



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson
Council Member Dennis King
Council Member Junior Ezeonu

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **June 7, 2021 Public Safety, Health and Environment Meeting Minutes**

Minutes passed unanimously.

2. **Lessons Learned from Winter Storm and Future Planning**

Emergency Management Specialist Daniel Ringhauser briefed the committee on this item, along with Fire Chief Robert Fite. When we started hearing about a winter storm moving in we prepared the Community Room at the Public Safety Building to be our Emergency Operations Center. This was used for employees from different city departments to be present to communicate and to also disseminate information to residents in a timely manner using Alert GP. We learned during this process that our National Incident Management System procedures and training needs to be updated. We plan to have everyone trained up by the end of September. We also had difficulties when attempting to contact Atmos about the many complaints that were coming in via social media, email and phone calls. We were contacting for single incidents instead of looking at the big picture and eventually Atmos quit taking our calls. Right now we are trying to decide where we will have warming and cooling stations in the city opposed to having shelters. If we were to put a shelter in it would be a ton of maintenance and require the city to keep it up to fire code year round. During the winter storm we opened a warming station at Ruthe Jackson Center for five days to approximately 280 residents. The future warming and cooling stations will likely be set up at a couple recreation centers around the city. Funding sources have been secured to obtain additional generators in order to fully operate these stations. It was also discussed that Grand Prairie will eventually need a new Emergency Operations Center to accommodate city staff to continue working during a natural disaster or any emergency situation. This item will eventually go before the full City Council with staff presentation.

3. **Solid Waste and Recycling Service Delivery Survey 2021**

Manager of Solid Waste and Recycling Dr. Patricia Redfearn briefed the committee on this item. Dr. Redfearn went over the results of the survey that was sent out at the beginning of the year to Grand Prairie residents on whether we should move to cart service or not. There are 46,314 households in Grand Prairie and 12,124 surveys came back to us, which is a 26.17% response rate. Unfortunately, the responses came back with 47% not wanting cart service and 53% want cart service. All surveys were broke down via council district. It is staff recommendation to not switch to cart service due to the almost equal amount of residents against and for it. We may eventually be forced into cart service by Republic Services. This item will be presented to City Council as well with staff presentations.

4. **Solid Waste and Recycling Division Cost of Service Analysis Results Presentation**

Dave Yanke with NewGen Strategies and Solutions briefed the committee on this item. Dave explained his findings on this cost of service analysis and which scenario in the end would be best for Grand Prairie. The City of Grand Prairie has the most competitive rates when it comes to the services that Solid Waste and Recycling provide. The development of revenue requirement includes, cash funding strategy for the purchase of new vehicles and equipment, a \$16.69 million bond issue for the landfill expansion, and \$1.3 million in cash funding for the gas well expansion at the landfill. Dave presented two scenarios of proposed rate increases with one giving a break to senior citizens. Both proposed rate increases keep Grand Prairie under \$20 for residential rates. Committee leans towards Scenario 2 which gives seniors a little bit of a break. Mr. Steve Dye advised that this item will go before full City Council with staff presentation soon.

5. **Ordinance amending the FY 2021 Red Light Safety Fund; Price agreement for the purchase of police technology and services from Axon, Inc., through a national interlocal agreement with Sourcewell, at a first-year cost of \$625,000. This agreement will be for one year, with the option to renew for nine additional one-year periods, totaling \$14,650,150 if all extensions are exercised; Authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of up to \$50,000 so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms**

Police Chief Daniel Scesney briefed the committee on this item. Our contract for our body worn cameras, tasers, Computer Aided Dispatch, Record Management Systems, in car cameras and interviews is about to expire so this item is to purchase a 10 year contract with Axon. The funding for these upgrades will come from the Red Light Safety Fund which must be used for public safety and roadway improvement projects. This technology and equipment will increase efficiency within the police department. All board members were in favor.

6. **Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Master Memorandum of Understanding / Interlocal Agreement (MOU/ILA) with the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS) for the participation in the Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspection Program as an Allied Agency**

Police Chief Daniel Scesney briefed the committee on this item. He explained that this MOU will enable the Police Department, specifically our Department of Transportation Certified Officers to ensure that Semi Trailers are not entering streets and places that they are not supposed to. We receive a lot of complaints of Semi Trailers driving through residential neighborhoods and this helps our enforcement actions. All board members are in favor of this item. This will be at City Council soon as well.

7. **Ratify the renewal of price agreement with Aware, Inc., in the amount of \$9,880 for the continued software support of AFIX, a fingerprint identification and identifier software in the cumulative amount of \$109,990**

Police Chief Daniel Scesney briefed the committee on this item. He explained that our Crime Scene Unit uses this technology and it helps Detectives and Police Officers in criminal investigations. This technology is approximately \$10,000 per year. This item will go before City Council tomorrow as well. All board members are in favor.

8. **Animal Services Division Updates**

Animal Services Manager Lily Yap briefed the committee on this item. She explained that Field Services launched extended hours on June 28th. Animal Services Public Information Team is working with the Police Departments Public Information Team in an attempt to get more animals adopted and this has been a great success. Animal Services now has more Shelter Officers working in the community and more Intake Specialists at the shelter. The shelter also dealt with Panleuk disease among shelter cats, which is highly contagious, and were able to separate cats and reduce the spread. For community cats that come into the shelter, they are spayed or neutered and vaccinated and then released back into the community. There is also talk about having dogs in the office place which may help with employee mental health. Animal Services is also excited to start getting the Waggin' Wagon back out to help with adoptions. No action necessary.

9. **Price Agreement for veterinary diagnostic and testing equipment from Idexx Laboratories, in the amount of \$28,781, with additional yearly renewal amount of \$28,781 for programmatic and service support. This agreement will be for one year with the option to renew for five (5) additional one-year periods totaling \$172,686 if all extensions are exercised. Authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms**

Animal Services Manager Lily Yap briefed the committee on this item. Idexx Laboratories is who we use for diagnostics screening which comes with all basic adoption packages. This will allow us to have an onsite machine in order to get blood test results back in a more timely manner. Currently we send blood out to a third party. This will also be on City Council agenda soon. Depending on how much we need to use this equipment depends on how much it will

cost. This price agreement allows Animal Services to use up to the amount listed but they may not use all that money. All board members were in favor.

10. Smoking Ordinance Comparisons

Deputy City Manager Steve Dye discussed tabling this item until our next meeting. Chairwoman Clemson requested a motion to postpone this item.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

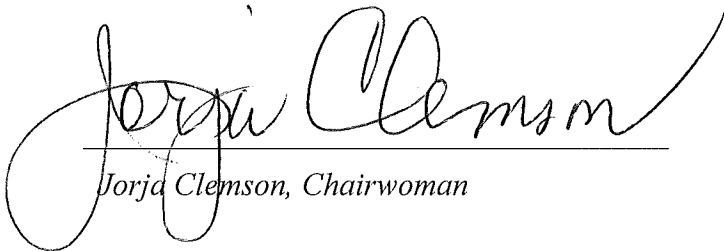
There were no citizen comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.



Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman