

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
PRAIRIE VIEW CITY COUNCIL OF WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Randle called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Certification of Quorum

Roll Call of Quorum was certified by City Secretary Janie Willman. The following City Council Members were present: Council Member / Mayor Pro Tem Jonathon Randle, Council Member Jonathan Miller, Council Member Marie Herndon, Council Member Herbert Thomas, and Council Member Paulette Matthews-Barnett. Mayor Frank D. Jackson arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Also in attendance: City Secretary Janie Willman, Attorney David Olson of Olson and Olson, LLP.

Invocation

Council Member Thomas delivered the invocation.

Citizens Comments

Mr. LaVaughn Mosley spoke on the need for transparency regarding the City's continuing payment of \$750 to the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Fighting Association, asking for a copy of the agreement and the minutes. He referenced a need for a police investigation. Mr. Mosley stated our Police Officers have worked and accumulated compensatory time since 2004 and noted that the City should pay them.

Motion was made by Council Member Herndon seconded by Council Member Miller for additional time.

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

Mr. Malcolm Jackson asked why an outside investigator is proposed to be brought in when the Chief knows the Police Policy related to the use of tasers. He referenced an NPR Radio interview which Mayor Jackson gave. He asked why compensatory time for Police Officers was not included in the budget. He noted that more street lights are needed on Hollyhock and Alleda. He noted the City Council needs to be held

accountable related to Officer Kelly's employment. He indicated that police officers in other cities are placed on at least ten days suspension with pay.

Motion was made by Council Member Herndon seconded by Council Member Miller for additional time.

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

Mr. Leverett stated that City Council Meetings were held twice a month. Street lights need to be fixed. Mr. Leverett voiced concerns the Legal Department works for the City of Prairie View and not the Council.

Motion was made by Council Member Herndon seconded by Council Member Miller for additional time.

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

Mr. James Larry showed individual posters of Mayor Jackson and Ms. Sandra Bland to the City Council. He indicated that to get the Park done will take time, money and resources (Ad-Hoc Committee). He recommended the City Council pay the City's Police Officers overdue pay. He referenced that concealed handguns can be carried by students at universities beginning on January 1, 2016.

Motion was made by Council Member Herndon seconded by Council Member Miller for additional time.

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

Mr. David Allen referenced legal advice from the City Attorney. He stated there are 46 agendas on the City's website without minutes which were online at one time and have been removed. Mr. Allen emphasized the minutes removed from the City's website

need to be re-placed online. Section 1.524 was presented to City Council by the Attorney. Item C City Ordinances. Section 1.525 need to be filed with the Clerk.

Motion was made by Council Member Herndon and seconded by Council Member Miller for additional time.

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

Presentation

Commissioner Jeron Barnett updated the City Council on the State of Waller County initiatives. He noted that the Landfill is not moving forward. Communities that Care is working with young adults and elders to address community needs including teen pregnancy, elder care, and mental health. Waller County needs and are going to have a new jail built. Waller County is hiring personnel in the Road and Bridge and Sheriff's departments. Waller County is looking to build a small airport where commercial planes can land. Efforts are underway towards building a Veteran's Memorial.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Herndon requested that the Consent Agenda item related to street lighting be removed for separate consideration under the Regular Agenda.

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Council Member Thomas and seconded by Council Member Herndon to approve the Consent Agenda Items related to the approval of the Regular City Council Meeting for October 27, 2015 and the approval of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2015, September 8, 2015, September 15, 2015, September 2, 2015, and November 2, 2015.

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Consider action on a Resolution awarding the Bid to Prosperity Bank, Hempstead, for banking services and bank depository services for the period of December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2018.

Motion was made by Council Member Thomas and seconded by Council Member Herndon to award Bid to Prosperity Bank, Hempstead, for banking services and bank depository services for the period of December 2, 2015 through November 30, 2018.

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Regular Agenda

Consider authorizing the installation of street lights in the areas of Cochran Road, Prairie Acres, Pine Meadows Estates, and Old Houston Highway of the City of Prairie View.

Council Member Herndon asked how the lights on Echols Street were paid for and by whom. JJ Johnson confirmed the City had paid for installation. Ms. Willman said she will speak with San Bernard Electric. Council Member Herndon asked, again if this was in the budget for street lights. JJ Johnson indicated no. Council noted the need for a policy for installation of lights and cost sharing. Council Member Thomas and Council Member Herndon said to replace lights that are currently out.

Motion was made by Council Member Thomas and seconded by Council Member Herndon to postpone authorizing the installation of street lights until next City Council Meeting to be held on December 15, 2015. Need a policy for installation of lights and cost sharing.

Discuss and consider action, if deemed appropriate, on a Resolution authorizing the award of a contract for independent review and investigation of Police Use of Force and compliance with City Police Policies and Procedures.

Motion was made by Council Member Thomas to consider action on Resolution authorizing the award of a contract for independent review and investigation of Police Use of Force and compliance with City Police Policies and Procedures.

Motion died for lack of second.

Council Member Randle asked Chief Johnson if use of force is included in the Police Policy Book. Chief Johnson confirmed it is a broad policy. Council Member Barnett asked if the Chief is the administrator why could he not make that decision. Council Member Randle asked if the City has a clear policy of what illegal force is. Chief Johnson noted the use of Force Policy is a common policy that is adopted by the Texas Police Chiefs Association.

Mayor Jackson informed the Council that it is the Chief's recommendation about bringing someone else in to review the incident as he considers it being unethical to personally review the case.

Council Member Herndon agreed with Council Member Barnett's assessment that the Police Department needs to look at the City of Prairie View Police Policy and Procedures and follow them.

Chief Johnson informed Council he will do it as long as the City Council stand behinds him on whatever decision he makes. Chief Johnson indicated he wants to be fair to Council Member Miller and his officers. He indicated that if we didn't do it right, let's fix it, let's get better. There was further Council discussion about the need to follow the policy and the need to establish whether the policy was followed.

No further action was taken.

Discuss and consider action, if deemed appropriate, on a Resolution authorizing a Workshop Retreat Meeting for the City Council to engage in governance and leadership team building exercises, including the selection of a facilitator, setting a date, and attending to all details related thereto.

Council Member Randle stated the workshop is a necessity. Ms. Willman indicated that the City Council has in its packet, different proposals for facilitation which came in higher than expected. She indicated there is an additional facilitator not presented in the packet asking for \$4,000. With the ongoing problems of trust and communication, dignity and respect, Ms. Willman indicated this initiative is vital at this time in improving the Mayor and City Council's effectiveness. Council Member Randle asked Ms. Willman about serving as the facilitator. Ms. Willman indicated she doesn't have the assessment instruments required to do a thorough retreat. She further noted that as the Mayor and City Council comprise her supervisory group, she preferred an outside facilitator work with Mayor and City Council. David Olson, from Olson & Olson, LLP offered a professor of Public Administration from the University of Houston with whom he has had professional associations who can do the retreat at no cost to the City. There was brief discussion about scheduling.

Discuss and consider action, if deemed appropriate, on an Ordinance amending the City of Prairie View's Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

The City Council requested clarification on this agenda item.

Council Member Randle asked were the intentions not to pay officers.

Motion was made by Council Member Barnett and seconded by Council Member Herndon to place an agenda time on the City Council's December 15, 2015 meeting to consider paying City Police Officers overdue pay.

- A. Police Department
- B. Administration Department

Discuss and consider action, if deemed appropriate, on the City of Prairie View contract service providers.

Motion by Council Member Barnett and seconded by Council Member Herndon to replace City Attorney Paula Alexander from Olson and Olson with another Olson and Olson Firm attorney and to authorize the City Secretary to solicit for proposals for accounting services.

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| Council Member Miller | yes |
| Council Member Randle | yes |
| Council Member Herndon | yes |
| Council Member Thomas | nay |
| Council Member Barnett | yes |

Motion passed by majority vote.

Department Head Reports

Reports were submitted.

Council Members Reports (written)

Reports were submitted.

Mayors Report / Remarks

Mayor Jackson addressed all questions and remarks by the Citizens. Mayors report was submitted.

New Business

No new business was conducted or new city council agenda items were requested.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

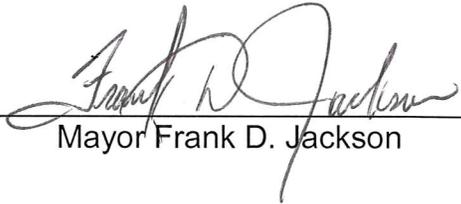
Adjourn

Motion to adjourn City Council Meeting at 8:53 p.m. was made by Council Member Randle and seconded by Council Member Thomas.

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| Council Member Miller | yes |
| Council Member Randle | yes |
| Council Member Herndon | yes |
| Council Member Thomas | yes |
| Council Member Barnett | yes |

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approved this 15th day of December, 2015.



Mayor Frank D. Jackson

Attest:



Janie Willman, City Secretary