Minutes Board of Mayor and Commissioners Regular Meeting January 9, 2023

The Cedar Hill Board of Mayor and Commissioners met in regular session at the Clubhouse building at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Edwards took roll call: Commissioner Traughber, Vice Mayor Pettus and Mayor Edwards all in attendance. Recorder was absent.

Reviewed and approved minutes from December 2022 and corrected minutes from November 2022. Mayor Edwards made motion to approve previous minutes, Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Mayor Edwards: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Commissioner Traughber: Yes. (Minutes Accepted)

Discussed Ordinance 2023-01: Changing meeting to the first Monday of the month at 6pm in the Club House. Mayor Edwards opened the floor to discussion and got positive feedback from the residents. Mayor Edwards made motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01. Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Mayor Edwards: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Commissioner Traughber: Yes. (Approved 3-0)

Mayor Edwards discussed adopting a new agenda format to ensure that the agendas are and meetings are consistent. Mayor Edwards mentioned that the new agenda will reintroduce prayer, structure the meeting and bring some order to meetings that have been lacking in the past. Mayor Edwards made motion to approve. Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Mayor Edwards: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Commissioner Traughber: Yes. (Approved 3-0)

Mayor Edwards updated the board on the City Manager hiring process and the board discussed the two candidates: Mr. Breeding & Mr. Hellman Mayor Edwards mentioned the benefits of having a city manager in addition to the requirements of having one with our charter. Commissioner Traughber referenced Grant Writing as an added benefit as well. Commissioner Traughber mentioned that Kevin Breeding may have more time to to be City Manager than Mr. Hellman. Mayor Edwards also pointed out that both candidates were impressive, but felt Mr. Breeding may be the right choice due to the time it would take to get everything rolling. After discussion, Mayor Edwards made a motion to move forward in the hiring process by now working on finalizing pay/benefits with the potential Interim City Manager. After completion of that process Mayor Edwards mentioned that we'd schedule a Special Called Meeting to formally hire the City Manager. Seconded by Commissioner Traughber. . Mayor Edwards: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Commissioner Traughber: Yes. (Approved 3-0)

Mayor Edwards discussed Budget Amendment in which we will allow for Elected Officials Training to be completed and we'll carry that to next budget year and approve it. Mayor Edwards also talked about the need to officially amend the budget to account for the added salary of a City Manager once that's finalized.

Mayor Edwards presented the contract agreement request from the County E911 to continue to do addressing. Mayor Edwards mentioned that he had spoken with Mrs. Lowe about it and that the other cities had already approved the agreement or signed it. Mayor Edwards mentioned that he had spoken with Adams Mayor Wayne Evans and that they had approved it as well. Vice Mayor Pettus voiced her concerns on changing addresses and the issues that could cause for impacted residents. Mayor Edwards expressed that he doubted that residents inside the traditional city area would be impacted due to lack of area to build enough houses to require a change, but that he and other Hwy 41 residents could be impacted if there was considerable development along the highway. Mayor Edwards made Motion to Approve, but received no Second. (Item dies for lack of a second.)

Mayor Edwards also asked for the board to approve A&B Hauling to remove several mattresses and a couch that had been left around the city. Mayor Edwards mad emotion to approve. Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Mayor Edwards: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Commissioner Traughber: Yes. (Approved 3-0)

The board opened up the meeting to discussion and listened to concerns and feedback from those in attendance. We discussed property upkeep, building permit approvals and the need to improve. Mayor Edwards mentioned that he had gone back and read meeting minutes all the way from 2001 and that the city had slowly moved away from really enforcing ordinances with regards to dilapidated properties or unsafe structures.

Mayor Edwards also mentioned that The Joint Economic Development Board would meet on Thursday at 4pm and invited others to attend. Commissioner Traughber asked him to forward future meeting dates and times to the board. Mayor Edwards agreed.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Edwards made motion to adjourn the meeting was adjourned. Seconded my Vice Mayor Pettus. All yays.

Mayor Edwards

Vice Mayor Pettus

Commissioner Traughber

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