

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
PRAIRIE VIEW CITY COUNCIL
OF WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS
MARCH 24, 2015**

Call to Order

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

Certification of Quorum

Roll Call of Quorum was called by Shelytha Alexander. All Council Members were in attendance except Council Member Herndon and Council Member Thomas. City Attorney was present also.

Invocation

Council Member Randle performed the invocation.

Citizens Comments

Comments: James Larry, Ronald Leverett and LaVaughn Mosley presented their views on issues before the city.

Presentation by Erskine Payne, CPA will present Year End Audit Report 2013-2014.

Mr. Payne explained to the Mayor and City Council that the audit was clean, qualified audit based on samples. Councilman Rowland asked Mr. Payne to explain the different processes. Mr. Payne stated, that JJ Johnson keeps the books, and he comes behind him and checks samples. Mr. Payne said, his length of time auditing for the City of Prairie View is four(4) years.

Presentation by Drs. San Arungwa & Priscilla Harris on Communities That Care.

Mayor Jackson informed Dr. Arungwa about setting up a workshop, and meeting with key leaders, excited about being in the City. Dr. Arungwa said he wanted to reach out to every county. CTC Media, "Community that Cares".

Approval of Ratification of Accounts Payable for March 24, 2015

Motion was made by Council Member Randle second by Council Member Rowland. Request in question was the \$750.00 payable to the Volunteer Fire Department for the City of Prairie View. Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	absent
Council Member Thomas	absent
Council Member Barnett	yes

Consider and possibly take action on a resolution in support of a proposed Economic Development Corporation project on James Muse Parkway.

Mr. Roy Perry introduced himself to the Mayor, City Council and Citizens. Mr. Perry said, he owned the property along James Muse Parkway. Will be receiving funding from EDA to build retail shop and housing.

Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2015.

Motion to approve the Minutes from March 24, 2015 City Council Meeting with necessary correction was made Council Member Randle second by Council Member Barnett.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	absent
Council Member Thomas	absent
Council Member Barnett	yes

Discuss and take action on Tax Refund in the amount of \$36.52 to Coburn, Geraldine(City of PV acct#714400-019-269-000), Invoice #5703.

Motion was made by Council Member Randle second by Council Member Rowland.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	absent
Council Member Thomas	absent
Council Member Barnett	yes

Discuss and take action on Tax Refund in the amount of \$36.53 to Ramos, Jose & Maria(City of PV acct#721200-008-126-000), Invoice #5705.

Motion was made by Council Member Randle second by Council Member Rowland.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	absent
Council Member Thomas	absent
Council Member Barnett	yes

Discuss and take action on Tax Refund in the amount \$29.22 to Serrano, Luis/Garcia, Lorena M.(City of PV acct#70900-004-102-000) Invoice #5701.

Motion was made by Council Member Randle second by Council Member Rowland.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	absent
Council Member Thomas	absent
Council Member Barnett	yes

Discuss and take action on Tax Refund in the amount of \$36.52 to Wells, Louis M.(City of PV acct#619000-005-005-000), Invoice #5691.

Motion was made by Council Member Randle second by Council Member Rowland.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	absent
Council Member Thomas	absent
Council Member Barnett	yes

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Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	absent
Council Member Thomas	absent
Council Member Barnett	yes

Discuss and take action on renewing Contract for J & J Johnson, City Accountant.

Motion was made by Council Member Rowland second by Council Member Randle to renew Contract for J & J Johnson, City Accountant. Council Member Barnett had an unreadiness; asked Mr. Johnson how long had he worked for the City of Prairie View? Mr. Johnson stated was twenty-one(21) years. Mr. Johnson told the Mayor and Council there were funds for the Police Department to purchase vehicles and looking at cost of vehicles, may have to pay cash. Council Member Barnett said JJ Contract exceeded six(6) months. Council Member Barnett Opposed renewing Contract for J & J Johnson.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	absent
Council Member Thomas	absent
Council Member Barnett	unreadiness/opposed

Opening & Awarding of sealed bids for the 24' x 64' metal building (city hall annex).

Interim City Secretary opened the two(2) sealed bids for the 24' x 64' metal building. The first bid was from Alisco Manchiqua for \$2,000.00 second bid was from Thaddeus Singleton for \$500.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Rowland second by Council Member Randle to accept the bid the highest bidder.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	absent
Council Member Thomas	absent
Council Member Barnett	yes

Public Hearing on Variance Request to move a Four(4) Bedroom Frame House in (Prairie Hills, Section 3, Lot 226, Blk 12).

Discuss and take action regarding a Variance Request to move a Four(4) Bedroom Frame House in (Prairie Hills, Section 3, Lot 226, Blk 12).

No Action Taken, Denied.

Presentation by Chief Johnson of the City of Prairie View Police Department 2014 Racial Profiling Report.

Chief Johnson the site State Wide was down , unable to enter information as of now.

Presentation by Chief Johnson of the City of Prairie View Police Department Policy Manual. (Chief L. Johnson).

Chief Johnson informed the Mayor and City Council that the City of Prairie View Police Policy seek State Accreditation. Council Member Rowland asked Johnson if the Police Policy has been submitted to the City Attorney for review? Chief Johnson said "yes". At the next City Council Meeting on April 28, 2015 approval of the City of Prairie View Police Policy.

Re-evaluate environmental impact of cement batch plant on Old Houston Hwy and health effects on the citizens of Prairie View.

Council Member Barnett stated the City should take a more aggressive look at the Cement Plant. Mr. Marshall Brown should have good resources.

Discuss and take action on passage or application of a noise ordinance.

Attorney Alexander read the noise ordinance. Chief Johnson spoke on contacting the owner of the Cement Plant.

Discuss and take action on approval of an open burn policy within the City of Prairie View.

Council Member Barnett said to monitor and enforce the burn ban policy within the City of Prairie View.

Department Head Reports

Reports were turned in.

Council Members Reports (written)

Reports were turned in.

Mayors Report / Remarks

Mayor Jackson addressed all questions and remarks by the citizens. Mayors report turned in.

Executive Session (Close to Public)

The City Council of the City of Prairie View convened into Executive Session Pursuant to section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with its attorney; and pursuant to section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Discuss and take any action from Executive Session.

Motion to hire Roiton Phillips as a full time Police Officer and Ross Jefferson and Phillip Balthazar as Reserve Officers for the City of Prairie View Police Department.

Motion to Revise the advertisement for the City Secretary position, post the advertisement for thirty(30) additional days, and post the advertisement in additional venues, including TML, TMCA, and the Newspaper.

Announcements

Council Member Rowland announced the Prairie View Credit Union rescheduled the Credit Union meeting.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn City Council meeting at 10:10 p.m. was made by Council Member Rowland second by Council Member Randle.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	absent
Council Member Thomas	absent
Council Member Barnett	yes


Interim City Secretary Shelytha Alexander