

NOTICE OF  
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION, PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN OF PROVIDENCE VILLAGE, TEXAS  
PROVIDENCE VILLAGE TOWN HALL  
1745 F.M. 2931, PROVIDENCE VILLAGE, TEXAS

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017**  
7:30 P.M. Regular Session

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR SESSION 7:30 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT:**

Mayor Michael Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m. Town Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem J. Eric Newton, Alderman Linda Inman and Alderman Chris Blue, being a quorum. Alderman James T. Connor was absent due to fire station duty and Alderman Steve was absent due to military duty.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- a. United States Flag
- b. Texas Flag

**III. INVOCATION**

David Bruce led invocation.

**IV. OPEN FORUM:**

Sina Tidwell spoke regarding a block party to be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> at the home of Johnny and Saint James Limoges at 2153 DeWitt Lane from 6:30 to 8:00 a.m. Ms. Tidwell stated that there would be media coverage and participants in robes or PJ's are welcome. She further stated that several local vendors would be supplying refreshments, including Whataburger and Starbucks.

Kathy Ramsey, Director of the Aubrey Library, spoke to the Town Counsel regarding the Aubrey Library's need for a \$17.50 per capita donation to maintain state accreditation. Ms. Ramsey further stated that the Town donated \$5,000 last year and asked that the Town increase the library donation in the upcoming budget year.

There were no further requests to address the Council.

**V. WORKSESSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS/STAFF REPORTS:**

a. Staff Reports

Brian Roberson provided an updated report on SB1004, known as the telecom node bill, and the effect it will have on easements in the Town's right-of-way, stating that the State was giving telecom companies an express lane. He further reported that the Town Attorney's office was working on additional language for the ordinance and Design Manual and the Council would be seeing the ordinance on the agenda at a future council meeting.

Mr. Roberson further reported on the status of road repair construction on Fishtrap, stating that the signs will be going up in the near future. Alderman Inman asked how long Fishtrap Road would be closed during the construction repair and Jason Pool, the Town Engineer, replied that asphalt doesn't require closure of the road.

Brian Roberson also reported that FirstSouthwest Financial is looking at options for a refunding plan sometime between October 2017 and January 2018.

Aldi is still planning to begin construction at the end of the month. Aubrey ISD presented an appreciation certificate. Both Brian Roberson and Alderman Linda Inman are serving in volunteer roles for the Aubrey ISD. There was a photo session of the Town Council and the Certificate of Appreciation presented by Aubrey ISD.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Consider, discuss and act upon authorizing the Town Manager to enter into an engagement letter for architectural services relating to the design of the Hero Memorial.

Brian Roberson stated that this item would be discussed in Executive Session. He further stated that the RFQ was published and we received 4 proposal and interviewed two of the firm and the staff is recommending one of the firms.

- b. Consider and discuss proposed 2017-18 fiscal year budget.

Brian Roberson provided a summary of the Denton CAD data including a property count, market value increases from \$438.6M to \$489M, appraised values increased from \$434M to \$484M, \$23M in property exemptions, a \$48M increase in net taxable property, \$10.7M in new construction and about 176 vacant lots. There was further discussion regarding the schedule for tax rate public hearings and budget review. Mr. Roberson further stated that since the Town acquired the WCID, the strategy has been to reduce the tax rate, build capital funds so that we do not have to go into debt to make repairs to infrastructure and roads that will ultimately be required in the future.

There was additional discussion regarding decrease in tax rate, increase in services and liabilities inherited from the WCID.

- c. Consider, discuss and act upon appointment of new members to the Board of Adjustments.

No action taken. No new applications submitted.

- d. Consider, discuss and act upon appointment of new alternates to the Board of Adjustments.

No action taken. No new applications submitted.

- e. Identify agenda items to be discussed at future meeting.

- 1. Tax rate public hearings

Mayor Pro-Tem Newton moved to close Town Council Regular Session and convene into Executive Session; Alderman Inman seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 opposed. Mayor Jordan closed Town Council Regular Session and convened into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

#### **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Town Council will convene into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.073, Deliberations About Gifts and Donations, and 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, to seek the advice of the Town Attorney or other legal counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney(s) to the Town under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- a. Engagement letter for architectural services relating to the design of the Hero's Memorial.

Alderman Blue moved to close Executive Session and reconvene into Town Council Regular Session; Alderman Inman seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 opposed. Mayor Jordan closed Executive Session and reconvened into Town Council Regular Session at 9:21 p.m.

#### **IX. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

- a. Consider and act upon items discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Pro-Tem Newton moved to approved the engagement letter with Parkhill Smith Cooper, as amended not to exceed \$13,000; Alderman Blue seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Blue moved to adjourn; Alderman Inman seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.



Michael Jordan, Mayor

8/15/2017

Date Minutes Approved



Connie S. Hansen, TRMC  
Town Secretary

8/15/17

Date Minutes Approved

