

**WILLOW PARK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
516 RANCH HOUSE ROAD WILLOW PARK, TEXAS 76087
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011**

I. Call to Order

Mayor Hawkins called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:38 P.M

II. Quorum Check

Mayor Ken Hawkins
Council Member Gene Martin
Council Member Barry Brown
Council Member Mark Hickerson
Mayor Pre-tem Hale Alderman

Also Present:

City Administrator Candy Scott
City Attorney Rider Scott
City Secretary Yael Hoffman

Absent:

Council Member Tatum

III. Invocation

Mayor Hawkins gave the invocation

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hawkins led the Pledge of allegiance

V. Community Announcements

Mayor Hawkins announced the Election that will take place in 6 weeks, he invited the citizens to stay and meet the candidates during the Mayor's open forum.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting of February 23, 2011

****Council Member Martin moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 23, 2011, seconded by Council Member Hickerson**

Aye votes: Council Members: Martin, Brown, Hickerson & Alderman

Nay votes: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0

Mayor Pro-tem Alderman stated that he was voting for the portion of the meeting he was present for.

VII. Citizen Presentations

Kathy Kenney of 138 Muirfield addressed the Council asking why the streets in Willow Park Village are not covered by the city. We don't want apartments next to us it is not American to not let us vote on the apartments.

Tara Stark of 2004 Ranch House Rd addressed the Council stating when you sell a home to an individual you sell it because of the Aledo ISD, our schools are perfect, that's why people move in to our community and that is why our homes have stayed the value that they are. We are rich because we live in America, we are rich because we have choices, we are rich because we get to choose to move to the Aledo ISD. Apartments do affect the quality of our school. It does not matter how much stone or landscaping you put around it, it does not change what happens when apartments come in over a period of time.

Blake Smith of from 216 Appaloosa addressed the Council stating: I would like to know how many of these units will be paid or partially paid by the government. If you allow apartments the teachers will have to discipline the kids, then we will not get to learn. For example at Crowley ISD they took all the kids that needed to be disciplined and put them in one class and all the kids that wanted to learn but couldn't were put in a different class. If you put apartments here you will create another Crowley ISD. Been there done that, and I didn't like at all.

David Bullard of from 1201 Woodbridge Court addressed the Council stating: Our community can not afford apartments right now. Every summer we are going to high water rationing. High density housing is not going to help that cause, it is going be worse. I didn't hear any explanation on what we are going to do to address the water issue like building additional tanks for water, or bringing surface water to Willow Park. It is not the right time. What about the traffic? We have taken on significant debt over the last years because we want good roads. However; you start talking about 17.5 units per acre that is going to result a significant traffic. That is going to be a substantial cost above and beyond any tax benefit from these apartments. What about Fire and Police? To expect them to have to respond to that type of high density housing it unfair to them. We are going to have some cost to expend to our police and Fire Department, it is the only right thing to do for them if we built these apartments. Because we can not afford these costs right now, it is best we forgo the apartments. The cost of water delivery will be higher than any cost benefit, the cost of traffic will be higher than any cost benefit, the cost to our Fire and Police department will be higher than any tax benefit, and the cost for school infrastructure will be higher than any tax benefit. Mr. Mayor that is why you see all of these people here. People are frustrated, finances are tight and we see are taxes go up and up.

Scott Watkins of 317 Surry Lane addressed the Council stating: I have dealt with law enforcement over in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex for the last 14 years. Many of things that I am working on with them are investigations on property crimes which are home break-ins, car break-ins, vandalism to cars and homes. The majority of these crimes are higher in areas where there are apartments. I have talked to some of the Council Members on this and

they said that we are going to get more tax revenue from that, and you Mr. Mayor said so too. I have lived here 18 years and my property tax has gone up multiple times and my home value has not gone up. I have talked to Councilman Tatum on the phone and told him of my concerns about the possible increase in crime that could be brought to our area, and his statement to me on the phone was that he probably would not live here that far in the future and it did not concern him.

VIII. Mayor's Update

Mayor Hawkins did not give an update.

IX. Old Business

- A. Discussion/Action – To consider and take action to receive and accept the dedication from Willow Park Village, a subdivision of the City, certain roads within said subdivision, including: Winged Foot Drive, Firestone Drive, Sawgrass Drive, Spyglass Drive, Bay Hill Drive, Bay Hill Court, Troon Drive, Muirfield Drive, Castle Pines Drive, Olympic Drive, Prairie Dunes Drive, and Pebble Beach Drive (Mayor Hawkins)

****Council Member Brown moved to receive and accept the dedication from Willow Park Village, a subdivision of the City, certain roads within said subdivision, including: Winged Foot Drive, Firestone Drive, Sawgrass Drive, Spyglass Drive, Bay Hill Drive, Bay Hill Court, Troon Drive, Muirfield Drive, Castle Pines Drive, Olympic Drive, Prairie Dunes Drive, and Pebble Beach Drive with the contingency that the HOA work with the Public Works Director for replacement of signage and joint sealing on the streets, seconded by Council Member Martin**

Aye votes: Council Members: Martin, Brown, Hickerson & Alderman

Nay votes: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0

X. New Business

- A. Discussion/Action - To consider and take action on an application to for Replat Blocks 19R and 72R, El Chico Addition, an Addition to the City of Willow Park, Texas according to the plat recorded in cabinet B, Page 681, Plat Records, Parker County, Texas (David Fritz)

****Council Member Martin move to take the Planning and Zoning Commissions recommendation to approve the re-plat of Blocks 19R and 72R, El Chico Addition, an Addition to the City of Willow Park, Texas according to the plat recorded in cabinet B, Page 681, Plat Records, Parker County, Texas, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Alderman**

Aye votes: Council Members: Martin, Brown, Hickerson & Alderman

Nay votes: None
Abstained: None
Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0

- B. Discussion/Action – To consider and take action on establishing a warranty for the road repair to Kings Gate Road required due to installation of a wastewater utility pipeline (Council Member Martin)

****Council Member Martin moved that the Willow Park Wastewater Utility document responsibility for and provide assurance that the Wastewater Fund shall be used as necessary to repair, keep, and maintain the King Gates Road surface where the utility pipe line or lines were laid for a period of at least 5 years after the date of patching/cuts made to the road surface, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Alderman**

Aye votes: Council Members: Martin, Hickerson & Alderman
Nay votes: Council Member Brown
Abstained: None
Motion passed with a vote of 3-1-0

- C. Discussion/Action – To consider and take action on the status of a vote related to rezoning a 9.2 acre tract of land part of the John Cole Survey, Abstract no. 218 Parker County, Texas from light industrial (LI) to multi Family (R-3) (Council Member Martin)

****Council Member Martin moved for the City Council to request that an Ordinance be drafted for review by both the Willow Park City Council and the Willow Park Planning and Zoning Commission to modify the Willow Park Code of Ordinances, specifically Section 12.2005 to replace the current text “one (1) year” to read instead “six (6) months”. Further, coordination between the City Attorney and the City Administrator shall provide the draft Ordinance for review within fifteen (15) days along with a schedule of necessary public hearings as may be required to implement this change, seconded by Council Member Hickerson**

Aye votes: Council Members: Martin, Alderman
Nay votes: Council Member Brown, Hickerson
Abstained: Mayor Hawkins
Motion failed with a vote of 2-2-1

The request for rezoning a 9.2 acre tract of land part of the John Cole Survey, Abstract no. 218 Parker County, Texas from light industrial (LI) to multi Family (R-3) was denied on February 02, 2010.

- D. Discussion/Action – To consider and take action to receive and accept the dedication of Crown Point Blvd. Phase 1 (Mayor Hawkins)

****Council Member Brown moved to receive and accept the dedication of Crown Point Blvd Phase I, seconded by Council Member Hickerson**

Aye votes: Council Members: Martin, Brown, Hickerson & Alderman

Nay votes: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0

- E. Discussion/Action – To consider and take action on ordinance No. _____, an Ordinance amending several provisions on Chapter 2 “Animal Control”, relating to definitions of secure enclosure and identifying structures that may be protected (Mayor Hawkins)

****Council Member Martin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 632-11, an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, “Animal Control” and articles therein related to the definition of restraint, secure enclosure and providing for an appropriate use and location of a guard dog pursuant to the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of Willow Park, Texas; and providing for publication and an effective date, seconded by Council Member Hickerson**

Aye votes: Council Members: Martin, Brown, Hickerson & Alderman

Nay votes: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0

- F. Discussion – Update on Budget Performance FY 2011 all funds (City Administrator Scott)

City Administrator Scott reported on the budget performance of all funds through February of 2011.

- G. Discussion – Safe Passing Ordinance (Council Member Brown)

Council Member Brown handed out an Ordinance from the City of Fort Worth to the Council requesting they review the Ordinance and consider the adoption of such an Ordinance by the City of Willow Park to ensure the safety of people using the roadways in the City.

- H. Discussion – 2010 Decennial Census Results (Mayor Hawkins)

There was a short discussion on the census results of the City.

- I. Discussion – Willow Park Reserve Funds (Mayor Hawkins)

Mayor Hawkins gave the Council Members a graph showing the reserve funds over the last ten years. There was a short discussion on the City’s reserve funds.

XI. Recess To Executive Session

Mayor Hawkins called the recess to Executive Session at 8:16 P.M.

Pursuant to the Provision of Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in Accordance with Authority contained in...

A ...Section 551.074 -- Personnel Matters

1. Review of Staff Reductions
2. Discussion of Personnel Performance

XIII. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Mayor Hawkins reconvened to the open meeting at 8:50 P.M.

A ...Discussion/Action -- To consider and take action on any item discussed in Executive Session (Mayor Hawkins)

No Action

XIV. Adjournment

Mayor Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM

APPROVED

Kenneth Hawkins, Mayor
City of Willow Park, Texas

ATTEST:


Yael Hoffman City Secretary
City of Willow Park, Texas