Minutes Board of Mayor and Commissioners Regular Meeting April 7, 2025

Call to Order

Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

Prayer

Pastor Frank Kirby opened the meeting with prayer.

Roll Call

Commissioner Kirby: Present, Vice Mayor Pettus: Present, Mayor Edwards: Present. City Manager Kevin Breeding: Present, Temporary City Recorder Gayle Bowman: Present. Mayor Edwards declared a quorum had been reached to conduct business.

Agenda Amendment

Mayor Edwards presented an amendment to the agenda by adding a Certificate of Compliance item under new business related to a local license to sell wine at a business that already sells alcohol. Mayor Edwards motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Kirby. Ayes: Commissioner Kirby, Vice Mayor Pettus, and Mayor Edwards. Amendment Approved.

Previous Minutes

Mayor Edwards motioned to approve minutes from March 3, 2025, Seconded by Commissioner Kirby. Ayes: Commissioner Kirby, Vice Mayor Pettus, and Mayor Edwards. Minutes Approved.

Communications from Mayor

Financials:

Ms. Bowman updated the Commission on the fiscal budget and financials, which were favorable. We are ahead of our expected revenue thus far.

Co-Ed Softball/ Field Use:

Mayor Edwards updated the Commission on the co-ed softball league, mentioning that league fees had been collected and that teams utilizing the field would coordinate mowing/ trimming around one another.

Concession Stand Equipment:

Mayor Edwards updated the commission on the acquisition of concession stand equipment, which includes a popcorn maker, hotdog rollers/warmers, a large rolling grill, a food warming case, and a discussion on buying some stainless-steel tables, which are being purchased through the approved Tourism Grant.

Events:

Mayor Edwards informed the commission that the Farmer's Markets would start in April.

City Manager Report:

Codes Enforcement:

City Manager Kevin Breeding updated the commission on code enforcement issues, including an RV being lived in. Mayor Edwards mentioned two other properties and that TDEC would be looking into the septic matters to ensure the environmental protection associated with those properties.

Commission Remarks:

None, comments closed.

Citizen Comments:

Resident Connie Lowe asked who would be responsible for fixing the large pothole at the corner of Highway 41N and Main Street. City Manager Breeding and Mayor Edwards thought it would be along with the State right of way, but Mayor Edwards said he would patch it as soon as it wasn't holding water, as it may take the State a while to get to it.

Resident Connie Lowe inquired about the status of the Tornado Siren for Cedar Hill. Mayor Edwards updated the commission on the process, said that it had been approved by TEMA & FEMA, that he had spoken with the state grant manager, and that he had gotten an updated quote to send to them to update the price. He did mention that the tornado siren would only be set to go off during a tornado warning and that it would not have gone off over the last several days if severe weather as several other cities didn't activate as they were not under a tornado warning.

Mayor Edwards presented several concerns from Jackson Street and Main Street families regarding speeding. Mayor Edwards mentioned he researched streets in similar cities with the same characteristics as Main Street and that most had 30 MPH speed limits. He was opposed to installing speed humps/bumps on streets that would be repaved in the next few years. He asked that the Commission think about it as they consider it under New Business.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ordinance 2025-01 Budget Amendment

Ordinance amending the 2024-2025 budget to account for the purchase of the park property. Mayor Edwards made a motioned to approve, Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Kirby: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. 1st Reading: 3-0.

Ordinance 2025-02 SLUM Codes Enforcement:

Amendment to the municipal code to allow for code enforcement incorporating new state legislation that enables the municipality to issue a daily fine of \$50/ day under certain circumstances related to codes about structures and/or dwellings. Mayor Edwards made a motioned to approve, Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Roll Vote: Commissioner Kirby: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. 1st Reading: 3-0.

Ordinance 2025-03 Food Vendor:

An ordinance establishing food truck permits and regulations for food vendors operating inside the city limits and ensuring proper state licensing, food inspections, and other rules are being adhered to with all mobile food vendors. Mayor Edwards made a motioned to approve, Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Kirby: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. 1st Reading: 3-0.

Spring Dumpsters: Mayor Edwards mentioned it was nearing time for spring dumpsters for the City of Cedar Hill residents. Mrs. Bowman will be scheduling them for a later time. Motioned, Seconded. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Kirby: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. Spring Dumpsters approved.

Speed Limit: Mayor Edwards proposed reducing the speed limits on the following streets: Jackson, Gospel, Gossett, Old Washington & Main Street to 30MPH within the city limits. The City Manager mentioned he would speak with the Sheriff's office to see if they could also focus on the speed limit in this area. Mayor Edwards made a motioned to approve, Seconded by Commissioner Kirby. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Kirby: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. Speed Limit Changes: approved.

Certificate of Compliance Application for Seller to sell wine at a business that sells other alcohol. Mayor Edwards made a motioned to approve, Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Kirby: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. Approved pending payment of fee.

Adjournment:

Mayor Edwards made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus: Ayes: Commissioner Kirby, Vice Mayor Pettus, Mayor Edwards. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

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