



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson
Council Member Jacquin Headen
Council Member Bessye Adams

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Jorja Clemson at 3:00 p.m. Chairwoman Clemson noted today was a historical moment, for this being the first time an all-woman appointed council committee had taken place for Grand Prairie. Additionally, she thanked Council Member Ezeonu for his service on this committee.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Citizens may speak for five minutes on any item on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.

1. Presentation and discussion of litter control efforts along Duncan Perry

PRESENTED

2. Solid Waste and Recycling Departmental Overview

PRESENTED

3. 30th Quarterly Judicial Report

PRESENTED

AGENDA ITEMS

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4. Minutes of the June 5, 2023, Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee Meeting

Council Member Headen moved, seconded by Council Member Adams to approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Annual Contract for education and promotional products with You Name It Specialties through a national cooperative agreement with BuyBoard at an estimated annual cost of \$60,000 for one year with the option to renew for one additional one-year period totaling \$120,000 if all extensions are exercised.

Public Health, and Environmental Quality Director Cindy Mendez informed the committee this contract will be for the Public Health & Environmental Quality Department to utilize for the purchase of educational and promotional products on an as-needed basis.

Purchases may include items like health brochures, water activity books, and promotional items like seed packets for Earth Day events. Council Member Adams inquired if this vendor has been used before. Ms. Mendez answered in the affirmative.

Council Member Adams moved, seconded by Council Member Headen to approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Lease with Grand Prairie United Charities for 1417 Densman St for \$1 Annually for 5 years with Automatic Annual Renewal Options unless Terminated

Assistant City Manager Megan Mahan informed the committee The City owns 1417 Densman St and has leased it to Grand Prairie United Charities since March of 1996 for \$1 per year. GPUC is obligated to maintain the property at their cost. The existing lease expired, so the City Attorney's Office drafted a new lease upon discovery of the expiration of the existing lease.

Council Member Headen moved, seconded by Council Member Adams to approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute certain interlocal agreements by amending Chapter 2 to add Section 2-55, "Authority to Execute Certain Interlocal Agreements"

Ms. Mahan informed the committee if approved, the ordinance will codify City Council authorization for all interlocal contracts that are for the performance of governmental functions or services that do not exceed \$50,000. Providing such authority is consistent with current policies regarding allowable expenditures and will boost efficiency. Council Member Adams inquired why this was not part of the procurement process. Ms. Mahan advised it was an oversight.

Council Member Adams moved, seconded by Council Member Headen to approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) for evaluation of the LED-Outlined Backplate Experimental Implementation project at the intersections of SH 161 at Main Street (SH 180) and SH 161 at Jefferson Street at a total cost of \$196,870.00

Assistant Director of Transportation and Mobility Caryl DeVries informed the committee the City of Grand Prairie is entering into an interlocal cooperation contract with Texas A&M

11. Annual Contract for Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Services from The Cleaning Guys, LLC (up to \$75,000.00 annually). Award a secondary to Ambipar Response AIE, LLC (up to \$75,000.00 annually) to be used only if the primary is unable to fulfill the needs of the department these contracts will be for one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods totaling \$375,000.00 each if all extensions are exercised

Ms. Mendez informed the committee the Environmental Quality Division oversees regulated and hazardous materials response to spills on roadways, into waterbodies, on land, and to the air that sometimes requires the assistance of a professional hazardous materials contractor to conduct the remediation of the release and to dispose of regulated materials. On an average year, staff responds to approximately 30 spills and about 1/3 of those require an outside contractor.

Council Member Adams moved, seconded by Council Member Headen to approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Purchase of Quality Assurance (QA) Software from FirstWatch Solutions, Inc. with the initial implementation cost of \$76,093.98 and an annual maintenance fee of \$10,233.03 beginning year two and an expected 3% increase each subsequent year through year five for the total amount of \$118,905.16

Chief Fite informed the committee the fire department is responsible for all EMS transports and medical documentation. Currently, we use the ESO patient care reporting system and have no way of performing Quality Assurance (QA) as mandated by the State of Texas except to use our staff to manually read/review all reports. This software has a proprietary text-scanning mode that will interface with ESO and will do all QA for us based on the algorithms we build. In addition, the software can search for insurance errors and make suggestions to correct them before the patient report is submitted to Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance. Council Member Adams asked what the implementation timeframe is. Chief Fite said at least 120 days.

Council Member Adams moved, seconded by Council Member Headen to approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Purchase of fire hose and nozzles from Metro Fire, Mansfield, TX, for the price of \$57,015 through the cooperative contract Buy Board #698-23

Chief Fite informed the committee that due to the influx of mid-rise apartments, the fire department needs to change all fast-attack fire hoses and nozzles that we have stored in our "hi-rise" bags. In 2022, we changed the fast attack hose on all fire engines to meet this modern building construction model and this will finish out all apparatus to include the hi-rise bags.

Council Member Adams moved, seconded by Council Member Headen to approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Institute (TTI), a state agency, for the evaluation of LED-Outlined Backplate Experimental Implementation at the intersections of SH 161 at Main Street (SH 180) and SH 161 at Jefferson Street. TTI will assist the City of Grand Prairie with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Application for Experimental Approval to install and initially operate LED-outlined traffic signal backplates for traffic signals at the treatment intersections. Following FHWA approval, TTI will perform data collection, and crash analysis, and provide technical before and after evaluation reports of the operational effectiveness of the LED-outlined backplates. Essentially, the backplates emit a steady red light around the perimeter of the traffic signal backplate when the traffic signal indication is red and off at all other times. This is to increase the visibility of red signal indications to drivers. Council Member Adams asked if existing funds would be used. Ms. DeVries answered in the affirmative. Chairwoman Clemson noted the light is difficult to see at this location if the sun is bright. Council Member Headen inquired if this would be used at another intersection. Ms. DeVries said it will be used at this intersection only at this time.

Council Member Headen moved, seconded by Council Member Adams to approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Contract for USDD FSA Upgrades to Fire Station 3 and Fire Station 9 from Mobile Communications America (MCA) in the amount of \$89,110.50

Fire Chief Robert Fite and Chief Information Officer Keshnel Penny informed the committee that this contract is for installing the USDD alerting system by Mobile Communications America (MCA). The USDD alerting system is used in all City of Grand Prairie Fire Stations to notify firefighters of emergency calls. Chairwoman Clemson inquired how long it would take to implement. Ms. Penny said approximately two months.

Council Member Adams moved, seconded by Council Member Headen to approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Purchase of 32 Motorola APX600 P25 Portable radios and 10 Motorola APX800XE P25 Portable radios for Police and Fire departments from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$231,858.98

Ms. Penny informed the committee this contract is for the purchase of 32 Motorola APX6000 P25 Portable radios and 10 Motorola APX8000XE P25 Portable radios for Police and Fire departments. This radio purchase is part of our replenishment program, which is necessary to replace radios nearing the end of their warranty. Replacing out-of-warranty radios is critical to Police and Fire operations while increasing the services provided to our residents. Council Member Headen inquired about the length of the warranty. Mr. Penny said it has a five-year warranty.

Council Member Headen moved, seconded by Council Member Adams to approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Purchase of a mobile fire ventilation unit from Safeware, in the amount of \$91,100.00 through a national cooperative agreement with Omnia Partners

Chief Fite informed the committee that this purchase will assist our firefighters in training in a controlled environment with the rapid change in our modern building construction. This ventilation prop is mobile and can be towed to each fire station. This prop will allow our firefighters to train their vertical, horizontal, and hydraulic ventilation techniques. This mobile prop has a complete roof system and attic to give our firefighters a real-life training experience. In addition, this prop has multiple forcible entry challenges that our firefighters will encounter to improve their skills. Council Member Adams inquired if this was a cooperative or local agreement. Chief Fite said it was a cooperative agreement. Chairwoman Clemson inquired where the mobile fire ventilation unit would be stored. Chief Fite said at the Public Safety Building or Grand Prairie Municipal Airport. Council Member Headen inquired how high are the hydraulic systems. Chief Fite noted it would be 18 feet high but lower for training purposes.

Council Member Adams moved, seconded by Council Member Headen to approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

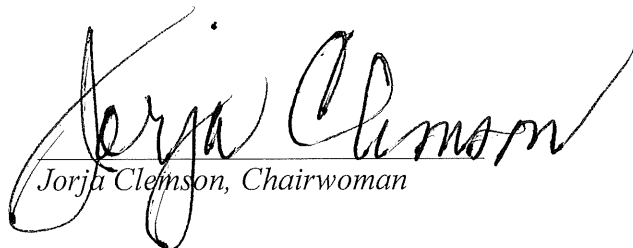
No executive session was held.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Clemson adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.



Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman

