

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
CITY OF PRAIRIE VIEW OF WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

Call to Order

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Certification of Quorum

Roll Call of the Quorum was completed by City Secretary Janie Willman.

The following City Council Members were present:

Mayor Frank Jackson
Council Member Jonathan Miller
Council Member / Mayor Pro Tem Jonathon Randle
Council Member Marie Herndon
Council Member Paulette Matthews-Barnett
Council Member Herbert Thomas arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Also present were City Secretary Janie Willman and City Financial Advisor JJ Johnson.

Invocation

Reverend Barnett delivered the invocation.

Motion by Council Member Barnett and second by Council Member Miller to move Agenda Item 12, the discussion on the Sandra Bland Parkway and other related actions taken on August 25, 2015 to be the first agenda item undertaken.

Council Member Miller	Yes
Council Member Randle	Yes
Council Member Herndon	Yes
Council Member Thomas	Yes
Council Member Barnett	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discuss and consider action to rescind the vote taken that renamed University Drive to Sandra Bland Parkway and other related actions taken on August 25, 2015. (Council Member Barnett)

Council Member Barnett explained that she requested the placement of this agenda item for this date to allow the residents of Prairie View to address the City Council about the actions the City Council took on August 25, 2015 to rename University Drive to Sandra Bland Parkway and related actions. Ms. Barnett further explained that she did

The following individuals addressed the City Council indicating their support of renaming University Drive as Sandra Bland Parkway.

not feel the citizens were properly represented at the August 25, 2015 City Council Meeting.

Mr. Dwayne Charleston, Mr. Bruce Davis, Ms. Jean Wilkinson, Mr. LaVaughn Mosley, Mr. Malcolm Jackson, Mr. David Allen, Mr. Merian Harrell, Reverend Hanna Bonner, Ms. LaToya Smith, Mr. Emory Davis.

The following individuals addressed the City Council indicating their opposition of renaming University Drive as Sandra Bland Parkway.

Tyra Cyrus Maddox, Angela Williams, Ramona Dillard, Dr. Vanessa Witherspoon, Essa Bell Miller, Dr. Michael Prince.

Reverend Lenora Dabney asked that the City Council do something positive.

Motion by Council Member Barnett and second by Council Member Thomas to rescind the vote from August 25, 2015 to change the name of University Drive to Sandra Bland Parkway and consider all the thoughts and opinions and we can come back and take a vote on it when we have legal counsel present.

Mayor Jackson asked for a record vote.

Council Member Miller No
Council Member Randle No
Council Member Herndon No
Council Member Thomas No
Council Member Barnett I vote to change it.

The motion carried by majority vote.

The City Council reconvened after a 10 minute break at 7:28 p.m. The City Secretary recertified the City Council quorum. The following City Council Members were present: Mayor Frank Jackson, Council Member Jonathan Miller, Council Member Jonathon Randle, Council Member Marie Herndon, Council Member Herbert Thomas, and Council Member Paulette Matthews-Barnett.

Also present were City Secretary Janie Willman, City Attorney Paula Alexander, and City Financial Advisor JJ Johnson.

Citizens Comments

Mr. David Allen addressed the City Council about an interlocal agreement with Waller County to affect snake removal in the Alta Vista addition.

Reverend Boudreau addressed the City Council to increase and continue its funding to the Volunteer Fire Fighting Association to continue providing quality public services to the community.

Mr. Ron Leverett addressed the City Council regarding his being escorted out of a recent Prairie View 4B Economic Development Corporation Board Meeting. He indicated he was not out of order or disturbing the peace. He questioned legal fees and the lack of placement of agenda items.

Mr. LaVaughn Mosley addressed the City Council regarding Council Member Jonathan Miller's election under General Law statutes. Mr. Mosley stated Council Member Miller is entitled to serve a full two year term. He requested that the payments to the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Department cease until the City gets some transparency.

Mr. Malcolm Jackson addressed the City Council about the payments to the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Department. He questioned the appointment of the safety management coordinator. He asked why Council Member Herndon's items are not on the agenda, including the return of the property at 711 University Drive.

Consider if deemed appropriate, take action to designate a site for Prairie View A & M Homecoming vendors.

The City Council considered designating a site for Prairie View A & M University Homecoming vendors to locate their temporary businesses in order to effectively manage people and traffic flow.

Motion by Council Member Thomas and second by Council Member Randle to designate the area from U. S. 290 to the entrance of the Prairie View A & M University to Owens Road as the designated area for Homecoming vendors to include the permitting processes with notice to property owners.

Council Member Miller	Yes
Council Member Randle	Yes
Council Member Herndon	Yes
Council Member Thomas	Yes
Council Member Barnett	Abstained

The motion carried by majority vote.

Consider, and if deemed appropriate, on a Resolution closing sections of FM 1098 on Saturday, October 10, 2015, for the Prairie View A & M University Homecoming Parade.

The City Council considered approving a Resolution closing sections of FM 1098 on Saturday, October 10, 2015, for the PVAMU Homecoming Parade. Closing the boulevard will allow the City to more safely manage the traffic flow, ensuring enjoyment by all, and safety of those who attend and participate in the Parade.

Motion by Council Member Randle and second by Council Member Thomas to approve Resolution 2015-0922 closing sections of FM 1098 on Saturday, October 10, 2015 for the PVAMU Homecoming Parade.

Council Member Miller	Yes
Council Member Randle	Yes
Council Member Herndon	Yes
Council Member Thomas	Yes
Council Member Barnett	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Consider, and if deemed appropriate, adopt a Funding Agreement with the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Fighting Association authorizing the City of Prairie View to Pay a Monthly Payment in the amount of \$750 to retire debts for construction of the Fire Station and provide for expansion of services.

The City Council deliberated about the need for firefighting services for the City as well as accountability.

Motion by Council Member Herndon to withhold the \$750 monthly payment until the City Council gets the Prairie View Fire Fighting Association's Financial Reports. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Council Member Randle and second by Council Member Matthews-Barnett to table this agenda matter pending a workshop meeting to allow the City Council additional time to study this matter and to obtain any outstanding financial reports.

Council Member Miller	Yes
Council Member Randle	Yes
Council Member Herndon	Yes
Council Member Thomas	Yes

Council Member Barnett Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discuss and consider action if deemed appropriate on the 4-B Prairie View Economic Development Corporation's Retail Business Incentive Program

A. Revitalization Program

B. Texas Department of Transportation Logo and Directional Signs Program

C. Retail Business Job Creation and Retention Program

Motion by Council Member Thomas and second by Council Member Herndon that the City Council approve the 4B Economic Development Corporation Board programs as presented.

Council Member Miller Yes
Council Member Randle Yes
Council Member Herndon Yes
Council Member Thomas Yes
Council Member Barnett Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 City of Prairie View Budgets

Mayor Jackson opened the Public Hearing at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. David Allen addressed the impact of rainwater infiltration into the sewage system as reflected in the proposed Budget. He indicated the City should be making some kind of allowance for the rainwater infiltration he attributes being processed by the sewage system.

Waller County Commissioner Jeron Barnett addressed the need to continue to increase support for the Police Department based on Chief Johnson's professional experience and autonomy because that is what we are basing our safety on.

Mr. Malcolm Jackson addressed the need to support the Police and provide whatever is required for the Police Department to have good public safety for our residents, the students, and visitors.

Ms. Manuel addressed the need to consider the effect of the property tax increases on the City's residents. The County has decreased the taxes for senior citizens. She asked what will be done to relieve the tax burden on the property owners.

Mr. David Allen addressed the need to reduce legal fees rather than increase the budgetary line. He stated we need it for public safety and not legal fees.

There being no other speakers, Mayor Jackson closed the Public Hearing at 9:16 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Randle and second by Council Member Thomas to table items on the Prairie View City Budget Adoption and the 2015 Tax Levy until Monday, September 28, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Consider and take a record vote on an Ordinance approving and adopting the City of Prairie View's General Budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and making appropriations for the City for such year as reflected in said budget; establishing the procedure for intra-budget transfers and containing other provisions related to the subject.

Consider and take a record vote on an Ordinance providing for the Levy and Collection of ad valorem taxes for the City of Prairie View, Texas for the year 2015; providing for the date on which such taxes shall be due and payable; providing for penalty and interest on all taxes not timely made; providing for Severability; and Repealing all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict therewith.

Department Head Reports

Department Reports were enclosed in the City Council Packet.

Accounting – JJ Johnson

Administrative Report – Janie Willman asked that the subcommittee on agenda development and meeting processes group get together to develop a set of guidelines to ensure that moving forward the City Council has the information it needs to make fully informed decisions in packets delivered timely. This would allow the staff to ensure that all City Council Members' agenda items are placed on the agenda and brought forward for the City Council's consideration.

Delinquent Tax Report – Tia Alix

Municipal Court Report – Judge Morris Overstreet

Police Report – Chief Larry Johnson

Public Works Operations – Frederick Alexander

Tax Report – Waller ISD

Council Members Reports (written)

City Council written reports were submitted. Council Member Thomas went on record that under the 4B EDC Bylaws, the president is allowed to vote on matters before the 4B EDC Board.

Mayors Report / Remarks

Mayor Jackson made brief remarks. The Mayor's written report was submitted.

Announcements. There were no announcements made.

Adjourn. Motion by Council Member Randle and second by Council Member Herndon to adjourn the City Council Meeting.

Council Member Miller	Yes
Council Member Randle	Yes
Council Member Herndon	Yes
Council Member Thomas	Yes
Council Member Barnett	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approved this 27th day of October, 2015.



Mayor Frank D. Jackson

ATTEST:



City Secretary Janie Willman