



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE
COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM, 300 W. MAIN STREET
MONDAY, OCTOBER 04, 2021 AT 3:00 PM**

AGENDA

The meeting will be held at City Hall, Council Briefing Room, 300 W. Main St, Grand Prairie, Texas. Some or all of the council members may participate remotely via video conference.

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA ITEMS

- [1.](#) September 13, 2021 Public Safety, Health and Environment Meeting Minutes
- [2.](#) Aquatics Safety Measures
- [3.](#) City Emergency Shelter Update
- [4.](#) 2022 Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meeting Schedule
- [5.](#) Resolution amending, and replacing in its entirety, Resolution No. 5158-2021, ratifying support of a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for \$60,000 in total funding for the purpose of funding a Crisis Support Specialist position's annual salary and fringe benefits
- [6.](#) Resolution in support of a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance for \$38,384 in total funding with an agreement for \$11,515.20 to be allocated to funding Dallas County projects and \$1,880.82 to be allocated to the City of Dallas for fiscal administration fees and expenditures leaving a net amount of \$24,987.98 to the City of Grand Prairie

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee may conduct a closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., to discuss any of the following:

- (1) Section 551.071 "Consultation with Attorney"
- (2) Section 551.072 "Deliberation Regarding Real Property"
- (3) Section 551.074 "Personnel Matters"
- (4) Section 551.087 "Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations."

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.

ADJOURNMENT

The Grand Prairie City Hall is accessible to people with disabilities. If you need assistance in participating in this meeting due to a disability as defined under the ADA, please call 972 237 8035 or email Gloria Colvin (gcolvin@gptx.org) at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled meeting to request an accommodation.

Certification

In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee agenda was prepared and posted October 1, 2021.



Gloria Colvin, Deputy City Secretary



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
COMMUNICATION**

MEETING DATE: 10/04/2021

REQUESTER: Lana Yancey

PRESENTER: Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman

TITLE: September 13, 2021 Public Safety, Health and Environment Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

ANALYSIS:

Minutes Attached.



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE
COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM, 300 W. MAIN STREET
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 AT 3:00 PM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson
Council Member Junior Ezeonu

ABSENT

Council Member Dennis King

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes of the August 2, 2021 Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meeting

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu, Seconded by Chairwoman Clemson.

Minutes passed unanimously.

2. 24th Quarterly Judicial Report

Judge Bryan Arnold briefed the committee on the Judicial Activity from August 2020 to July 2021 and the trending items. Ticket count includes not only Police Department but Code Compliance and Animal Services. Regarding Class C Arraignments, they are trending up because during Covid a lot of cities were not confirming on Class C Warrants including Grand Prairie. Something new that is tracked by the court is Counsel Requested, which relates to anyone in custody on a Class B or higher can request a court appointed attorney. Trial by Judge and Trial by Jury just now started up again in July after not having any since before August of 2020. Emergency Protective Orders have stayed consistent throughout the last 12 months. The Judges decide if an inmate requires a mental health assessment before releasing them and that order is sent over to the county. This flags people that have potential mental health issues to try and get them the help they need. All numbers tracked on the running 12-month Judicial Activity Report have stayed at about where Judge Arnold believes they would. Nothing Further.

3. **Animal Services Briefing on Adoptions**

Animal Services Manager Lily Yap briefed the committee on this item. She talked about a new program that looks at the benefits of animals in the workplace. This program was piloted by the Auto Pound who adopted a cat. This program will also allow businesses to foster animals, which we have learned is a great stress reliever and frees up space at the shelter. Animal Services will be doing a big push for this new program this week. This item is informational only. Nothing further.

4. **Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 “Health and Sanitation,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, by amending sections of Article XXIII “Stormwater Discharges” relating to “Construction Activity Prohibitions and Requirements” and “Releases”**

Assistant Director of Engineering Noreen Housewright briefed the committee on this item. Currently there are 84 active construction sites in the city, and we have three stormwater investigators that go out and inspect each one to make sure that these sites are following Ordinance 13 regarding our waterways and keeping them clear. We are looking at making modifications to section 606 and 610. All construction sites will have to submit an electronic version of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for review and acceptance by our investigators. Both small and large construction sites have to submit this form and the modification also gives clarification of the difference in size of each construction site.

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu, Seconded by Chairwoman Clemson.

5. **Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, “Health and Sanitation” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, by replacing the provisions of Article 10 “Cross Connection Control and Prevention” in their entirety with new regulations (PSHE 9/13/21)**

Environmental Quality Manager Cindy Mendez briefed the committee on this item. Grand Prairie has the second oldest ordinance in the state. This ordinance is about backflow water valves to make sure the water only flows one way. It will regulate insulation maintenance and testing of these devices and allows enforcement by our specialists. Currently over 5,000 devices are tested annually by a state approved tester, and we make sure these inspectors are certified by making them register with us. We also go behind them and make sure they completed the inspection and not just saying they did and charging the customer for the inspection. This ordinance is in place to make sure that we don't have contaminated drinking water and will be completely replaced not amended to show all changes. Nothing further.

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu, Seconded by Chairwoman Clemson.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

15:42

Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
COMMUNICATION**

MEETING DATE: 10/4/2021
REQUESTER: Duane Strawn, Director Parks, Arts and Recreation
PRESENTER: Duane Strawn, Director Parks, Arts and Recreation
TITLE: Aquatics Safety Measures
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

ANALYSIS:
Presentation by Park Staff on Aquatics Safety Measures.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:
N/A



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
COMMUNICATION**

MEETING DATE: 10/04/2021
REQUESTER: Daniel Ringhauser
PRESENTER: Chase Wheeler, EMC
TITLE: City Emergency Shelter Update
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None Needed

ANALYSIS:

This presentation will be an update over the City’s emergency sheltering plans, warming/cooling centers, and potential City facility generator improvements.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
COMMUNICATION**

MEETING DATE: 10/04/2021

REQUESTER: Gloria Colvin

PRESENTER: Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman

TITLE: 2022 Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meeting
Schedule

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

Proposed 2022 Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meeting Dates

- January 10
- February 7
- March 7
- April 4
- May 2
- June 6
- July 11
- August 1
- September 12
- October 3
- November 7
- December 5



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
RESOLUTION**

MEETING DATE: 10/12/2021

REQUESTER: Fred Bates, Jr.

PRESENTER: Daniel Scesney, Chief of Police

TITLE: A Resolution amending, and replacing in its entirety, Resolution No. 5158-2021, ratifying support of a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for \$60,000 in total funding for the purpose of funding a Crisis Support Specialist position's annual salary and fringe benefits

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

ANALYSIS: The City of Grand Prairie has received notification from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division that a Justice Assistance Grant was available for application. Staff determined the best qualified use of these funds if received would be to add a Crisis Support Specialist position. This resolution amends and replaces 5158-2021 due to a funding change in the Justice Assistance Grant.

Grand Prairie Officers have the primary responsibility of protecting and serving the citizens and visitors of Grand Prairie. Many of the officers' service calls involve persons who are suffering from a mental health crisis. Supporting evidence shows that these encounters can become dangerous because of the inherent fluidity and unknown factors of dealing with people in mental health crisis events. A mental health crisis can encompass a broad range of calls for service to include domestic disturbances, community disturbances, suspicious person, or if a person becomes suicidal/homicidal. Mentally ill persons will be seen and followed up on after initially being identified by police calls for service.

A Crisis Support Specialist is mental health professional who is trained to assist persons suffering from mental illness. This supporting staff person can partner with Grand Prairie officers to become co-responders in offering assistance in intervention and prevention of further crisis in each patient client.

The Public Safety, Health and Environmental Committee reviewed this item on October 4, 2021, and recommended that it be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

There is no required cash or in-kind match from the City.

BODY

A RESOLUTION AMENDING, AND REPLACING IN ITS ENTIRETY, RESOLUTION NO. 5158-2021, RATIFYING THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, IN SUPPORT OF A JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR \$60,000 IN TOTAL FUNDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING A CRISIS SUPPORT SPECIALIST POSITION'S ANNUAL SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to submit a grant application for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Just Division for \$60,000;

WHEREAS, there are no cash or in-kind matching funds for the City;

WHEREAS, in the event of loss or misuse of Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds, the City of Grand Prairie assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division in full;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. the City Council of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, hereby supports a grant application for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Just Division for \$60,000.

SECTION 2. this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in accordance with the Charter of the City of Grand Prairie and it is accordingly so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 12th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
RESOLUTION**

MEETING DATE: 10/12/2021

REQUESTER: Ryan Simpson

PRESENTER: Ryan Simpson, Support Services Division Manger

TITLE: Resolution in support of a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance for \$38,384 in total funding with an agreement for \$11,515.20 to be allocated to funding Dallas County projects and \$1,880.82 to be allocated to the City of Dallas for fiscal administration fees and expenditures leaving a net amount of \$24,987.98 to the City of Grand Prairie

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

ANALYSIS:

The City of Grand Prairie has received notification from the Department of Justice that the City of Dallas and the Grand Prairie Police Department will receive \$38,384.00 in Justice Assistance Grant funds for law enforcement purposes. An eligibility requirement that must be met prior to the distribution of the grant funds is a disparity test. The disparity test seeks to determine if the award of the grant will create an additional burden on the entity charged with prosecuting "Part I Crimes." Part I Crimes are major crimes which include: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, and auto theft. Dallas County has indicated, in past awards, that a disparity would exist and requested that the Texas Attorney General declare the awards as disparate thus providing them with a share of the awarded grant funds. The Attorney General declared past awards as disparate resulting in the Justice Assistance Grant allocating this year's award to be disparate as well.

In addition, the Bureau of Justice Assistance will allow only one city within a disparate county, namely Dallas County, to submit the Justice Assistance Grant application. The City of Dallas Fiscal Agent has agreed to submit the grant application and future progress reports for a "Fiscal Agent Grant Administration Fee" assessed to each of the area participating cities, which are eligible in this year's grant program. Of the \$38,384 total allocation to the City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County will receive \$11,515.20 and the City of Dallas will receive \$1,880.82, leaving the City of Grand Prairie with a net total of \$24,987.98 to expend for law enforcement purposes.

Staff recommends this funding be used to on the allowable law enforcement expenses and purchases that best reflect the operational mission of the Department.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

There is no required cash or in-kind match from the City.

BODY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, IN SUPPORT OF A JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) FOR \$38,384 IN TOTAL FUNDING WITH AN AGREEMENT TO SHARE FUNDING WITH DALLAS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF DALLAS

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to submit a grant application for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance;

WHEREAS, the City will share \$11,515.20 of its \$38,384 in JAG funds with Dallas County;

WHEREAS, the City will share \$1,880.82 of its \$26,868.80 remaining JAG funds with the City of Dallas for "Fiscal Agent Grant Administration Fee;"

WHEREAS, the City will agree to have the Bureau of Justice Assistance directly transfer \$11,515.20 to Dallas County and \$1,880.82 to the City of Dallas from the \$38,384 JAG funds allocated for the City of Grand Prairie.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. the City Council of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, hereby supports an agreement to share \$11,515.20 of its \$38,384 JAG funds for 2020 with Dallas County;

SECTION 2. the City Council of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, hereby supports an agreement to share \$1,880.82 of its \$38,384 JAG funds for 2020 with the City of Dallas;

SECTION 3. this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in accordance with the Charter of the City of Grand Prairie and it is accordingly so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 12th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.