

Minutes
Board of Mayor and Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 08, 2024

We held our January Meeting of the Cedar Hill City Commission tonight at Cedar Hill City Hall.

Mayor Edwards called meeting to order at 6PM.

Mayor Edwards did roll call: Commissioner Traugher, Vice Mayor Pettus & Mayor Edwards were present. City Manager Breeding was present.

Mayor Edwards asked Pastor Frank Kirby to open the meeting up in prayer.

Previous minutes were reviewed and approved.

Mayor Edwards had nothing under communications from the Mayor.

Under City Manager Report:

City Manager Breeding updated the board on the budget and all is good thus far.

City Manager Breeding updated the board on Codes Enforcements and mentioned that there was an administrative hearing scheduled this week for two of the properties and that the city would move forward with the process and that there are several more to address.

City Manager Breeding updated the board on renovations to Club House and that they had begun tearing it out and working on it today to begin the project.

Commission Remarks: Hearing none; moving forward to Citizen Comments.

Citizen Comments: There were a number of folks in attendance.

A landowner inquired about Buzzard Creek Rd and half of it being city and half being county and how much did the city pay the county to pave their half? Mayor Edwards explained that the county stopped paving where the city limits begins past Sory Street. The landowner inquired the county owning half the road and the city owning half the road. Mayor Edwards explained that the city owned less than a quarter of Buzzard Creek as it stops after Sory Street. The landowner inquired about the city owning on the left side of the road. Mayor Edwards explained that the City limits were on the left side and the city did not own the stretch of Buzzard Creek Rd after Sory Street as that is in the county. He inquired about services that the city provides. Mayor Edwards mentioned paving, street repairs, signs, parks and recreation.

Another speaker inquired why the city has so much say so over the Jr Pro football field when the city has no part in it and why a storage shed is a big deal? Mayor Edwards explained that the city isn't telling the program what to do, but when it comes to the property there has always been requests made to the city in regards to whether buildings could be constructed or placed on the property, as it's on city property. Mayor Edwards explained that all the buildings were approved by the city. Mayor Edwards further explained that the property insurance provider for the City of Cedar Hill informed them that there needed to be insurance on the buildings and therefore the City had requested that the program provide property insurance on the buildings.

Another speaker mentioned that they were frustrated that the city all of a sudden has all this say and that the city

doesn't "support or show up".

Another speaker inquired if the city had provided any support for the 10U baseball team going to the state tournament. Mayor Edwards stated that the city had donated to the tournament and had also donated in 2023 to the football program. It was asked if the city had donated previously. Mayor Edwards explained that this board of commissioners had only been in office for a few years. Mayor Edwards explained that he shares everything about Jr Pro., that he promotes and publicizes it. It was asked whether anyone on the commission has any children involved in the program.

Another speaker inquired about the use of the Young Marines Building and baseball field only being used by non-local teams and an indoor facility that's not allowed to be used by people in the city. Mayor Edwards stated that the high school softball and baseball teams have access to the building and field and utilize both.

Another speaker mentioned that they had been in the community for many years and that the Adams & Jo Byrns community had come a long way. He mentioned that he thought it was ridiculous that all were discussing a shed that's going to be used for storage of products of things that are in the way such as pylons, supplies, pads, helmets, markers, etc. He went on to say that the shed was donated and that the city should be more concerned with the trash across the street or down to the church or across from it. He said the city should be focused on these issues and on the side roads. He mentioned property with run down houses and many things that could be done. Mayor Edwards stated that the city was working on these things and that the City had just paved three streets a few months ago.

Another speaker mentioned that the program hosts around 150 kids for six months a year. He also mentioned that the program does uniforms, equipment, etc. He mentioned that the program can give kids helmets and pads.

Several speakers mentioned that they wished the city would support the program.

Mayor Edwards mentioned that the city had invested heavily into the park in recent years with playground additions, park additions such as basketball court and more. He also stated that tonight the city was just voting on where to put a building.

Another speaker mentioned that the City of Springfield, White House, Greenbrier and East Robertson funds the programs. He mentioned that he has issues with the city telling them what they can do when they've invested their time in it.

Mayor Edwards explained that this was not something that the city just started doing and it has always gone through the city about structures.

Another speaker mentioned everyone was on the same page now and that he'd like the city to be more involved in the community.

Mayor Edwards mentioned that there are a lot of things that the city can't do financially but it contributes and they share and market what is going on such as fundraisers or even simply putting a sign out recognizing the Jr Pro program going to the Super Bowl.

Vice Mayor Pettus agreed that the kids are the future of the city and inquired about whether there was a communication problem. A speaker did mention that this was a new administration and that the original contract is vague in what to do such as putting a shed on the property. Vice Mayor Pettus mentioned the importance of communicating.

Mayor Edwards mentioned that we were all learning this. A speaker mentioned about coming to ball games.

A resident inquired about the status of tornado sirens. Mayor Edwards stated that the city is awaiting the federal review of the grant.

Old Business:

None

Under New Business:

Jr Pro Football Building Placement Approval:

Mayor Edwards reiterated that the vote tonight was whether to put it where it is currently. He said that he felt it would be more appropriate for the shed to go by the bleachers where there was more room and not right beside the walking track. He mentioned that it would obscure the view of the field from the playground and the view of the playground area from the stands. He mentioned the investment into the playground area and the close proximity of the shed to the walking track. Mayor Edwards mentioned there was a very large area just past the bleachers. A speaker stated that that entire area is where the cheerleaders practice. Mayor Edwards stated that he would be opposed to where it is now and but he is just one vote. He explained that he is not against a shed being on the property but where it is currently located.

Commissioner Traughber inquired about insurance on the building. Mayor Edwards mentioned that the city has documentation of insurance coverage on the buildings currently used by Jr Pro that was provided by Jr Pro.

Mayor Edwards mentioned that he wasn't opposed to a shed being put on the property, but thought there may be a more suitable spot for it that the city and the program could come up with. Vice Mayor Pettus inquired about other areas for the building. A speaker mentioned that there was drainage issues in other areas and the only remaining spot by the tree and bleachers were used by cheerleaders. Another speaker mentioned limited space and commented taking out the softball/baseball field that everyone could use.

Commissioner Traughber inquired about who the coaches are. Several speakers mentioned coaches and commissioners with program. Commissioner Traughber inquired whether the City had donated last year and the speaker did acknowledge that the city donated last year and had a banner. Commissioner Traughber mentioned having a better communication and partnership.

Another speaker suggested that the city agree to pay to move the building if the city votes against putting it where it is now. They said it would cost \$1,500 to move. Another speaker mentioned they had gotten volunteers with tractors to put it where it is now.

Another speaker mentioned that was the only spot and option for the shed on the entire property.


Vice Mayor Pettus stated that she would like to see the building and revisit this next month by tabling it. She also mentioned working together and communicating. Commissioner Traughber inquired whether the building would stay there while it's tabled. Mayor Edwards stated that it would stay there while tabled. A speaker mentioned that they would also do some more analysis of it and see if there are other options moving forward. Commissioner Traughber mentioned for the program to get list of things together that are needed by the program. Item tabled.

The second item was Park Lawn Mowing. Ricky Arms is stepping back from this role this year and the City will advertise and put it out for bidding for the 2024 mowing schedule. Motion to approve by Vice Mayor Pettus, seconded by Mayor Edwards. All Ayes: Approved 3-0.

The third item was utilizing money provided by RCEDB in the Cedar Hill fund generated by tourism/ rentals. Mayor Edwards presented on installing permanent concrete corn hole stations and pads to place it on and throw from. This would continue the mission of making the park a place for all ages and may even create some related events. Included was a request to utilize \$3,150 from the fund to purchase stations and pads. Properly motioned and seconded. Approved 3-0.

The final item was finalizing the Cedar Hill City Commission Meeting Dates. Properly motioned and seconded. Approved 3-0.

Having no other business, the motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Traughber. All Ayes: Meeting adjourned.



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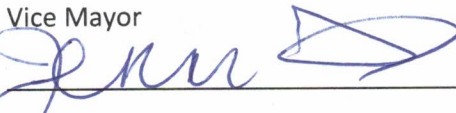
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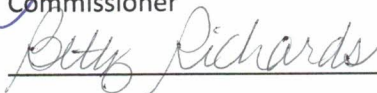
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City Recorder

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