

**MINUTES OF
BULLARD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

Due to the current Coronavirus COVID - 19 public health emergency, the City of Bullard is taking extraordinary steps to protect the public health, safety and welfare. A video conference meeting was conducted for other than Council Members and Staff who were in attendance in the City Hall Council Chamber.

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullard, Texas, was held Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m. at Bullard City Hall, 114 South Phillips, Bullard, Texas, with the following present:

**Mayor: Pam Frederick
Mayor Pro Tem: Bryan Willis
Councilmember: Shirley Coe
Councilmember: Lane McDaniel**

**City Manager: David Hortman
Police Chief: Jeff Bragg
Finance Director: Sonja Richey
City Secretary: Doris Crockett**

**Absent: Councilmembers Mark Anderson
and Terry Mebane**

Meeting Order: Call to Order; Roll Call; Invocation; Pledge to Flag

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ITEM 1 - CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – NONE

**ITEM 2 – TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
AFFAIRS MULTIFAMILY FINANCE DIVISION – NOTIFICATION OF
AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING APPLICATION PROPOSED
FOR BULLARD - WESTWIND OF BULLARD – RESOLUTION OF
OPPOSITION ADOPTED**

The City of Bullard received from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Multifamily Finance Division a Notification of Affordable Rental Housing Application proposed for Bullard – Westwind of Bullard (SCF Bullard 21, LP). Total units proposed is 80 with 72 being low income unit and 8 being market rate units. The proposed property is located in the City of Bullard, Cherokee County, on an unplatted tract, east of S. Doctor M Roper Parkway (US Hwy 69) and north of CR 3801. The Notification stated that: State law provides an opportunity for the applicable local

jurisdiction to affect the scoring of an application by issuing a local resolution of support or neutrality in accordance with Tex.Gov't Code §2306.6710(b)(1)(B). In order to affect the scoring of an application within its jurisdiction, the local government resolution must be submitted on or before March 1, 2021, identify the specific development, and clearly state support or no objection.

In order to receive input from surrounding property owners with such a short notice, Mayor Frederick delivered letters to homes closest to the subject property soliciting input. Two e-mails were received in support; 150 plus e-mails in opposition were received; and a petition containing 189 signatures was received but unverified as to whether the petition contained any signatures of those submitting e-mails.

City Attorney Davis in answer to a question stated that it was his opinion that the Resolution, if Council chose to, could be in opposition, not just support or be neutral.

There were approximately 106 persons attending virtually via video conferencing. Among those speaking in opposition were Barry England, Ryan Moore, Meredith Honeycutt, Leslie Depoe, Melanie Lambert, Allen Heersink, Nolan Moss, James and Michelle Morris, Lindsey Smith, Sharon Carter, Todd T. Russell, Angelia Lewis, Drew Wall, Teresa and Micha Jones, and James and Patty Blankenship. Both in letters and in public comments some reasons given for opposition were increased traffic, lower property values, noise and light, impact on school system and on City infrastructure, and not any community evidence of the need for low income housing

Based on community input and lack of evidence for the need of low income housing from the community, Mayor Pro Tem Willis moved to adopt a Resolution declaring opposition for Westwind of Bullard Affordable Rental Housing Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Multifamily Finance Division for proposed development east of S. Doctor M Roper Pkwy. (US Hwy. 69), in Cherokee County, Bullard, Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Coe and carried unanimously. (**Attach Resolution No. 2021-0209-1**)

ITEM 3 – BULLARD KIDS PARK – REIMBURSEMENT FROM ROTARY CLUB FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED

On motion by Councilmember Coe, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel and carried with the following vote, the Council gratefully accepted reimbursement funds in the amount of \$35,000 from the Bullard Rotary Club for additional improvements to the Bullard Kids Park including a new pavilion, new exercise equipment station and rubber tile safety mats:

AYES: Coe, McDaniel

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Willis (Rotary Club Member)

ITRM 4 – BULLARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FAMILY FUN DAY – APRIL 17, 2021. RESOLUTION ADOPTED TEMPORARIY CLOSING PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Willis, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel and carried unanimously, the following attached Resolution temporarily closing a portion of Emma Street from Houston Street to Phillips Street and a portion of Phillips Street from Emma Street to Main Street and Phillips Street from Tyler to Main Street and green area for event and parking for the

Commerce Family Fun Day from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2021, (April 24, 2021, if inclement weather requires postponement) and approving use of City's electricity and water for small sink in bathroom area: (**Attach Resolution No. 2021-0209-2**)

ITEM 5 – POLICE DEPARTMENT 2020 ANNUAL REPORT ON RACIAL PROFILING

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Willis, seconded by Councilmember Coe and carried unanimously, the attached Police Department 2020 Annual Report on Racial Profiling was accepted as presented by Police Chief Jeff Bragg: (**Attach Report**) *See ratification of revised report on March 9, 2021.

**ITEM 6 - CITY COUNCIL ELECTION – MAY 1, 2021 –
ORDER AND NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION ADOPTED**

On motion by Councilmember Coe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Willis and carried unanimously, the Council adopted the attached Order and Notice of General Election for May 1, 2021, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two City Council Members: (**Attach Order and Notice**)

**ITEM 7 – JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED –
BULLARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY -
MAY 1, 2021, GENERAL ELECTION**

On motion by Councilmember Coe, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel and carried unanimously, the Council authorized entering into a Joint Election Agreement with Bullard Independent School District for the May 1, 2021, General Election.

ITEM 8 – MARCH COUNCIL MEETING DATE – REMAINS UNCHANGED

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Willis, seconded by Councilmember Coe and carried unanimously, Item 8 to discuss changing the date for the March City Council Meeting because of Spring Break was dropped from the agenda and the meeting date remains, Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

ITEM 9 – STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief Jeff Bragg reported that John Hill had been promoted to Shift Sargent and introduced to the Council the Police Department's new Detective, Chase Berryhill.

- a. Building Permits/Code Violations Report; building related permits and inspections, solicitors and temporary use permits; growth in various subdivisions; new businesses; and Code violations – **Danny Ray**
- b. City Engineer Report – current and future water and sewer needs - **Brian Capps**
- c. City Secretary Report – Attended Texas Municipal Clerk's Association Election Law Seminar in Frisco, prepared and mailed Notices for Zone Change Request; processed receipt of Notification for Affordable Rental Housing Application for Westwind in

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- d. Finance Report – review of expenditures, receipts and balances since last report, including Budget summaries – **Sonja Richey**
- e. Municipal Court Report – Statistics for warrants issued, court activity and fines and fees collected – **Diana Folmar**
- f. Police Department Report - Calls for Service or Case Investigations, Traffic, Arrest, Warrants, Cases Filed and general Police activity – **Jeff Bragg**
- g. Public Relations/Communications Department Report – usage statistics of City’s website, Facebook, Police Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Civic Ready; attended Chamber ribbon cutting events; successful Bulky Item Pickup Day; coordinated Police Chief Lewis’ retirement celebration; started Human Resources Director search; sent 2021 event sponsorship letters; successfully secured 5 sponsorships as of January 31, 2021; submitted application/proposal for TC Energy Grant; and assisted Police Department in transition of positions – **Lexie Hudson**
- h. Utilities Director – Monthly Work Report for Water Department, Wastewater Department, Street Department and Parks Department; routine daily checks for water and wastewater; water line leaks; patching pot holes and clearing and cleaning rights-of-way; routine daily cleaning and inspection of equipment at Parks; and sewer stoppage calls – **David Wells**

Finance Director Richey reviewed the financial report.

On motion by Councilmember Coe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Willis and carried unanimously, Staff Reports were approved as presented.

ITEM 10 – MINUTES APPROVED – JANUARY 12, 2021

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Willis, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel and carried unanimously, City Council Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2021, were approved as presented.

ITEM 11– ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Coe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Willis and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

PAM FREDERICK, MAYOR

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DORIS CROCKETT, CITY SECRETARY