



Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman

For the City of Valley View, Texas 03/09/2023

- 1. Call meeting to order** – Mayor Chalk called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation** –Mayor Chalk led the Pledge and Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson gave the Invocation .
- 3. Mayor Comments**

Mayor Chalk thanked everyone for attending.

4. Public Comments

This is the opportunity for the public to address the Board on any matter on the agenda, except public hearings. Comments related to public hearings will be heard when the specific hearing begins. Comments related to non-public hearing items will only be heard at this time. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless otherwise required by law. To address the Board, please sign in prior to the start of the Board Meeting. The Board is not permitted to take action on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. The Board may only: (1) make a statement of fact regarding the item; (2) make a statement concerning the policy regarding the item; or (3) propose the item be placed on a future agenda. (Tex. Govt Code § 551.042.) Comments should be respectful with no personal attacks. To preserve the order and decorum of the meeting of the Board, any person who makes profane, slanderous, or threatening remarks or who becomes disruptive during the meeting will be asked to leave. (Texas Penal Code §§ 38.13, 42.05).

Chris Berry, Valley View Volunteer Fire Department, stated that N. Pecan Creek Trail is a matter of public safety and with the circumstances with the railroad track leads to times when it's not possible to see 30' in front of a vehicle due to the dust from the road.

Lynn Morgan, City Secretary, reminded everyone that the City's 151st Birthday event was just a few weeks away and invited everyone to attend.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Zack Kupper, Chief of Valley View Volunteer Fire Department, apologized for recent absences, as his schedule had conflicted with the meetings. He stated that Madison Pearse is now the Assistant Chief of VVVFD. Chief Kupper said he would be addressing budget concerns in the coming months and they are getting started with the School District for the Knox Box program, before making it a Citywide Ordinance. He stated the VVVFD had received a couple different matching grants for equipment. Chief Kupper announced the upcoming annual fundraiser event set for April 23 at the Gardenia Venue.

Just Stamps, Chief of Valley View Police Department, advised there had been 770 calls for service over the last month, but that includes everything from traffic stops to door checks. He advised he was getting settled in and getting everything up and running.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson made a motion to approve the Consent Items. Alderman Scoggin seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0

6. Discuss and consider presentation from Jackie Allen for plans for a 20' culvert at 430 Krahl Road to access commercial property, possible action.

No action.

7. Discuss and consider presentation from Matthew Miller regarding a road solution for N. Pecan Creek Trail, possible action.

Matthew Miller brought up his concerns with the condition of North Pecan Creek Trail due to dust and potholes. He stated he can't back out of his own driveway safely due to the dust.

Mrs. Morgan stated that the City is expecting funds from the newest development to pay for the work to be done on that section of N. Pecan Creek. She advised it was planned to be chip seal, not concrete or asphalt. Mrs. Morgan stated that once the payment is received, it's a decision to put into the roads immediately or wait until the construction is more complete so the heavy equipment isn't damaging the roads.

Jason Snuggs, Commissioner Precinct 2, stated he receives numerous calls about the road too and is working with the City via an Interlocal Agreement to get the best value for the money for the road. Commissioner Snuggs suggested a two phase process, one more immediate and the other after a significant portion of the construction is complete.

Mrs. Morgan suggested reaching out to the elected state officials to see if they could help the City in regards to the traffic and other concerns the train blockages create.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson stated that he thinks everyone agrees it's not an ideal situation and that when it's dry for an extended period, the dust does make it hard to see distances. He added he doesn't want to waste any work done to the road by construction crews coming in and out.

8. Discuss and consider proposal from Eikon for asbestos testing at 308 W. O'Buch, possible action.

Mrs. Morgan stated this needed to be completed before any interior construction on the building to ensure everyone's safety.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson made a motion to approve the proposal from Eikon for asbestos testing at 308 W. O'Buch. Alderman Scoggin seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0

9. Discuss and consider option for purchase of radios, possible action.

Chief Stamps advised that Cooke County has switched systems to a more modern technology. He advised that it seems they have been pushed towards Motorola brand, but had been exploring all options, including grants, as the price difference between brands is significant, with the least expensive Motorola option being \$60,587 and others being less than \$30,000.

Chief Stamps stated that Chief Phillips with Gainesville Police Department and Bill Dixon with Oak Ridge Police Department had been exploring Tait brand radios. The quotes received from Stolz for Tait brand were \$23,559 for single band and \$29,768.06 for dual band. He advised the dual band is in case the system goes down, they have access to the other channel.

Chief Stamps stated that Officer Harris had been testing a Tait radio and it worked in so many of the places the current radios doesn't work.

Chief Kupper advised that if switching to the 700 like the County, there would be no communication with the Fire Department.

Commissioner Snuggs advised another Commissioner had tested the Tait brand and been pleased with them.

Officer Harris stated having a dual band handheld and a single band handheld would be sufficient, as the department could use the current radios as the backup if needed.

Alderman Scoggin asked if single band was enough and Chief Stamps said he thought so. He stated there is a dual band option, but lead time is a concern. Officer Harris stated that dual band hand held has a June availability and there was no date set for dual band in cars.

Chief Stamps stated the borrowed Tait was currently on hour 29 of a single charge. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson said the battery will stay when not being used, but will lose charge more quickly once being used more consistently.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson asked who serviced them and Chief Stamps said he didn't ask that. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson stated he didn't want the department alienated from other departments.

Mrs. Morgan stated she was concerned with service if going with Motorola, given recent issues from the cameras and the lack of customer service on them.

Commissioner Snuggs advised that when the package was sold to the County by Motorola, all radio costs were built in, but what he's seeing from them now, the prices are ridiculous.

Chief Stamps stated the Stolz quotes included extra batteries and the docking station.

Alderman Scoggin asked if the officers can communicate with DPS and Officer Harris said they currently cannot without going through dispatch. Chief Stamps added that in a critical situation, they would not be able to hear anything from other agencies with the current equipment.

Alderman Scoggin confirmed the County equipment is Motorola and Chief Stamps said it was and works great.

Mayor Chalk asked who would do the install and Chief Stamps stated Stolz, the same company that upfitted the new units.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson asked if the budget would allow the extra for the dual band and Mrs. Morgan advised the money was there but the budget would have to be updated.

Mayor Chalk stated he thinks it's best to go with dual band for both. Chief Stamps said he was fine with that, but wanted to present options for different spending amounts.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson stated carrying two radios would stink, with one getting lost or left behind.

Chief Stamps confirmed that the Tait radios are serviced by Stolz in Denton.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson made a motion to approve quote 004991 from Stolz for the purchase of dual band hand held and in-car radios. Alderman Scoggin seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

10. Discuss and consider option for purchase of Getach laptop, possible action.

Mrs. Morgan stated the existing one, which was planned to be disposed of, is no longer serviceable or in compliance for security purposes. She advised this would replace one in one of the Tahoes that was originally going to be removed from the fleet.

Alderman Scoggin made a motion to approve the purchase of a Getach Laptop. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

11. Discuss and consider approving Pauline Lesch as Election Judge for the May 6, 2023 General Election, possible action.

Mrs. Morgan stated that the Board just needs to approve the Election Judge. She stated Pam Harrison had sent a list of recommendation and Ms. Lesch was on it and agreed to serving as the judge if approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson made a motion to approve Pauline Lesch as the Election Judge. Alderman Scoggin seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

12. Discuss and consider Agreement for Joint Election with Road Runner, Texas for May 6, 2023 General Election.

Mrs. Morgan stated this was so that we share a facility for voting with Road Runner.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson made a motion to approve Agreement for Joint Election with Road Runner, Texas for May 6, 2023 General Election. Alderman Scoggin seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

13. Discuss and consider option for purchase for flooring at John Fortenberry Community Center, 101 S. Lee Street, possible action.

Mrs. Morgan discussed the two quotes given, with one being the company that has done the rest of the work in the building and the other a company that does just flooring. She advised the flooring company had recently completed the same type of flooring in the Hungry Hippo in Gainesville and offers a warranty on the flooring.

Mrs. Morgan advised she had received other quotes from other companies with different products that were more expensive, but was concerned with the longevity of the products offered.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson made a motion to approve the quote from DFW Polyaspartic Coatings for the flooring at 101 S. Lee St. Alderman Scoggin seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

14. Discuss and consider option for replacement of gutters at John Fortenberry Community Center, 101 S. Lee Street, possible action.

Mrs. Morgan stated she had hoped the existing gutters would last a little longer, but the recent rains had shown they would not. She stated they actually allowed water to back up into the building from under the sides of the walls.

She advised this was a turnkey quote that included the removal of the existing gutters. She stated she reached out for additional quotes, but did not receive any.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson made a motion to approve the quote from DK Gutters for gutters at 101 S. Lee St. Alderman Scoggin seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

15. Discuss and consider option for date of Citywide Cleanup, possible action.

Mrs. Morgan advised that doing this event around Mother's Day has worked in the past as the springs storms have generally passed and there aren't school events to conflict.

Sandy Scoggin, who typically volunteers at the event, asked if it could be held April 29, 2023. Mrs. Morgan advised she would not be in town on the date. Alderman Scoggin stated she could still do the event.

Alderman Scoggin made a motion to set the date for the annual Citywide Cleanup as Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the Board of Aldermen will recess into Executive Session to discuss the following:

- a. Pursuant to Section 551.071 (b) of the Texas Government Code, the City Council will convene into closed session for the purpose of receiving legal advice from the city attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter: potential liability regarding certain city facilities.

ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:27 pm
RECONVENED into Open Session at 7:35 pm.

17. Discuss and consider options for new swings at City Park, possible action.

Mrs. Morgan presented 3 quotes for replacement of swings at the City Park.

Alderman Scoggin made a motion to approve the quote from Kraftsman for the replacement swings at City Park. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

18. Adjourn.

Alderman Scoggin made a motion to adjourn at 7:53pm. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.