



**MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF THE
BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Benbrook City Council was held on Thursday May 17, 2018 at 7:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers at 911 Winscott Road with the following Council members present:

Jerry Dittrich, Mayor
Renee Franklin
Rickie Allison
Jim Wilson
Mark Washburn
Ron Sauma

Also Present:

Andy Wayman, City Manager
Joanna King, City Secretary
Sherri Newhouse, Finance Director
Alex Busken, Management Analyst

Others Present:

Bill Smith
Rick Overgaard, Incoming Finance Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p. m. by Mayor Jerry Dittrich.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation given by Mr. Bill Smith.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held May 3, 2018

Motion by Mr. Washburn, seconded by Mr. Sauma to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 3, 2018.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE

1. Rick Overgaard – Finance Director

Andy Wayman introduced Rick Overgaard as the new Finance Director for the City of Benbrook following the upcoming retirement of Sherri Newhouse.

V. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

A. GENERAL

G-2352 Adopt Resolutions amending authorized representatives for TexPool and TexStar Investment Pools

Sherri Newhouse gave the following report: The City of Benbrook participates in two governmental investment pools, TexPool and TexStar. Due to the resignation of the Accounting Supervisor and the hiring of a new Finance Director, the City Council is required to update Benbrook's authorized investment representatives. Both TexPool and TexStar require an amending resolution. The attached resolutions designate Benbrook's authorized investment representatives as Sherri Newhouse and Rick Overgaard.

Motion by Ms. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Allison to adopt Resolutions 2018-06 and 2018-07, the Amending Resolutions from TexPool and TexStar and authorize the Mayor and City Secretary to execute the forms.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

B. CONTRACT

C-316 Approve Contract with Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector for collection of Ad Valorem Taxes

Sherri Newhouse gave the following report: The City of Benbrook has contracted with the Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector to bill and collect property taxes since October 1, 1998. Services performed include: receiving the Certified Appraisal Roll from the Tarrant Appraisal District and monthly changes to the roll; providing mortgage companies, property owners, and tax representatives with tax roll and payment data; providing all necessary assessments of taxes and Truth in Taxation calculations as required; the transmittal of tax statements via the U. S. Mail or electronic transfer of data; and payment processing.

The Assessor-Collector's compensation, for services performed in the 2017-18 fiscal year, is ninety-eight cents (\$0.98) per account located within Tarrant County. For the 2018-19 fiscal year, the County Tax Assessor-Collector is maintaining the collection fee for in-county accounts at ninety-eight cents (\$0.98) per account. State law requires that the Tax Assessor-Collector charge the actual costs for tax collections. Tarrant County's fee is still the lowest collection fee of any urban county in Texas.

The number of accounts is based on the October billing roll certified to the Assessor-Collector, net of subsequent account additions and deletions made by the Tarrant Appraisal District. The 2017-18 cost for services totaled \$40,670 based on 41,500 accounts within Tarrant County. The estimated cost for 2018-19 is approximately \$42,000.

Motion by Mr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Sauma to authorize the City Manager to contract with the Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector for the collection of ad valorem taxes effective October 1, 2018.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Mr. Allison, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

VI. INFORMAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Sauma stated that May 15 was designated as Police Officer Memorial Day in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy. This year the week of May 13-19 is National

Police Officer Week. He recognized and commended Police Officers, First Responders and their families during this time.

Jim Wilson recognized Danika Washington, student from Benbrook Middle High School for becoming the first ever state champion in the school's history. Danika won the 400-meter event at the state meet with a PR time of 57.08.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jerry B. Dittrich, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joanna King, City Secretary