

**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING  
Monday, April 12, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Mike McQuiston, Council members, Eddie Allen, Ben Bennington, Jake Hayes, Darlene Hilton, Melinda Reeves, and Will Carpenter.

**ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager Brett Shannon, IT Director J.B. McKenzie, Fire Chief Nate Mara, Police Chief Delvon Campbell, Public Works/Airport Director Greg Hall, EDC Executive Director Kevin Holzbog, Conference Center Operations Manager Johnny Cohoon, Deputy City Secretary Asucena Garcia, City Secretary Diane Cockrell, City Attorneys Andy Messer and Kristen Tribe representing the Wise County Messenger. Connected via videoconferencing: Planning Director Dedra Ragland, City Engineer Earl Smith and Building Official Wayne Smith. \*The attendees were screened for Covid-19 symptoms prior to entry by Decatur Fire personnel and social distancing was recommended.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor McQuiston declared a moment of silence.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council member Reeves led the pledge.

1. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM RICKY W. MCMASTER, MICKEY LEE MCMASTER AND JAMES STEVE MCMASTER TO TERMINATE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR WCAD IDS R000008573 AND R000008569 AS REQUESTED; AUTHORIZE PREPARATION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS.

Council member Allen moved to terminate the development agreement as requested. Council member Hayes seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-3-0 with Mayor McQuiston, Council members Reeves and Carpenter voting in opposition.

2. HEAR PRESENTATION FROM PARKS ADVISORY BOARD AND FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION ON A 7.89 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED IN THE SOUTH DECATUR ADDITION FOR FUTURE CITY USE.

Parks Board Chairman Bohn addressed the Council: regarding a recommendation from the board to purchase the vacant property located next to the museum. As you all know there is very little property available in the city limits and the Parks Board discussed the potential of having a park there and the purchase of the property would be a sound investment. We know that discussions are being held regarding bonds for capital improvements for the city and this type of opportunity may not come around again. He provided a hand out regarding the property.

City Manager Shannon explained that a workshop discussion will be held regarding timelines, projects, a needs assessment (that is being conducted) and bonds in the future.

EDC Director Holzbog addressed the Council regarding EDC involvement in funding Parks projects and sharing that in most cities parks are usually placed in a flood plain as highest and best use of the property. That property may be used as a municipal complex. Parks are a quality of life for our work force and EDC funds can be used to help when there is a return on investment such as parks.

3. COUNCIL TO HEAR AND DISCUSS AN UPDATE REGARDING SWAGGIT, VISIONALITY AND ZOOM COUNCIL MEETING FORMAT TO BE USED IN FUTURE MEETINGS.

IT Director McKenzie informed Council that there have been additional issues with the Zoom Webinar feature and sound. The issues should be resolved this week, making it possible for the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to be live with Swaggit.

Council member Allen moved to pull item E from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Council member Hilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Carpenter moved to approve items A-D. Council member Reeves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding public notice about the opening on the Board of Adjustment. Planning Director Ragland informed the Council that it had been on the City's webpage since February and there is an additional vacant position on this board as well. The City's Facebook page has also invited applicants.

Council member Allen moved to appoint Martin Woodruff to a term to expire October 1, 2022 as presented. Council member Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA** – All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- A. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 22, 2021.
- B. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF BILLS AND INVOICES FOR MARCH 2021.
- C. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF REAPPOINTMENT OF WISE COUNTY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO A TWO YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 2023:  
     Roy Eaton  
     Andrew Sandford  
     Carol Ann Carson
- D. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS AND DESIGNATION OF THE FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05-04 "FINDING AND DECLARING THAT THERE EXISTS A NEED FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, TO FUNCTION"  
     Barbara Foster, 1 year, expires June 1, 2022 (as Resident Commissioner)  
     Jeff Sickling, 1 year, expires June 1, 2022 (replacing Coy Stephens-retired)  
     Deidra Deaton, 1 year expires, June 1, 2022  
     Dwight Reeves, 2 years, expires, June 1, 2023  
     Jerry Watson, 2 years, expires June 1, 2023 (Chairman)
- E. CONSIDER TAKING ACTION TO APPOINT MARTIN WOODRUFF TO FILL ONE OF TWO VACANT ALTERNATE (ZONING) BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT SEATS, TERM TO EXPIRE OCTOBER 1, 2022.

5. COUNCIL TO HEAR PUBLIC INPUT (please complete a Speaker Registration Form before speaking) each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes, the Open Meeting Act does not allow for discussion in response to the comments, comments should be directed to the Council as a whole rather than to individual members, and no action will be taken by the Council.

No input.

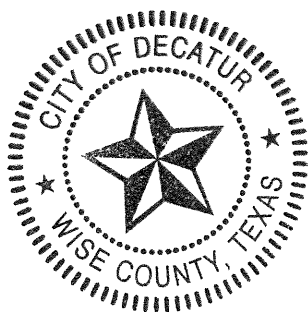
6. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

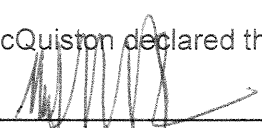
Council member Allen requested a workshop to discuss the land recommended by the Parks Board.

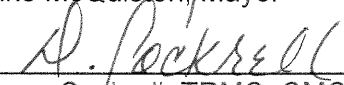
Council member Carpenter asked for a presentation by the Architect.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor McQuiston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



  
 Mike McQuiston, Mayor

  
 Diane Cockrell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary