



**MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF THE
BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Benbrook City Council was held on Thursday, February 18, 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
Bob Rowley, City Engineer
Phyllis Wolfe, IT Director

Others Present:

Ed Gallagher, Planner
Bill Smith
Walter Dueuease, XTO
Michael Lisenbee, Barnett Gathering
Catherine Lisenbee, Barnett Gathering
R. F. Gray, Barnett Gathering
T.R. Van Riper, Barnett Gathering
And 3 other citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

**II. INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation given by Pastor Patti Waser with Benbrook United Methodist Church
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 4, 2010

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Sauma to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held February 4, 2010.

Vote on the Motion:

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

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

IV. PROCLAMATION/AWARDS/RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation – Severe Weather Awareness Week

Mayor Dittrich read a proclamation designating February 21-27, 2010 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

V. STAFF PRESENTATION

1. Tommy Davis, Fire Chief – CodeRed Weather Warning System

Fire Chief Tommy Davis gave the following overview of the CodeRed Weather Warning System.

Just as a reminder to everyone, this past November City council approved the contract with Emergency Communications Network Inc. (ECN) for the CodeRed Weather Warning notification system.

The Weather Warning product was designed to automatically deliver targeted severe weather warnings, flash flood warnings and tornado warning alerts moments after being issued by the National Weather Service. The calls are delivered so quickly they often arrive prior to any other public notifications, usually before television or weather radio broadcasts are aired, providing citizens with extra time to prepare.

How CodeRed Weather Warning works:

When the National Weather Service issues a bulletin identifying a storm, CodeRed Weather Warning instantly picks it up and interprets it to determine the severity and the exact areas impacted. A calling database of all subscribers within the projected path is generated and telephone messages are sent to them immediately.

Features of CodeRed Weather Warning

Automatically initiated messages. Warnings are generated automatically through proprietary computer algorithms...

Geographically targeted warnings. Using heading and speed to determine the most vulnerable areas, CodeRed Weather Warning calls those most at risk first.

Polygon methodology. Based on the National Weather Service's polygon methodology, only citizens in the path of projected weather are contacted, thereby increasing relevance and reducing false alarms.

Opt-in model. Only citizens who sign up will receive the notifications. They may elect to receive alerts for any combination of severe weather warnings. Although citizens may be registered to receive CodeRed notifications, they still must register for the weather alert system.

VI. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER

A. GENERAL

G-1892 Approve Right-o-Way Use License with Barnett Gathering L.P. (Natural Gas Pipeline Crossing)

Bob Rowley gave the following report: Barnett Gathering, L.P. is constructing an additional natural gas gathering pipeline in Benbrook. The pipeline is a continuation of an existing line and will deliver natural gas to the existing Barnett Gathering Compressor Station located adjacent to Aledo Road. To accomplish this, Barnett Gathering needs to cross Benbrook streets in seven locations.

The pipeline will connect to an existing natural gas gathering line on the Edwards property just south of I-20 and west of the Clear Fork of the Trinity River. The line will then extend north, crossing under I-20 and Bellaire Drive and then onto the Texas Electric Service Easement. The pipeline will then continue in a generally north/northeast direction in the easement crossing under Windward Court, Windward Road, Legend Road, Country Day Road, Lago Vista Road, Highway 183 and Bellaire Drive. The pipeline will terminate at the Lockheed Martin Recreation Center tract.

On April 2, 2009, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1825 which established licensing procedures for the use of public rights-of-way and established a \$46/linear foot fee for a 20-year license. The Public Right-of-Way License for Barnett Gathering covers the seven street crossings and requires a fee of \$24,518. The City will have oversight approval of the construction methods used and the Barnett Gathering is required to restore the right-of-way to an acceptable standard at the completion of construction.

The line will be bored through residential areas including Bellaire Drive and Mont Del Subdivision. The boring pit for these areas will be south of I-20 in the TxDOT right-of-way adjacent to the Edwards property. A second boring pit will be directly adjacent to Highway 183.

In addition to the Right-of-Way Use License, Barnett Gathering voluntarily drafted a letter of understanding describing work operations for the project.

Motion by Mr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Anderson to approve the Right-of-Way Use License with Barnett Gathering, L.P. for the seven street crossings.

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-1897 Accept finance report for month of January 2010

Andy Wayman gave the following report: General Fund revenues for the month of January totaled \$2,767,969. The largest portion came from property taxes. Current collections exceed prior year totaled by \$106,383.

Sales tax revenue continues to trail budget projections by approximately 10%. However, a significant increase in building permit fees make up for the shortfall. Staff will continue to closely monitor revenues.

General Fund expenditures totaled \$1,008,342. Year-to-date expenditures amounted to \$4,455,673. Total revenues exceed total expenditures by \$3,655,486 at January 31, 2010.

Investments were \$17,347,620 at January 31, 2010.

Motion by Mr. Washburn, seconded by Mr. Bailey to accept the monthly financial report for the month of January 2010.

Vote on the Motion:

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

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

VIII. INFORMAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

APPROVED:

Jerry B. Dittrich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanna King, City Secretary