

# CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 AT 3:00 PM

# **MINUTES**

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Clemson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT Chairwoman Jorja Clemson Council Member Jacquin Headen Council Member Bessye Adams

#### STAFF PRESENTATIONS

# 1. Aquatics Safety Measures

Ray Cerda, Parks Art & Recreation Director updated the Council Committee on the Aquatic Safety Measures implemented to ensure that Grand Prairie maintains top-notch efficiency. Jeremy Thomas oversees the Aquatic Staff at all pools, ensuring that they are American Red Cross-certified, receive a living wage, and are Certified Pool and Spa Operators. The pool adheres to industry standards for chlorine levels, pH, and bleaching practices. Chemical testing is automated, with both manual checks and automated BecSys chemical feeders. The splash pad factory safety is unique to the city, and chlorine levels are maintained at 2 ppm.

# 2. Summer Reading Club 2024

Peter Sime, Library Director presented to the Council Committee the Summer Reading Club itinerary for 2024. The Magical Library Quest will commence on Saturday, June 1st at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude on August 31st at noon. During this time, the library will be issuing new library cards with a fresh new design. Participants who read for at least five hours will receive a prize. This initiative is open to children, teens, and adults. For more details about all the events, please visit the library's website at www.gptx.org/library/Summer-Reading-Club.

# 3. Big Event Recap

Alina Harris, Neighborhood & Volunteer Services Coordinator, provided an overview to the Council Committee of the Big Event that took place on Saturday, March 23rd, and shared the achievements. A total of 1500 volunteers participated, 100 jobs were completed, and more than 47 tons of garbage were collected. The major contributors were as follows: - Advantage Academy GP East — 98 volunteers - Calvary Baptist Church — 50 volunteers - First Baptist Church — 40 volunteers - Gateway Church — 173 volunteers - Girl Scouts — 90 volunteers - HOSA — 45 volunteers - Richemont — 51 volunteers - SGP Street Cleanup — 70 volunteers. The event was an overall success and we are grateful to all the participants who came out and gave their time for such a great cause.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to recommend approval to City Council made by Council Member Headen, seconded by Council Member Adams, to approve consent agenda items four through seven. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Adams, Council Member Headen. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

4. Minutes of April 9, 2024, Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee Meeting

## **Approved on Consent Agenda**

5. Purchase of diesel generator from Holt/Cat Power Systems in the amount of \$57,836.91

## **Approved on Consent Agenda**

6. Annual Revenue Contract for Inmate Communication System services from Securus Technologies, Inc., in the annual estimated revenue amount of \$25,000. This contract will have an initial term of one year, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, totaling \$125,000 in estimated revenue

# **Approved on Consent Agenda**

7. Reject all bids from RFB #24104 for library mobile app

## **Approved on Consent Agenda**

#### ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

8. Ordinance amending the FY 2023/2024 Operating budget in the Airport Fund; Annual Contract for Aviation Fuel from AvFuel Corporation (up to \$1,300,000.00 annually). This Contract will be for one year with the option to renew for (4) Four additional one-year periods totaling \$6,500,000.00 if all extensions are exercised

Mark Divita, Airport Director discussed with the Committee the vendor who won the bid to supply aviation fuel. This vendor was selected based on their response to the Request for Bid (RFB) number 24097.

Motion to recommend approval to City Council by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member Headen. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

9. Airport Pavement Repairs, to remove and replace concrete sections with TxDOT-Aviation. Work shall begin on or after June 1, 2024, and be completed no later than July 31, 2024

Mark Divita, Airport Director, explained to the Council Committee that the City of Grand Prairie has master interlocal cooperative agreements with various entities, including TIPS, authorized by Chapter 271.102 of the Local Government Code. This allows the City to participate in a cooperative purchasing program for routine maintenance at the airport, funded by the TxDOT-Aviation RAMP Grant. The maintenance work, following TxDOT-Aviation guidelines, involves the removal and replacement of concrete sections to ensure the pavement meets FAA specifications for flight safety and aircraft operations. The work has been scheduled to take place between June 1, 2024, and July 31, 2024.

Motion to recommend approval to City Council by Council Member Headen, seconded by Council Member Adams. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

10. Annual contract with the City of Fort Worth for Motorola Radio System Upgrade Agreement for one (1) year in the amount of \$97,558.26. This contract will be for one year, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, allowing an increase not to exceed 5% with an estimated total of \$539,070.97 if all extensions are exercised

Keshnel Penny, CIO of Information Technology, updated the Council Committee on the annual contract for the City of Grand Prairie's participation in NTIRN (North Texas Interoperative Radio Network) and the need to contribute to ongoing equipment upgrades. The NTIRN is a regional collaboration of agencies aimed at developing a regional radio system to enhance interoperability for public safety entities. The agreement will cover the Motorola radio system infrastructure and equipment upgrades at four radio sites in the City of Grand Prairie. Motorola Solutions is the sole provider with the license to work on the Radio Communications/Emergency Response Equipment, and the Local Government Code Chapter 252 provides an exemption from the competitive bid process in such cases.

Motion to recommend approval to City Council by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member Headen. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

11. Purchase of 40 Motorola APX6000 P25 Portable radios and 20 Motorola APX8000XE P25 Portable radios for Police and Fire departments from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$348,919.00

Keshnel Penny, CIO of Information Technology, provided an update to the Council Committee regarding the purchase of forty Motorola APX6000 P25 portable radios and twenty Motorola APX8000XE P25 portable radios for the Police and Fire departments. This purchase is part of the Radio Replenishment Program, aimed at replacing radios approaching the end of their warranty. It is essential to replace out-of-warranty radios to ensure the smooth operation of Police and Fire departments. The purchase is exempt from the competitive bid process as Motorola Solutions is the sole provider licensed to work on Radio Communications/Emergency Response Equipment according to Local Government Code Chapter 252.

Motion to recommend approval to City Council by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member Headen. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

12. Purchase of emergency vehicle equipment and installation labor services for 12 Police Department vehicles, from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group in the total amount of \$392,230.80, through a national cooperative agreement with Buyboard

Ryan Simpson, Assistant Director of Police, provided an update to the Council Committee. He mentioned that the Police Department is facing challenges with supply chain issues and manufacturer delays for new vehicles and emergency equipment. As new vehicles arrive, the Department is looking for ways to speed up the installation of emergency equipment and put the vehicles into service more quickly. Traditionally, the Police Department has relied on one main vendor for purchasing and installing emergency equipment. Now, the Department is considering using multiple vendors for these services, starting with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group. The

staff believes that using multiple vendors will help the Department overcome delays, get vehicles into service faster, retire old vehicles, and provide better service to the community.

Motion to recommend approval to City Council by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member Headen. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Clemson adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the June 3, 2024, Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee meeting.

John Lopez, Chairman