



**MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Benbrook City Council was held on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 7:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers at 911 Winscott Road with the following Council members present:

Jerry Dittrich  
Charlie Anderson  
Keith Bailey  
Rickie Allison  
Jim Wilson  
Mark Washburn  
Ron Sauma

Also Present:

Andy Wayman, City Manager  
Joanna King, City Secretary  
Dave Gattis, Deputy City Manager  
James Mills, Police Chief

Others Present:

Ed Gallagher, City Planner  
Robert Rowley, City Engineer  
Members of the Western Hills High School Cougar  
Band  
and 2 other citizens

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p. m. by Mayor Dittrich.

**II. INVOCATION  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation was given by Dr. Larry Sanders with Trinity Hills Baptist Church.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**III. MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of the regular meeting held December 3, 2009**

Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Allison to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held December 3, 2009 as presented.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

#### **IV. CITIZEN PRESENTATION**

##### **1. Patty Bissey – Western Hills Cougar Band summary of accolades for the 2009 fall season**

Patty Bissey gave a summary of the accomplishments and awards received by the Western Hills High School Cougar Band during the past season.

Mayor Dittrich and members of City Council expressed their appreciation to the Band for their representation of the school as well as the City.

#### **V. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER**

##### **G-1890 Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Worth Independent School District and City of Benbrook to facilitate Department of Justice Community Policing Services**

Police Chief James Mills gave the following report: In 2009, the Benbrook Police Department was awarded a grant under the U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services - Secure Our Schools Program. The grant may only be used to purchase school security related equipment and requires a fifty percent (50%) match. The Department of Justice has allocated \$80,620 for this project and the Fort Worth Independent School District has agreed to provide the remaining fifty percent (50%) cash match of \$80,620, for a total project cost of \$161,240. The grant funds will be used to purchase and install surveillance cameras, monitoring systems, metal detectors, and portable graffiti cameras.

Under the proposed agreement, Fort Worth ISD will make all purchases and provide appropriate documentation to the City for the administration of the grant. Benbrook will act as a fiscal agent, coordinating reimbursements from the U.S. Department of Justice to the Fort Worth Independent School District. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Benbrook and the Fort Worth ISD is necessary to facilitate the agreement.

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Sauma to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Fort Worth Independent School District and the City of Benbrook to facilitate the Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services – Secure Our Schools Grant.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

**G-1891 Consider Projects and Hold Public Hearing for 36<sup>th</sup> Year Community Development Block Grant project**

Mr. Gattis gave the following report: The Community Development Block Grant program is administered by HUD to benefit low to moderate income residents. Benbrook participates through the Tarrant County Mayors' Council.

Eligible project include:

- Public facilities such as streets, sidewalks, water and sewer facilities, parks in low income areas, and senior citizen centers
- Removal of architectural barriers to the handicapped
- Housing rehabilitation and code enforcement in low income areas
- Public services such as employment services, crime prevention, child care, drug abuse prevention, etc. directed at low income areas (15% cap)
- Job creation and business retention in low income areas

HUD is increasingly restrictive on uses of CDBG funds.

Potential projects are:

- Contract with Fort Worth Transportation Authority for Elderly and Handicapped Transit service
- Pay salary of Senior Citizens Coordinator
- Improve Handicapped Access within Dutch Branch Park – project would include 20 elevated wheelchair viewing stands, ramps and paved approaches
- Reduce User Fees at Benbrook Community Center/YMCA
- Housing Rehabilitation

Mayor Dittrich opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. No one spoke to the item. Mayor Dittrich closed the public hearing at 7:52 p.m.

Mr. Gattis stated staff recommends that the City Council direct staff to prepare the 36<sup>th</sup> Year Community Development Block Grant application to include:

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| Elderly and Handicapped Transit             | \$ | 7,529  |
| Senior Citizens Coordinator                 |    | 19,448 |
| Wheelchair view stands in Dutch Branch Park |    | 53,043 |
| Housing rehabilitation                      |    | 9,980  |

Motion by Mr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Bailey to accept Staff recommendations for the 36<sup>th</sup> Year Community Development Block Grant application.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

**G-1892      Public Right-of-Way Use License with Barnett Gathering L.P.  
(Natural Gas Pipeline Crossing)**

Mayor Dittrich announced that this item had been withdrawn by Staff for consideration at a later meeting.

**VI.    INFORMAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**VII.   ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

APPROVED

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Jerry B. Dittrich, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joanna King, City Secretary