



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE
COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM, 300 W. MAIN STREET
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 AT 3:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson
Council Member Junior Ezeonu

ABSENT

Council Member Dennis King

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Minutes of the August 2, 2021 Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meeting**

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu, Seconded by Chairwoman Clemson.

Minutes passed unanimously.

2. **24th Quarterly Judicial Report**

Judge Bryan Arnold briefed the committee on the Judicial Activity from August 2020 to July 2021 and the trending items. Ticket count includes not only Police Department but Code Compliance and Animal Services. Regarding Class C Arraignments, they are trending up because during Covid a lot of cities were not confirming on Class C Warrants including Grand Prairie. Something new that is tracked by the court is Counsel Requested, which relates to anyone in custody on a Class B or higher can request a court appointed attorney. Trial by Judge and Trial by Jury just now started up again in July after not having any since before August of 2020. Emergency Protective Orders have stayed consistent throughout the last 12 months. The Judges decide if an inmate requires a mental health assessment before releasing them and that order is sent over to the county. This flags people that have potential mental health issues to try and get them the help they need. All numbers tracked on the running 12-month Judicial Activity Report have stayed at about where Judge Arnold believes they would. Nothing Further.

3. **Animal Services Briefing on Adoptions**

Animal Services Manager Lily Yap briefed the committee on this item. She talked about a new program that looks at the benefits of animals in the workplace. This program was piloted by the Auto Pound who adopted a cat. This program will also allow businesses to foster animals, which we have learned is a great stress reliever and frees up space at the shelter. Animal Services will be doing a big push for this new program this week. This item is informational only. Nothing further.

4. **Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 “Health and Sanitation,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, by amending sections of Article XXIII “Stormwater Discharges” relating to “Construction Activity Prohibitions and Requirements” and “Releases”**

Assistant Director of Engineering Noreen Housewright briefed the committee on this item. Currently there are 84 active construction sites in the city, and we have three stormwater investigators that go out and inspect each one to make sure that these sites are following Ordinance 13 regarding our waterways and keeping them clear. We are looking at making modifications to section 606 and 610. All construction sites will have to submit an electronic version of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for review and acceptance by our investigators. Both small and large construction sites have to submit this form and the modification also gives clarification of the difference in size of each construction site.

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu, Seconded by Chairwoman Clemson.

5. **Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, “Health and Sanitation” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, by replacing the provisions of Article 10 “Cross Connection Control and Prevention” in their entirety with new regulations (PSHE 9/13/21)**

Environmental Quality Manager Cindy Mendez briefed the committee on this item. Grand Prairie has the second oldest ordinance in the state. This ordinance is about backflow water valves to make sure the water only flows one way. It will regulate insulation maintenance and testing of these devices and allows enforcement by our specialists. Currently over 5,000 devices are tested annually by a state approved tester, and we make sure these inspectors are certified by making them register with us. We also go behind them and make sure they completed the inspection and not just saying they did and charging the customer for the inspection. This ordinance is in place to make sure that we don't have contaminated drinking water and will be completely replaced not amended to show all changes. Nothing further.

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu, Seconded by Chairwoman Clemson.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

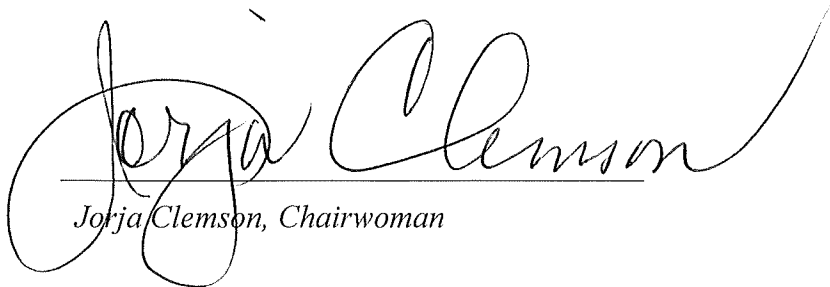
There were no citizen comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

15:42



Jorja Clemson

Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman

