



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
 PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT  
 COMMITTEE  
 CITY HALL - COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM  
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 07, 2022 AT 3:00 PM

## MINUTES

### PRESENT

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson  
 Council Member Junior Ezeonu

### ABSENT

Council Member Jacquin Headen

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson call the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

### AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. Minutes of the October 3, 2022 Public Safety, Health, Environment Committee Meeting

*No discussion on minutes. Approved as presented.*

*Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu to approve this item, Seconded by Council Member Clemson. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Ezeonu*

2. EMS Update of Subscription and Transport Policies

*Fire Chief Robert Fite briefed the committee on this item. He explained that Fire and the city have received complaints about the policy of transporting patients to the closest most appropriate hospital. City is split into zones for patient to go to certain hospitals depending on their zip code.*

*Council Member Ezeonu stated that many citizens understand the reasons for transport when it is explained. Chief Fite stated that each of the hospitals have a charity care or indigent care program and policy. Patients do not always need to go to Parkland Hospital in Dallas for charity care. Council Member Ezeonu also asked "What other ways do we have to get the information out to citizens along with Town Halls?" Chief Fite that this policy is usually explained to the patient or if they call for more information. Fire cannot transport based on insurance.*

Chief Fite explained the changes in the subscription program. Fire took over this program in 2000. It was \$60/year as a member – insurance is charged but any out-of-pocket fee is waived. Federal government has gotten involved in 2021 and the rate was raised to \$100/yr. for the program to remain profitable. We would not allow any new enrollees but allow existing ones to renew until the program is dissolved. There needs to be an Ordinance change to only allow existing enrollees to continue but not allow any new enrollees. Deputy City Manager Cheryl DeLeon asked how many members are currently in the program. Chief Fite stated we have gone from 900 enrollees in 2019 to 590 in 2022. The program fee may need to be increased in order for the program to remain profitable.

### 3. Police Department Community Service Programs

Police Chief Daniel Scesney briefed the committee on Santa Cop as one of many Police programs. In 2021 the program serviced 500 families and 1700 kids. In 2022 we are at 600 families and 1600 kids and counting. Must participants are nominated by Police Officers, Fire Fighters or School Counselors.

*The Shop with a Cop Program – with Harvest Life Ministries is reserved for children in DFPS.*

*Seizure money from drug busts are used to fund this program. The program served 60 foster children in 2021. This year they plan is to take 100 foster children shopping.*

*Council Member Clemson asked how are the participants identified? Chief Scesney states that Harvest Ministries helps with the program and identifying the participants.*

*Council Member Ezeonu asked if the Blue Shoes Program will be done again this year. Chief Scesney said, the department has done one this year and will try and do another one later in the year. The program is giving new shoes and socks to kids in the community.*

### 4. Change Order #3 for the purchase of new and replacement electronic ticket writer devices and printers from Tyler Technologies, through a national cooperative agreement with Sourcewell, in the amount of \$339,500

*Police Operations Support Bureau Assistant Director Ryan Simpson briefed the committee on this item. Through our agreement with Tyler Technologies, we would like to purchase 26 new devices and update 79 existing devices to equip all uniform positions with an electronic ticket writer.*

*Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu to approve this item, Seconded by Council Member Clemson. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Ezeonu*

### 5. Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 “Animal Services” of the Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances to authorize police officers to issue citations or otherwise enforce violations of Chapter

*Community Services Lieutenant Tim Silva briefed the committee on this item. the ordinance would give Police officers instead of just Animal Service the authority to write citations for violations to Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances. He stated that the majority of weekend calls for animal assistance come in directly to the Police department through dispatch. In order to do anything about them, we currently have to call Animal Services. The main*

*violations are stray dogs and people selling dogs or other animals on the side of the road or in parking lots. The issues are lack of veterinary care and over breeding of animals. This leads to future health issues with the animals and no recourse for the buyer. Many of these animals are eventually turned over to the Animal Services which is currently over capacity.*

*Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu to approve this item, Seconded by Council Member Clemson. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Ezeonu*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*No executive Session*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*No Citizen Comments*

**ADJOURNMENT**

3:46 p.m.



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*Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman*