

Minutes
Board of Mayor and Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 05, 2023

The June meeting of the Cedar Hill Board of Mayor and Commissioners was held tonight at 6pm at the Cedar Hill Clubhouse.

Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order.

City Recorder Richards did roll call: Mayor Edwards, Vice Mayor Pettus, Commissioner Traugher and City Manager Breeding were all present.

Mayor Edwards opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes of the May 01, 2023 were approved as written with a vote of 3 – 0.

Under Communications from the Mayor, Mayor Edwards gave an update of the progress of the planning of the Experience Robertson County event slated for September 09, 2023. He explained that it would be a Saturday Market with a lot of local vendors and food trucks and feature the Museum and history of Cedar Hill. The anticipated crowd turnout could be up to 1000. Further, he noted that it would be a great way of marketing the City.

Next, Mayor Edwards gave an update on the Tornado Siren Grant update. The complete application had been submitted and accepted and was expected to be turned in by the State in July. He gave special kudos to County Mayor Billy Vogel, who, without his sponsorship of the City of Cedar Hill, we would be ineligible to receive the Grant as we had not adopted the County Hazard Mitigation Plan and would have to wait until 2026 to apply again. Mayor Vogle, gladly agreed to sign off on the application. Mayor Edwards went on to explain that with the grant funding, the City would only be financially responsible for 5% of the project.

Mayor Edwards updated on the basketball court, which broke ground on Friday. He stated that we could have it completed in a week or two.

Then Mayor Edwards gave a summary of the progress of the Long Range Growth Plan being conducted by Inspire. They are currently in the demographics stage of the plan and will move into the county's policies and goals along with community involvement and then start drafting objective, goals and policies for Cedar Hill.

Lastly, under Mayor Communications, he presented a handout on the streets needing paved and asked the Commission to help decide a list of priority streets. After discussion, it was agreed that the top 3 should be Sory, Heflin and Sherrod Lane. Railroad Street is also a very high priority but would be a two year paving event to pave both sides. Vote to move forward with securing bids is covered under new business.

As a side note, Mayor Edwards mentioned that he and Vice Mayor Pettus had delivered pizza to the Jo Byrns Elementary School and how they got to help deliver the pizzas to the classrooms. Additionally, the previous week, Krispy Kreme Donuts were delivered to both the high school and elementary school for Teacher Appreciation Week. Everyone was very appreciative of these events. This concluded the Mayors Communications.

Next on the Agenda was City Manager Communications.

City Manager Breeding gave an update on the status of the 2022 – 2023 Fiscal year Budget. We are still under Budget on expenses and slightly above on income.

Manager Breeding then gave an explanation on the need to adopt By-Laws for the Planning Commission. He had prepared Resolution to do exactly that. Mayor Edwards asked if there was any particular order as to whether the City Council or the Planning Committee approved it first. Manager Breeding said that he had inquired and was told it really didn't matter as long as both counsels approved it. Mayor Edwards stated he would like to present it to the Planning Committee first. Manager Breeding agreed.

Next, Manager Breeding explained that legally, a municipality has to have an appointed Codes Enforcement Director. Further he added, that since we had begun sending out some letters to several residents for more serious ordinance violations, he felt it best to appoint himself. Resolution 2023 – 08 will be covered under new business. Mayor Edwards mentioned that the letters were aimed at properties which were violating serious Ordinances that been established years ago.

This concluded the City Manager's Communications.

The floor was then opened for Commissioner Remarks. There being none, we moved on to old business.

Second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-09, Fiscal year 2023-2024 Budget. Mayor Edwards made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. City Recorder Richards did roll call for the vote. Commissioner Traugher – “Yes”, Vice Mayor Pettus – “Yes”, Mayor Edwards – “Yes”. Ordinance 2023 – 09 – Approved – 3-0

Next, was the vote to authorize City Manager Breeding to proceed with the process to obtain bids for the paving project. Motioned by Mayor Edwards and seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Roll call: Commissioner Traugher – “Yes”, Vice Mayor Pettus – “Yes”, Mayor Edwards – “Yes”. Approved – 3 – 0.

There being no other old business, we moved on to New business.

Resolution 2023-08 – A Resolution to appoint City Manager the City of Cedar Hill's Codes Enforcement Director. Motioned by Mayor Edwards and seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Roll call: Commissioner Traugher – “Yes”, Vice Mayor Pettus – “Yes”, Mayor Edwards – “Yes”. Resolution 2023 – 08 – Approved - 3 – 0.

Next, Mayor Edwards discussed surplus items that had accumulated at City Hall. He suggested having a surplus item sale. City Manager Breeding added that it would be a good idea to set a dollar limit for items to sale. Once a list is created, the items go up for formal bid. Mayor Edwards suggested that City Manager Breeding and City Recorder Richards create a list and suggested a \$100 limit. This will be officially presented in next month's meeting.

Then, Vice Mayor Pettus advised that the Jo Byrns High School football team had several away games that would require before game meals and after game snacks. They are asking for sponsors to provide those meals. She would like for the City to sponsor a meal. Mayor Edwards advised that he would talk to volunteers in the community who may help with this. All present agreed that this would be approved.

We then transitioned to citizen comments.

There being no citizen comments, Mayor Edwards made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Roll call: Commissioner Traugher – “Yes”, Vice Mayor Pettus – “Yes”, Mayor Edwards – “Yes”. Meeting adjourned with a unanimous vote.

Mike Enoch

Mayor

7/3/23

Date

Margaret Rutz

Vice Mayor

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Date

Jenna S

Commissioner

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Date

Betty Richards

City Recorder

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Date