

Alan Woodall, Councilmember
Eric Priddy, Councilmember



Lisa Cate, Councilmember
Jamey Lamm, Councilmember

Greg Scott, Mayor

MINUTES

State of Texas
County of Denton
City of Justin

Justin City Council Regular Session Meeting– January 9, 2017

The Justin City Council Meeting convened into a Regular Session being open to the public the 9th day of January, 2017 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Justin Municipal Complex, and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject there of having been posted as prescribed by Article 5 of the Texas Government Code, with the following members present and in attendance to wit:

Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Cate, Council Members:, Alan Woodall, Eric Priddy, and Jamey Lamm. City Staff, Interim City Manager, Cori Reaume, and Interim City Secretary, Brittany Andrews.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilmember Eric Priddy.

I. PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

In order to expedite the flow of business and to provide all the citizens the opportunity to speak, the Mayor may impose a three-minute limitation on any person addressing the Council. *

Jim Tate spoke that he would like for the city to implement some sort of email notification system for the citizens to receive notices when meetings are cancelled, public hearings are being held, etc.

Curtis Strong asked for clarification on some of the rumors that have been spread through town.

Police Sargent, Jeff Echols expressed why he thinks that hiring a Police Chief should be kept in house and that hiring from the outside is not the way to go. Officer, Scott Davis believes as well that hiring within would be best, and spoke in favor of Sargent Echols becoming the next police chief and mentor to the fellow officers. Chief Bill Mitchell spoke of the relationship with the PD and that it is more like a family. He stated that he would hate to see someone new come in and change that. Asst. Fire Chief Matthew Mitchell added that in his experience with having an outsider come in brought down the morale, trust and commitment of the department and that he would like to see a Chief hired within.

Tim Murphy addressed not having minutes posted on the website in a sufficient time, stating that the minutes from meetings be posted by the next day. Mr. Murphy echoed previous statements made by Sargent Echols, Scott Davis, and the Mitchell's.

Councilman Woodall spoke of the rumors, and that even as a proponent of hiring within, he wants the public to understand he is also in favor of hiring someone to come in, mentor and structure the department. Councilman Lamm mentioned that he wanted and needs details, strengths, weaknesses, plans and that council expects more than just an established friendship. Councilman Priddy brought up that there are rumors, however there are laws and rules set in place that makes them unable to fully address some of these statements.

II. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss, Consider and Act on the City of Fort Worth and City of Justin Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Councilmember Alan Woodall made a motion to approve the City of Fort Worth and City of Justin Purchasing Agreement

Seconded by Councilmember Jamey Lamm
Aye votes: Councilmembers Lamm, Woodall, and Priddy
Motion carries

2. Discuss, consider and act on the Consultant Agreement with Countywide Inspections Services.

Councilmember Eric Priddy made a motion to approve the Consultant Agreement with Countywide Inspections services for a 2year term.

Seconded by Councilmember Alan Woodall
Aye votes: Councilmembers Lamm, Woodall, and Priddy
Motion carries

3. Discuss, consider and act on the North Texas Council of Governments Master Interlocal Purchasing Agreement.

Councilmember Eric Priddy made a motion to approve the North Texas Council of Governments Master Interlocal Purchasing Agreement

Seconded by Councilmember Alan Woodall
Aye votes: Councilmembers Lamm, Woodall, and Priddy
Motion carries

4. Discuss, consider, and act on settlement offer between Aqua Texas Inc. and Continental U.S. Management.

Councilmember Eric Priddy made a motion to take no action, and to reject this offer.

Seconded by Councilmember Jamey Lamm
Aye votes: Councilmembers Lamm, Woodall, and Priddy
Motion carries

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Discussion regarding Council retreat/planning workshop goals.

Mayor Pro-tem Lisa Cate and councilmember Alan Woodall both explained the purpose and reasoning behind a workshop/retreat. All members agreed upon the February 13, 2017 date to be the workshop.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

6. Consider and act on the approval of City Council Minutes for November 28, 2016, and December 12, 2016.

Councilmember Eric Priddy made a motion to approve the City Council minutes for November 28, 2016, and December 12, 2016.

Seconded by Councilman Alan Woodall
Aye votes: Councilmembers Lamm, Woodall, and Priddy
Motion carries

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Went into session at 8:02pm

As authorized by Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed executive session for the purpose of item(s) listed herein:

- To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee for the following position:
 - Interim Chief of Police

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may adjourn into closed executive session to seek confidential legal advice from the City Attorney.

- Discuss litigation between the Town of Northlake vs City of Justin with City Attorney
- Discuss Internal Investigation with City Attorney

Reconvened at 9:34pm

Open Session:

7. Consider and act on item(s) discussed in executive session.

Councilmember Eric Priddy moved that a Interim Police Chief be hired for a period of 90 days.

Seconded by Councilman Alan Woodall
Aye votes: Councilmembers Lamm, Woodall, and Priddy
Motion carries

Councilmember Eric Priddy made a motion to move forward with the conclusion of the internal investigation

Seconded by Councilman Jamey Lamm
Aye votes: Councilmembers Lamm, Woodall, and Priddy
Motion carries

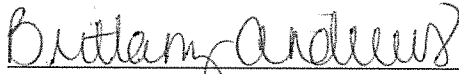
Councilmember Eric Priddy addressed that the rumor that the city will be spending \$50,000 to hire a Police chief is in face **not true**. Interim City Manager, Cori Reaume assured the citizens that if they have questions, or issues that need to be addressed that we are available at City Hall during business hours, either by phone, email or in person, and our contact information is also available on the city website.

VII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Eric Priddy made a motion to adjourn

Seconded by Councilmember Alan Woodall
Aye votes: Councilmembers Lamm, Woodall, and Priddy
Motion Carries

Mayor Pro-tem Lisa Cate adjourned the meeting at 9:35pm.



Brittany Andrews
Interim City Secretary

Seal:

