# Minutes Board of Mayor and Commissioners Regular Meeting November 4, 2024

The Cedar Hill City Commission met at the Clubhouse building at 6:00pm.

Mayor John Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

#### Roll Call:

Commissioner Jenna Traughber, Vice Mayor Marquita Pettus and Mayor John Edwards were all present. City Manager Kevin Breeding was present. Mayor Edwards declared a quorum with 3 in attendance and 0 absent.

# Prayer:

Prayer was conducted by Pastor Frank Kirby.

# Previous Meeting Minutes:

Previous Meeting Minutes of October 7th, 2024 were presented. Mayor Edwards made motion to approve previous minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Traughber. Vice Mayor Pettus was on vacation and abstained from the vote. Approved 2-0.

# Communications for Mayor:

Mayor Edwards recognized the loss of Beverly Kirkpatrick. He mentioned she was a founding member of the Cedar Hill Farmers Market and had been involved in many city and county meetings and that she would be missed.

Mayor Edwards recognized Commission Jenna Traughber for her years of service of service as City Commissioner for Cedar Hill as she will not run for reelection and her term is set to expire.

# **Communications for City Manager:**

City Manager Breeding updated the commission on the progress of the ditch drainage project on Mud Cat. He mentioned that the ditches had been lowered and formed. While the culvert cleaning company was able to water jet and clean a few culverts but there were still several that they were unable to jet due to the ends of several culverts being crushed. He did note that drainage projects can be complex and that it was a work in progress.

City Manager Breeding updated the Commission on the paving of Railroad Street and reported that after a few corrections of minor issues, the street is paved. He recognized Rawls Paving for doing a great job and working quickly to fix the minor issues in a timely manner. He mentioned it was done well.

City Manager Breeding updated the City Commission on the progress of the Club House Renovation. He announced that there would be two distinct bids in the bid packet for the Club House Renovation. One item will be the work of renovating the subject area including the kitchen, bathrooms, etc and the other item will be for installing new flooring throughout the building. This will allow us to see how much construction is and how much flooring is. Bid opening will be the first week of December.

City Manager Breeding gave an update on the purchase of the Draper property which is adjacent to the park. After back forth negotiations between the two parties, Mr. Draper accepted the approved offer of \$110,000 for the property. After consulting with a realtor and market rates, City Manager Breeding believes that the City of Cedar Hill got a good deal on the property. Mayor Edwards thanked him for all his hard work in getting the deal done and making the property purchase happen.

### **City Commission Comments:**

Vice Mayor Pettus inquired about the Proclamation for the Korean War POW Tom Caroland. Mayor Edwards mentioned that he had received a flag flown over the Capitol and that they would move forward with working on it, despite the passing of Mr. Caroland.

#### **Public Comments:**

Hearing None, Public Comments Closed

#### Old Business:

Having None, Moving to New Business.

#### **New Business:**

Approval of Draper Property Purchase for \$110,000 and moving \$110,000 from the Investment Pool Account to the General Funds Account to purchase the property:

Mayor Edwards made a motion to approve the purchase of the 5.6 acres of the Draper property for \$110,000 and authorized the transfer of \$110,000 from the Investment Pool to the General Funds Account for funding the purchase. Second by Vice Mayor Pettus. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Traughber: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. Approved 3-0.

## Young Marines Building:

Mayor Edwards informed the board that the Young Marines Building would soon become available, and he wanted to inquire about potential uses of the building. Based on the lack of restrooms, heat/air, etc. there are limitations for public use and there is a liability for the current operations. There was discussion of renting the facility out, potentially allowing partial use of the building for Adams Volunteer Fire to run a truck out if it and to have a facility on that side of the tracks. Mayor Edwards mentioned he would talk with the Fire Chief to evaluate the building for that potential option, but that he remains open to all options on utilizing the facility.

# Surplus Property Approval:

Mayor Edwards presented a list of potential surplus items that are not of use to the City of Cedar Hill due to its condition or its lack of usefulness. Therefore, he proposed selling the items and/or allowing closed bids on the items to be opened later and disposed of soon. Motion to approve the surplus items. Second by Vice Mayor Pettus. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Traughber: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. Approved 3-0.

# Adjourn

Mayor Edwards made motion to adjourn, Second by Vice Mayor Pettus: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Chairman

Secretary - Tempororo

Date

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