



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. Generator Winter Weather Plan

Ray Riedinger, Facility Services Manager, and Jason Ramirez, General Services Director presented to the Committee an update regarding Facility Services now having five mobile generators that can be deployed to facilities with docking stations. The following facilities have been chosen for the deployment of mobile generators: Charlie Taylor Recreation Center, Dalworth Recreation Center, Veterans Park Event Center, and Betty Warmack Library. These facilities will work closely with the City Manager's Office and Emergency Management to ensure the smooth deployment of the generators. In case of inclement weather, the Facility Services will implement the Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness Plan, which includes annual load testing of backup generators, inspecting automatic transfer switches, preparing buildings, verifying HVAC units, covering external exterior hose connections, and using ice melt at main entrances/exits of city facilities. There are a total of twenty-eight stationary and five mobile units available, all of which run on diesel. Additionally, Ray also let the Council know the approximate time before refueling the mobile units is approximately two and a half days. Council Member Adams expressed her concern about the residents who live in the south of the bridge. Ray confirmed that there are ongoing discussions about the best way to address this situation. Currently, all generators are located at City-owned facilities, and Fire Station Seven is the nearest available place. Council Member Headen mentioned that the new recreation center that was being built in the southern area should be considered to receive a permanent generator as well hopefully.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

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

2. Minutes of October 9, 2023, Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meetings

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. Authorize the City Manager to accept a Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division (TxDOT-Aviation) which provides matching funds of 90% state and 10% of City expenditures for airport maintenance up to \$111,111.11**

Mark Divita, the City Municipal Airport Director, shared details about the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant offered by the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division. The grant program provides post-expenditure reimbursement funding for specific maintenance items, covering 90% of the cost. For Fiscal Year 2024, the airport has received a grant offer of up to \$111,111.11 in expenditures, with the city covering \$11,111.11 and TxDOT-Aviation covering \$100,000. The maintenance items included in the scope of work are pavement improvements, markings, airport guidance signs, security improvements, weather station maintenance, and other maintenance needs of the airport. All necessary local and state procurement laws will be followed for the various RAMP purchases and service agreements.

Motion to recommend approval to City Council by Council Member Adam, Seconded by Council Member Headen. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Annual Contract for GPS tracker and bait car equipment from CovertTrack Group, Inc., through a national cooperative agreement with Government Services Administration Advantage (GSA Advantage), for \$11,986.34 for the first year, with an option to renew for four additional one-year periods of an amount up to \$20,000 each, totaling \$91,986.34, if all extensions are exercised**

Deputy Police Chief Brad Leonard discussed the services provided by CovertTrack Group, Inc. to the Police Department. The company offers tracking services, airtime, and equipment for the department's GPS bait car tracking units. The department has been using these products and services for several years, and as the current contract is expiring, they are seeking a new contract to continue operating their bait car program. Chief Leonard explained that local governments have the authority to participate in a cooperative purchasing program with other local governments or cooperative organizations, as per Chapter 271.102 of the Local Government Code. This means that instead of going through a competitive bidding process, items and services can be purchased through these agreements as they have already been bid by the sponsoring entity or agency. Furthermore, Chief Leonard clarified for the Council the purpose of a bait vehicle and the reason why the cost may fluctuate due to vehicle maintenance repair, or the vehicle being totaled.

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.

5. Annual Contract for Facial Recognition Software from Clearview AI. This agreement will be for \$37,119 for the first year, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods at \$36,619 annually thereafter; totaling \$183,595

Ryan Simpson, Assistant Director of Police, presented information about the Police Department's use of facial recognition software. The department has been using NEC Corporation of America's software since 2018, which has been helpful in their investigations. However, as their contract expired, they recently solicited bids for a more advanced product that could provide better facial recognition accuracy from videos and photos. They also wanted a product that could utilize advanced algorithms to search social media platforms, mugshots, news sites, and more. The Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division heavily relies on this technology to assist them in developing leads and further investigations on active criminal cases, mainly those that involve Class B Misdemeanor or higher offenses such as murder, robbery, and assault. During the meeting, Ryan confirmed to Council Member Headen that the software will grant access to updated driver's license photos and current mugshots.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee may conduct a closed session under 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

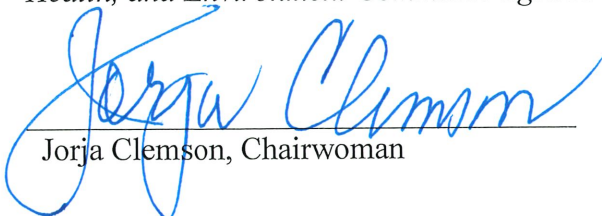
Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 3:23 p.m.

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 on November 3, 2023.



Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman