



ATTENDEES: Mayor L. Kelly Jones
Council Member Phillip Poole
Council Member Brian Libbey
Council Member Michael Dingman
Council Member Robert Fitzgerald
Council Member Halden Griffith
City Administrator/Sec Brandy Barrett
Police Chief Kevin Reaves
Deputy City Secretary Elisa Hickey
Interim City Attorney Tracie Kenan

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Jones at 7:00 PM

INVOCATION was given by Dr. Jim Majors.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Jones.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: NASJRB military members, ONCOR staff, River Oaks Police Department, Westover Hills Police Department, and Westworth Village Police Department, Public Works and city staff, who facilitated and moved the F-18 to city hall.

- The mayor presented certificates of appreciation to those who assisted on this project and the recipients will be gifted a commemorative challenge coin once they have been delivered to the city.

REGULAR SESSION:

1. MOTION to approve the agenda.

- MADE BY: Phillip Poole. SECOND: Mike Dingman.
Motion passed by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

All matters listed as Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

A. Approval of the Minutes:

- Council Meeting – January 9, 2024

B. Approval of the Financial Reports:

- TexPool Report
TexStar Report
A/P Disbursements

Table with 10 columns: BALANCES Jan-24, GENERAL, WATER, CRIME CONTROL, CAPITAL PROJECTS, DEBT SERVICE, STREET, WRA, HCGC, GAS ROYALTIES. Rows include Revenue, Disbursement, Cash on Hand, TexPool, and TexStar.

\* Month end closings/Jes and bank reconciliation pending.

**MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda.**

- **MADE BY:** Mike Dingman. **SECOND:** Robert Fitzgerald.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

3. **STAFF UPDATES:** *The Department Directors recapped their monthly reports.*

4. **MAYOR'S REPORT** *The mayor recapped his previous 30 days in office.*

5. **COMMITTEE UPDATES:** *Committee meetings held in the last 30 days were recapped by the chairs.*

6. **PUBLIC INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Announcements and Proclamations**

- City offices will be closed on February 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day.
- Deadline for applications for place on the Ballot is February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**B. Meetings**

- Planning and Zoning Commission, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
- Regular Council meeting, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**C. Citizen Comments:** The following spoke

- Jim Majors, 101 Kay Lane
- Michael Bachand, 5905 Westworth Falls Way

7. **Public Hearings, Briefings and Action Items:**

**A. Mayor Jones**

Discuss and take action on the Long-Range Planning Committee recommendation to spend the remaining COVID Grant funds on the engineering and design plans of Sky Acres and Pecan, to be developed in conjunction with Fort Worth's M-199 project.

Councilman Griffith requested it be documented on the record that given that he lives on Sky Acres, he declared he does not have a conflict and he does not have any gain or loss in economic effects by voting on or participating on this action item.

**MOTION to approve the Long-Range Planning Committee's recommendation to spend the remaining COVID Grant funds on the engineering and design plans of Sky Acres and Pecan, to be developed in conjunction with Fort Worth's M-199 project.**

- **MADE BY:** Robert Fitzgerald. **SECOND:** Phillip Poole.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**B. Mayor Jones**

Discuss and take action on the Golf and Parks Advisory Board recommendation to paint the T- 33 in the livery of its last active-duty station in Point Magoo. (*Staff is working with the local aviation museum to determine the appropriate livery.*)

**MOTION to take no action until more information has been provided.**

- **MADE BY:** Robert Fitzgerald. **SECOND:** Phillip Poole.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 4 Ayes and 1 Nay (Dingman).

**C. Mayor Jones**

Discuss and take action to authorize the mayor to execute an agreement to repair and paint the T-33 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. *(This item was tabled at the January meeting to allow staff to collect quotes.)*

**MOTION to postpone this item.**

- **MADE BY:** Phillip Poole. **SECOND:** Mike Dingman.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**D. Mayor Jones**

Discuss and take action on Ordinance 508 adding Article 1.13 adopting a Code of Ethics applicable to all elected and appointed officials of the city. *(On June 13, 2023, Mayor Jones appointed an Ad hoc committee, naming Lance Rahn, Barbara Deakins and Judge Russell Nelms as members, chaired by Councilman Fitzgerald, to write a Code of Ethics. Following a public hearing and discussion on December 12<sup>th</sup> the council postponed action to the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, and it was postponed to the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow additional review and comment period.)*

The chair acknowledged the following citizens who spoke on this item:

- Melissa Huffman, 207 La Jolla
- Immy Khan, 5836 Carb
- Margaret Worthington, 5700 Tracyne

Councilman Griffith wanted to note for the record that “the ethical issues arose after the city mailed an envelope with false information to every single citizen in town this past spring, the spring of 2023.” He also wanted it noted that he “believes that this council behaves under the highest ethical standard possible, the state law of Texas, which we all operate under.”

**MOTION to not adopt Ordinance 508 adding Article 1.13 adopting a Code of Ethics applicable to all elected and appointed officials of the city as an ordinance.**

- **MADE BY:** Halden Griffith. **SECOND:** None.
- **Motion died due to lack of a second.**

**MOTION to postpone this item until the next council meeting to give the committee chair time to accept input and edit the document.**

- **MADE BY:** Phillip Poole. **SECOND:** Mike Dingman.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**E. Mayor Jones**

Discuss and take action to authorize the execution of a contract and expenditure of up to \$15,000 with Kimley Horn to prepare and submit abridged applications to the Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund Grant and Interest Free Loan Program. *(The staff had Kimley Horn submit three drainage projects to the Regional Board for ranking and preliminary submission on the program list. The next step in the process for funding are abridged applications.)*

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- **MADE BY:** Phillip Poole. **SECOND:** Robert Fitzgerald.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**F. Mayor Jones**

Review and discuss the role of the Westworth Redevelopment Authority (WRA) and the Golf and Parks Advisory Board

- Councilman Griffith requested an item be added to the March agenda for discussion about the role of executive director for the WRA.

**G. Mayor Jones**

Review and discuss the status of Under Par Life and Trinity Terrace.

- The Mayor reported that Trinity Terrace still owns the land and has not submitted any plans since they withdrew their original submission.

Councilman Griffith requested that it be noted on the record that he asked if it was still the city's position that the Trinity Terrace project would double the city's ad valorem tax base, as it was published to the citizens. Brandy Barrett reported that those figures would need to be reevaluated as previously reported, due to the difference between construction cost and actual valuation per TAD, and it would differ based on timing and any project modifications. The mayor confirmed that if it was built, at this time it is unknown what TAD would evaluate it at, that the figure was mistakenly based on construction cost valuation, and he apologized for his error of misspeaking in the published letter. Councilman Griffith asked for it be on the record that "it's unfortunate that it caused an ethical issue."

- Mayor Jones provided an update on the projected phase schedule for the Under Par Life project.

**H. Councilman Griffith**

Discuss and take action on audio recordings meetings being available on the city website.

- Staff requested this item be put on the April agenda to allow time to research options on audio recording equipment, retention, processes, and cost. The council granted the request and no action was taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Mayor Jones convened in closed executive session at 9:47 PM to deliberate the following items:**

**A. Consultation with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072.**

- Receive legal advice and discuss status of the Burgess property condemnation.
- Receive legal advice and discuss status of the Blue Atlantic tax refund litigation.
- Receive legal advice and discuss status of the St. Anne & St. Joachim, LLC litigation.

**B. Deliberation of personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074**

- Discuss board, committee, and commission appointments.

**Mayor Jones re-convened in open session at 10:19 PM. No action was taken.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 PM by Mayor Jones.**

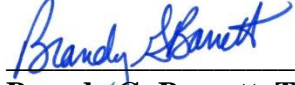
**MINUTES APPROVED BY:**



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**L. Kelly Jones, Mayor**

**SIGNATURE ATTESTED BY:**



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**Brandy G. Barrett, TRMC**

City Administrator/City Secretary