davis called the Work Session to order at 6:38 p.m. City Secretary Carol Konhauser called roll and noted a quorum was present.

DISCUSSION OF NON-ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Discuss the possibility of changing the designated Official Newspaper from the Burleson Star to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.**

Community Development and Planning Director Rachel Roberts stepped forward and asked council if they would consider changing from the Burleson Star to the Fort Worth Star Telegram. She explained that the Star Telegram has several papers printed each week as compared to the once a week printing of the Burleson Star and it would be easier to get notices published. She also informed them the rates for the Star Telegram and the Burleson Star were comparable, but that by signing a contract with Fort Worth, we would not be allowed to use any other newspaper. City Manager Loftin also added that the thought by the local government code, the Burleson Star no longer met the definition of an official publication of local circulation because it was no longer charging for their paper. Council agreed they would be interested in seeing a contract and stated that staff could move forward in getting a contract and resolution to be presented at another meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- 1. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the regular meetings held December 7, 2017 and December 14, 2017.**

No discussion

PUBLIC HEARING

1. None

CITY BUSINESS

1. **Discuss and consider an ordinance of the City of Crowley, Texas amending section 58-56 "Conduct of persons in park" to prohibit smoking in all public parks except in designated parking areas; authorizing the placement of signs regarding such prohibition; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative of all ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty for violations; providing for publication as required by law; and providing an effective date.**

Community Services Administrator Julie Hepler stepped up to further explain and answer any questions regarding the designated smoking areas in City parks. She explained smoking would only be allowed on paved parking lot areas and that signage would be erected.

2. **Discuss and consider approving the contract between the Circle H Contractors and the City of Crowley for construction of the Nicky D's Sewer Extension.**

No discussion

3. **Discuss and consider executing the annual contract with Saint Francis Village for Fire and Medical Emergency Services.**

No discussion

4. **Discuss and consider approval of an easement agreement between Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Texas and the City of Crowley for underground utilities.**

City Manager Robert Loftin asked City Attorney Rob Allibon if this item needed to be on this agenda as this easement is on EDC property. City Attorney Allibon stated it did not. Mayor Bill Davis stated they would remove it from the Agenda.

As there was no further business to discuss, the work session was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION HELD January 4, 2018. The City Council of the City of Crowley, Texas met in Regular Session on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, 201 East Main Street, Crowley City Hall, Crowley, Texas.

Present were Council Member Johnny Shotwell, City Council Place 1
 Council Member Jerry Beck, City Council Place 2
 Council Member Jesse Johnson, City Council Place 3
 Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Hirth, City Council Place 4
 Council Member Tina Pace, City Council Place 5
 Council Member Christine Gilbreath, City Council Place 6
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 Event Specialist, Julie Hepler
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Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Mayor Billy Davis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 p.m. City Secretary Carol Konhauser called roll and noted a quorum was present.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Council Member Jesse Johnson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. **Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the regular meetings held December 7, 2017 and December 14, 2017.**

Council Member Jim Hirth made the motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, second by Council Member Jerry Beck, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. None.

CITY BUSINESS

1. **Discuss and consider an ordinance of the City of Crowley, Texas amending section 58-56 "Conduct of persons in park" to prohibit smoking in all public parks except in designated parking areas; authorizing the placement of signs regarding such prohibition; providing that**

this ordinance shall be cumulative of all ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty for violations; providing for publication as required by law; and providing an effective date.

Council Member Johnny Shotwell made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2018-319, amending section 58-56 "Conduct of Persons in Park" to prohibit smoking in all public parks, except in designated parking areas and authorizing the placement of signs, second by Council Member Jim Hirth, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Discuss and consider approving the contract between the Circle H Contractors and the City of Crowley for construction of the Nicky D's Sewer Extension.

Council Member Christine Gilbreath made the motion to approve the contract between Circle H Contractors and the City of Crowley, second by Council Member Tina Pace, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Discuss and consider executing the annual contract with Saint Francis Village for Fire and Medical Emergency Services.

Council Member Jesse Johnson made the motion to approve the contract with Saint Francis Village for fire and medical emergency services, second by Council Member Jim Hirth, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Discuss and consider approval of an easement agreement between Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Texas and the City of Crowley for underground utilities.

Mayor Billy Davis announced council would remove agenda item 4 and take no action.

ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Reports/appointments or reappointments.

Appointments/Reappointments:

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee-Council member Johnny Shotwell

Dr Bob Denton, DVM	Place 1	New Term ending September 30, 2019
Dr Jeff Paetz	Place 3	New Term ending September 30, 2019
Jan Webster	Place 5	New Term ending September 30, 2019

Council Member Johnny Shotwell made the nomination of Dr Bob Denton to Place 1, Dr Jeff Paetz to Place 3, and Ms Jan Webster to Place 5 to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee all with terms ending September 30, 2019, second by Council Member Christine Gilbreath, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Board

Christine Gilbreath	Place 1	New Term ending December 30, 2019
Billy Davis	Place 3	New Term ending December 30, 2019
Cathy Young	Place 5	New Term ending December 30, 2019
Scott Rule	Place 7	New Term ending December 30, 2019
Mark McClendon	Place 9	New Term ending December 30, 2019

Council Member Christine Gilberath made the nomination of Christine Gilbreath to Place 1 term ending December 30, 2019; Billy Davis to Place 3 term ending December 30, 2019; Cathy Young to Place 5 term ending December 30, 2019; Scott Rule to Place 7 term ending December 30, 2019, and Mark McClendon to Place 9 term ending December 30, 2019 to the Tax Increment Financing Board, second by Council Member Tina Pace, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZEN AND VISITOR PARTICIPATION

Mayor Davis asked if there were any citizens or visitors wishing to speak.

Daniel Bennett, White Settlement, TX, previous candidate for Tarrant County Appraisal District (TAD) Board of Directors. He stepped up to discuss his findings regarding the 2015 TAD Board of Directors Election. He showed council two different documents sent to him by TAD; the first document was the results of the 2015 TAD Election which showed tabulations which differed from the individuals listed as winning the election; the second was a new letter sent by TAD which was not signed and showed corrected numbers for the election which did match the winning candidates. His concerns were that the 2015 election was not run correctly and that TAD allows the larger voting entities such as the City of Fort Worth and the Fort Worth ISD to vote as the last minute (or even after the deadline has passed) in order to ensure the individuals they want on the TAD Board of Directors. He also wanted to thank council for their support and votes.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mayor Davis asked if there were any community interest items.

Council Member Christine Gilbreath informed everyone that her husband, Scott Gilbreath has returned to the state from recent deployment.

Council Member Jesse Johnson stated his concerns regarding the City of Fort Worth and the Fort Worth ISD waiting till the last minute to cast their votes for the TAD Board of Directors. City Manager Robert Loftin made the suggestion to add this discussion to a later work session to discuss some possibilities or resolutions to prevent this from reoccurring in upcoming elections.

Council Member Johnny Shotwell mentioned that a previous Grand Marshall of one of the City's parades had recently passed away and asked we keep his family in our prayers.

Matt Foster, recently purchased Crowley Tire and Auto Service and he wanted to introduce himself to the council.

As there was no further business, Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:


Billy P. Davis, Mayor


Carol C. Konhauser, City Secretary