

April 9, 2024

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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 7:14 PM

INVOCATION was given by Councilman Griffith.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Jones.

REGULAR SESSION:

1. MOTION to approve the agenda with the removal of Items 7D-F as the petitioner withdrew their request.

- **MADE BY:** Halden Griffith. **SECOND:** Phillip Poole.
- **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 – March 12, 2024

B. Approval of the Financial Reports:

- TexPool Report
- TexStar Report
- A/P Disbursements

BALANCES	GENERAL	WATER	CRIME CONTROL	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	STREET	WRA	HCGC	GAS ROYALTIES
Mar-24									
Revenue *	\$640,868	\$121,822	\$77,814	\$6,100	\$221	\$38,907	\$40,470	\$179,211	\$0
Disbursement *	\$191,234	\$97,998	\$37,855	\$64,360	\$108,771	\$18,522	\$49,823	\$115,630	\$0
Cash on Hand	\$206,977	\$216,151	\$545,618	\$267,099	\$3,349	\$344,283	\$220,255	\$406,060	\$51,853
TexPool	\$5,123,516	\$128,674	\$0	\$262,332	\$52,633	0	\$372,605	0	0
TexStar	\$756,930	\$1,630,156	\$157,516	\$420,042	\$135,500	0	\$227,895	\$1,028,934	\$2,100,294

* Month end closings/Jes and bank reconciliation pending.

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda.

- **MADE BY:** Halden Griffith. **SECOND:** Mike Dingman.
- **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 presented a recap of the prior 30 days in office.*
5. **COMMITTEE UPDATES:** *The Councilmen provided updates for what took place during each of the below meetings that occurred in the prior month:*
 - There were no meetings held during the prior month.

6. PUBLIC INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Announcements and Proclamations

- TRWD has partnered with NASJRB volunteers to do a Trash Bash at Airfield Falls and local citizens are invited to participate. The event will be April 11th from 8:00am-noon.
- Blue Angel pilot and mechanic will be speaking at city hall, April 12th from 8:30-9:30am.
- The League of Women Voters will be moderating the general election candidate forum on April 18th at 6:30pm in the council chambers.
- Early voting begins on April 22nd at any Tarrant County polling location.
- Election day is May 4th and our community room will be one of the county's polling places.
- Spring Picnic will be held in Melva Campbell Park on May 10th from 5:30 – 7:30pm.

B. Meetings

- Planning and Zoning Commission, April 2nd at 6:00pm
- Regular Council meeting, April 9th at 7:00pm

C. Citizen Comments

- The following spoke:
 - Matthew Norris, 6644 Fairway Drive
 - Richard Cervenka, 6604 Fairway Drive
 - Joni Boulware, 6604 Fairway Drive
 - Doug Drexler, 6617 Fairway Drive
 - Emily Maas, 6600 Fairway Drive
 - Susan Akhtar, 6613 Fairway Drive
 - Jerry Wood, 6608 Fairway Drive
 - Richard Meszaros, 6625 Fairway Drive
 - Teddy Berdan, 5702 Popken Drive

7. Public Hearings, Briefings and Action Items:

A. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action to adopt an ethics policy. *(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 12th the council has postponed action to the next meeting at each subsequent council meeting. In February, the committee was asked to make a final review and change it to a policy.)*

Councilman Griffith read a statement into the record, "I am a massive proponent of ethical standards. Show me an ethical standard, I will vote for it. It is the behavior we cannot legislate, the political maneuvering, vindictive targeting, and abuse of power that I disagree with. It does not belong in Westworth Village."

MOTION to adopt an ethics policy with all the highlighted language that is in this policy and expand all that highlighted language to include the section of the Local Government Code, and that will be our policy; anything not highlighted in yellow in this policy will be scrapped.

- **MADE BY:** Halden Griffith. **SECOND:**

Councilman Griffith stated he “wanted it added to the record that the ethical concern was when the city mailed misinformation in a letter to every single citizen in Westworth Village.”

- **Motion died due to lack of a second.**

Motion to adopt the ethics policy removing “Should a violation of this Policy occur”, in the middle of the first paragraph, capitalizing “It” as the start of the sentence; removing all items starting on page 8, beginning with “Open Government” through page 11, item D, just before “Conclusion”.

- **MADE BY:** Phillip Poole. **SECOND:** Michael Dingman

Motion to amend by also removing the first paragraph on page 3 and the entire section of “Substantial Interest Standards” on page 4.

- **MADE BY:** Halden Griffith. **SECOND:** Brian Libbey
- **Motion to amend the original motion passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays

- **Motion as amended passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays

B. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action on Resolution 2024-06 adopting the city’s written investment policy as required by the Public Investment Act. *(This is the annual review of the investment policy. The council postponed action in February, requesting the city attorney highlight the state laws, review any comments submitted by citizens and report changes from prior years.)*

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-06 the city’s written investment policy as required by the Public Investment Act.

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

C. 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 and review options to finish the project. *(The current livery is accurate for its last active-duty station. No quotes have been submitted after multiple attempts; the local aviation museum’s referral has not responded to repeated request and is currently on vacation out of state.)*

- **No action was taken, the council requested the item be on the May agenda.**

D. Mayor Jones

Public Hearing to receive citizen comments and input on citizen petition to privatize a section of Leonard Trail. *(A public hearing is not required by law on this item.)*

- **This item was removed from the agenda.**

E. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action on the petition filed by the residents to privatize a section of Leonard Trail. *(The ordinance in Item G will only be considered if the council accepts the citizen’s petition.)*

- **This item was removed from the agenda.**

F. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action on Ordinance 508 regarding the citizen petition to privatize a section of Leonard Trail. (In accordance with Texas Transportation Code 311.008, if the council rejects the citizen’s petition in Item F, no action on this item will be taken.)

- **This item was removed from the agenda.**

G. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action on the request to publish audio files online and upgrade the audio/video system in the council chamber. *(Staff worked with the website host and found a way to link the audio files for 30 days following a meeting. The link is currently active on the Minutes and Agenda’s page of the website.)*

Motion to accept the staffs action putting audio files online for 30 days.

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

H. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action on the IT services recommendation to upgrade two servers at a cost not to exceed \$87,000. *(Staff received notice from the IT contractor that two servers that are nearing end of life need to be replaced for security reasons.)*

After a brief discussion, on the item, it was staff recommendations that for cyber security reasons the council consider the item in executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Jones convened in closed executive session at 9:01 PM to deliberate the following items:

A. Consultation with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

- 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.
- Receive legal advice and discuss status of the MedStar Interlocal Agreement & potential litigation in anticipation of Fort Worth’s withdrawal from the agreement.


Mayor Jones re-convened in open session at 9:42 PM, where the following action was taken:

Motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$87,000 to upgrade two servers.

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


The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM by Mayor Jones.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



L. Kelly Jones, Mayor

SIGNATURE ATTESTED BY:



Brandy G. Barrett, TRMC
City Administrator/City Secretary

