



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM, 300 W. MAIN STREET  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2021 AT 3:00 PM**

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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

#### PRESENT

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson  
Council Member Dennis King  
Council Member Junior Ezeonu

### AGENDA ITEMS

1. **November 1, 2021 Public Safety, Health and Environment Meeting Minutes**

Minutes approved as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu, Seconded by Council Member King.  
Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member King, Council Member Ezeonu

2. **Update on Delfasco Forge Superfund Site (ZOOM)**

Cindy Mendez introduced Remedial Project Manager Hope Schroeder of the Delfasco Forge Superfund Site via Zoom. There were also several others present from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Ms. Schroeder explained their plan to keep the underground water safe. Background on this former Delfasco Forge facility operated as a munitions manufacturing and forge operation since the 1950's, and ceased operations in 1998. Delfasco then filed for bankruptcy in 2008. Trichloroethylene (TCE) is the chemical that went through the soil to the groundwater, and the flow of that water is what causes the plume. The TCE vapor then enters a building by coming up through available pathways in the soil. In 2008 homes above the plume with the highest levels of vapors in their home were offered intrusion mitigation systems. There are 80 homes affected by this and 31 accepted the offer to have the system installed in their home, which is paid for by bankruptcy funds. There is a public meeting in February of 2022 to notify residents on what is being done to keep citizens and drinking water safe. Councilman Ezeonu asked, what are the medical risks of breathing in the TCE vapors. There could possibly be neurological effects and higher risk of cancer. New construction builds in that area have restrictions from the EPA, but specifically over the plume there are a lot of restrictions and it also depends on if the land is commercial or residential. There isn't a date on when this will be cleaned up. They are working on addressing the source right now and making sure it won't spread the site any more.

Since the Delfasco Forge is located below residences there were people that went door to door to see if anyone had wells on their property because it could be dangerous. There were four wells located and two agreed to plug their wells the other two were told not to drink the water.

EPA did a study in 2008 and found levels of TCE in the homes they told Delfasco that they had to do something immediately to remedy this. The city notified residents, provided door hangers and had multiple public meetings to educate the public and made sure certain people could get a vapor mitigation system. The only additional cost to residents using a mitigation system is about \$10 a month on their electric bill.

Citizen Question Alessandra Martinez

Are renters notified when they are going to move into a home within the radius of the superfund? Cindy Mendez explained that is a private contract that the city cannot require. That might not happen and we have no way of enforcing that.

For residents that have the vapor system and it messes up, how do they get in contact with someone with the city as soon as possible to get the system fixed? Cindy Mendez advised they can contact me.

Informational item only.

### 3. **GFPD Reorganization and Schedule Change**

Chief Robert Fite briefed the committee on this item. He explained that the Fire Department will be going from a 24 hours on and 48 hours off schedule to a 48 hours on and 96 hours off in January. The department voted on this and a majority voted yes to try it for one year. There won't be any other changes in overtime, paycheck, FSLA, nor budget everything will stay the same. We will monitor day 2 with Fire Fighters to double check the amount of errors made. Next topic is Fire Department reorganization. We will be going from two bureaus to three bureaus, from three Assistant Chiefs to two and six Lieutenant spots will be changed to Captain spots. Fire Investigations will now be more proactive and change focus more to fire prevention. There will also be a paramedic on the mental health team with Courtney Runnels with the Police Department.

Informational only.

### 4. **25<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Judicial Report**

Judge Bryan Arnold briefed the committee on this item. Last time this committee received an update was in September. We now have August, September and October available and numbers are pretty consistent with no significant changes. Informational only.

### 5. **Grand Prairie Santa Cop Presentation**

Detective Zach Miles briefed the committee on the Grand Prairie Santa Cop Program. Santa Cop became a 501c3 in 1985, but was serving families several years prior to that. There are not any paid employees who run Santa Cop, it is solely run by volunteers. All the toys we are able to give to children are new and unwrapped and are donated to us by Toys for Tots and other toy drives done by city businesses and citizens. In 2021, we were able to serve almost 600 Grand Prairie families, which includes almost 2,000 children.

## 6. **Briefing on Child Crimes**

Assistant Chief Ronnie Morris briefed the committee on this item. Council Member Cole Humphreys requested this presentation due to something that was reported in his district. Grand Prairie has about 400-500 crimes that list children as victims per year. There was a 50% reduction in child crimes during the "Stay at Home Order" in 2020. Once school started Children First Counseling Center noticed a 25% increase in child crimes due to most reports being made at schools. The online enticement and solicitation of children is up 97.5% from 2019 to 2020 but from 2004 to 2019 it is up 15,000%. These cases are typically filed federally because they usually get more time in prison for these crimes. The Christine Blubaugh Act that was written and sponsored by the Police Department and went into affect December 2nd educates students about teen dating violence, child abuse, sex trafficking and domestic violence. Our sole Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Detective Brandon Poor has traveled around the world and trained their investigators on ICAC. With the Police Departments new Evidence Based Policing Strategy we are able to identify four distinct geographical areas where children are at risk for assaults. We have partnered with third parties within the school district to try and get enhanced counseling services, after school programs to intervene in these situations. There is a meeting January 5th with all the principals in the district to try and reduce the victimization of children between the ages of 5 and 14. There isn't anything specific we can look for to hint that there is abuse in the home, other than bruises that may be seen on the child. Informational only.

## 7. **An Ordinance amending Chapter 5, "Animal Services," by revising Section 5-57, "Breeding of cats and dogs," to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas; Providing a Penalty Clause, A Savings Clause, and a Severability Clause; and providing an effective date upon passage and publication**

Animal Services Manager Lily Yap briefed the committee on this item. She explained the verbiage in this specific ordinance that was passed in 2020 is restricting what Animal Services can do about the breeding of cats and dogs. The new wording will decrease the delay in revoking permits, will give a stronger definition of Approved National Kennel Club. These changes were brought to our Animal Advisory Committee and they were good with it.

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu, Seconded by Council Member King.  
Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member King, Council Member Ezeonu

## 8. **Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for funding to the Tarrant County 9-1-1 District Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Assistance Program, in the amount of \$78,882 to purchase 9-1-1 related equipment, software, training and other allowable expenses**

Emergency Communications Manager Aubry Insko briefed the committee on this item. Tarrant County 911 District provides all technology, support and training for our first responders to serve our community. Every year Tarrant County splits their extra money in their budget between 46 different agencies and Grand Prairie is one of those agencies. This is a grant opportunity for us to enhance the communications center in anyway we see fit.

Motion made by Council Member King, Seconded by Council Member Ezeonu.  
Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member King, Council Member Ezeonu

9. **Ratify approval of Change Order #3 with Flock Safety Group, Inc. in the amount of \$10,360 for one prior term, \$9,360 for the current term, and \$9,360 annually for three additional one-year terms, totaling \$47,800; and approve an ordinance amending the FY 2022 Red Light Safety Fund for Change Order #4 in the amount of \$59,500 for an initial two-year term, and three additional one-year terms in the amount of \$28,500 each, totaling \$145,000**

Police Operations Support Bureau Assistant Director Ryan Simpson briefed the committee on this item. Change Order number three allows us to put the flock camera software on an additional 20 cameras throughout the city, which would put us over \$50,000 and will go before Council. Change Order number four is to add an additional 10 cameras to address commercial truck routes in district 1. These cameras will get information on the trucking company and we will send educational items before we begin enforcement action.

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu, Seconded by Council Member King.  
Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member King, Council Member Ezeonu

10. **Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Texas Term Sheet for Approval of Proposed Opioid Settlement**

City Attorney Megan Mahan briefed the committee on this item, explaining that this is a nation wide settlement including multiple opioid manufacturers to the tune of \$26 billion. Texas' share could be \$1.5 billion. The state has been meeting with each jurisdiction to let them know about it and ask them to opt in to this settlement. If we were to opt in the money would be used on education, prevention and treatment of opioid abuse within the city. We would get \$100,000 in March or April of 2022 and then another \$442,000 over the next 18 years starting in July of 2022 and we would have additional access to \$81 million if we had any initiative ideas to combat the opioid crisis. The only downside is if we opt in we would waive any right to litigation to sue Johnson and Johnson individually.

Motion made by Council Member King, Seconded by Council Member Ezeonu.  
Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member King, Council Member Ezeonu

11. **Price Agreement for Litter Removal Texas Department of Transportation Rights-of-Way litter collection service from Good Earth Cooperation (up to \$297,000.00 annually). This agreement will be for one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods totaling \$1,485,000 if all extensions are exercised, authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of up to \$25,000.00 or 25% of the maximum price so long as the City Council appropriates sufficient funding to satisfy the city's obligation during the renewal terms**

Director of Solid Waste and Recycling Dr. Patricia Redfearn briefed the committee on this item. We have had a contract with one vendor since November of 2019, which provides one litter collection, per month, per acre for 400 acres that we have along the right of way of I-20, I-30 and Hwy 360. This is our first go with this and we have had at least 20 collections in that time frame but it isn't enough to keep up with the litter. We went back out for bid to find a company who would do more litter collections per year, and we found a company that would provide 3 pickups per month, per acre but the price increases \$20 per acre. TxDOT gives a

reimbursement for 1 collection per month, per acre and the pricing we received back is \$14.73 per acre in Dallas, \$13.56 per acre in Fort Worth. After reimbursements we are looking at spending \$219,000 per year. This will be on the Council and F & G agenda on December 14th.

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu, Seconded by Council Member King.  
Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member King, Council Member Ezeonu

**12. Purchase and installation of mobile backup generators and docking stations from Holt CAT through a national cooperative agreement with Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) in the amount of \$1,655,910.38 with a 10% contingency of \$165,591.04**

Facility Services Manager Ray Riedinger briefed the committee on this item. We are looking at purchasing and installing mobile backup generators and docking stations from Hold CAT at a price around \$1.6 million with a 10% contingency of \$165,591.04. Unfortunately, these generators are at least 6 months behind so in the mean time we are looking to get some rental generators for January and February. The docking stations are put by the meters or power source and run cables to generators from docking stations and they will run for about 4-6 hours and there is a switch that will move from utility power to generator power. Location where this will be is Dalworth Recreation Center, Betty Warmack Library, Veterans Center and Charley Taylor Recreation Center.

Motion made by Council Member King, Seconded by Council Member Ezeonu.  
Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member King, Council Member Ezeonu

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

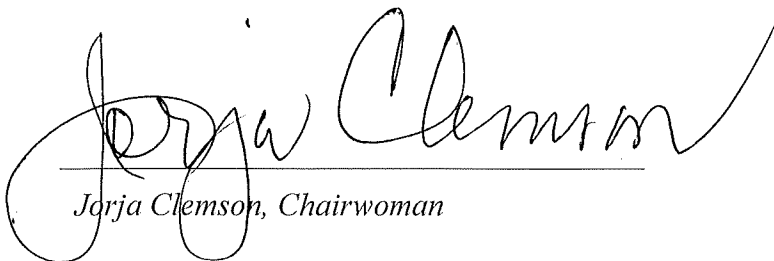
*No Executive Session.*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*There were citizen comments for Item 2 and they are noted in the minutes.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**4:33 pm**



Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman

