



**MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF THE
BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Benbrook City Council was held on Thursday, June 21, 2007 at 7:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers at 911 Winscott Road with the following Council members present:

Jerry Dittrich
Keith Bailey
Ron Sauma
Rickie Allison
James Schull
Larry Stowe
Dan Tully

Also Present:

Andy Wayman, City Manager
Joanna King, City Secretary
Dave Gattis, Deputy City Manager
Walter Shumac, Director of Public Services

Others Present:

Dorcas Neuman, Benbrook News
Liz Campbell, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Ed Gallagher, City Planner
Madonna Tully
Valarie Stowe
Bill Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pennington
Kyle McClure
Pamela Brandenburg
and 5 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 Associate Pastor Kyle McClure with Restoration Family Church
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held May 17, 2007

Motion by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Allison to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 17, 2007 as presented.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Schull, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Tully, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held June 7, 2007

Motion by Mr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Schull to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 7, 2007 as presented.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Tully, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma, Mr. Schull

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATION BY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

V. CITIZEN PRESENTATION

1. Ben Pennington – Discuss establishment of Dog Park

Ben and Trisha Pennington presented information to City Council regarding the establishment of a Dog Park.

Surrounding Parks

Arlington
Dallas

Grand Prairie
Denton

Fort Worth
Southlake

North Richland Hills

Materials Needed

Start Up

Chain link fence with double gate entry
Water source
Benches

Future

Lighting
Trees
Additional benches

Pooper Scooper stations
Trash cans
Irrigation System
Land
Parking

Agility equipment
Dog Park Website

Proposed Land

Over-flow parking area in Dutch Branch Park off Park Road #1. Area is seldom used and is adequate to meet needs of Dog Park.

Why go to a Dog Park?

Socialize and exercise dogs in safe environment
Provide elderly and disabled owners with accessible place to exercise their companions
Enable dogs to legally run off-lease
Close to Home

How could Dog Park help Benbrook

Brings visitors and tax dollars into City
Added incentive to live in Benbrook
Protects public health and safety

Rules

1. Dogs must be licensed and have current rabies vaccinations on their tags
2. Dogs belonging to Fort Worth residents must display city license tags issued by Animal Services
3. Dogs to remain on-leash while entering and exiting the designated area
4. Dogs must be kept on-leash until inside the double-gated entry
5. Owners are to stay within the park and within view of their dogs
6. Dogs shall be under the voice control of their owners at all times
7. Any dog exhibiting aggressive behavior must be removed immediately
8. Owners are liable for damage or injury inflicted by their dogs
9. Owners must have a visible leash at all times
10. Owners are responsible for removal and disposal of feces of their pets
11. All children must be under strict supervision and an adult must accompany those under the age of 12
12. No puppies under 4 months of age
13. Dogs in heat are not allowed
14. Park users and dog owners assume all risk related to dog park use
15. Small dog area is for animals under 40 lbs. only. Small dogs may play in the large dog area at their own risk, but is not recommended
16. Owners shall repair any damage done by their dog (i.e. holes dug by the dog)
17. The off-leash area shall maintain operational during park hours, unless otherwise posted

18. No food or drink allowed in the dog park
19. Owners waive liability to the city for any injury or damage caused to or by pets during any time while using the park.

No action taken on this item. Staff instructed to determine cost associated with facility for City Council review.

VI. PRESENTATION BY MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Elect representative for Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition Executive Committee

Mr. Gattis gave the following report: The purpose of Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition is to advocate for transportation improvements in the western half of the Metroplex. Benbrook has a seat at the monthly membership meetings.

Presently Mayor Ken Shetter (City of Burleson) serves on the Executive Board representing the cities of Benbrook, Burleson, Crowley, Edgecliff Village, Azle, Blue Mound, Lakeside, Lake Worth, Newark, Pelican Bay, River Oaks, Saginaw, Sansom Park, Westover Hills, Westworth Village, and White Settlement.

With the expiration of Mayor Shetter's term, cities are asked to determine whether to cast its vote for Mayor Shetter to serve another term or to nominate someone else.

Motion by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mr. Schull for the City Council to vote for Mayor Shetter to serve another term on the TRTC Executive Committee.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Tully, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma, Mr. Schull, Mr. Bailey

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

VII. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER

A. GENERAL

G-1706 Financial report for month ending May 31, 2007

Mr. Wayman gave the following report: General Fund revenues for the month of May totaled \$601,736. Through May, total year-to-date collections were \$10,277,880 or 86% of the amount budgeted.

General Fund Expenditures for the month of May totaled \$721,228. Through May, total expenditures were \$7,295,959 or 61% of the original budget. At May 31, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$2,981,924.

The Benbrook Economic Development revenues for May were \$137,108 with most of this amount coming from Sales Tax. Expenditures were \$238,221, with most of this amount going toward the purchase of additional property. Through the end of May, expenditures exceed revenues by \$569,237.

Investments were \$13,370,935 at May 31, 2007.

Motion by Mr. Schull, seconded by Mr. Sauma to accept the financial report for the month of May 2007 as presented.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Tully, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma, Mr. Schull, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Allison

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

VIII. OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS

IX. INFORMAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jerry B. Dittrich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanna King, City Secretary