

**MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2010
HEATH CITY COUNCIL
200 LAURENCE DRIVE - HEATH, TEXAS
WORK SESSION - STATED MEETING – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ATTENDING: JOHN RATCLIFFE, MAYOR
LORNE LIECHTY, MAYOR PRO TEM
ROBERT HILLE
RICHARD KRAUSE
KAREN LEWIS
STEVE McKIMMEY

ABSENT: JULIE ZUREK

WORK SESSION

Mayor Ratcliffe convened the work session at 6:35 p.m. Laurie Mays, Finance Director, presented a draft budget for fiscal year October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. The draft reflected input provided during the June 15 work session. Mays stated that the City Manager would present the budget on August 17 and that action regarding the ad valorem tax rate and budget were scheduled for September 21. (McKimmey arrived at 6:39 p.m.) The Council discussed the draft budget. Ratcliffe summarized the proposed use of \$250,000 in fund balance. McKimmey stated that he was supportive of increased salaries but would prefer that it not be funded through the General Fund balance. Noting that the discussion would be continued, Ratcliffe adjourned the work session at 7:04 p.m.

STATED MEETING

The Mayor called the stated meeting to order and delivered the invocation at 7:05 p.m.

Recognition of Military Service – Lance Corporal Mark McKenna, U. S. M. C.

Mayor Ratcliffe stated that the opportunity to honor a Heath resident who serves in the military is a great occasion. Ratcliffe shared memories of a younger Mark McKenna who grew up in his neighborhood. Director of Public Safety Terry Garrett presented Lance Corporal Mark McKenna, U.S.M.C. with a Marine blessing ring, a survival cord wristband and a Welcome Home Challenge Coin. On behalf of Congressman Ralph Hall who was not able to attend, the Mayor presented McKenna with a United States flag that was flown over the Capital building in Washington in his honor. Ratcliffe read aloud a proclamation honoring McKenna for his service to the country and also honoring the McKenna family for their support. The Mayor, Council and all in attendance expressed appreciation with a standing ovation for Lance Corporal Mark McKenna.

Acknowledgement of the City of Heath’s Achievement of the *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), a National Finance Organization.

Mayor Ratcliffe acknowledged receipt of and displayed the plaque just received for the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the preparation of the City’s budget document for the fiscal year October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

Approval of the Minutes of July 20, 2010.

The minutes were amended and redistributed prior to the meeting.

MOTION: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2010 AS AMENDED.

MOTION MADE: LIECHTY
SECONDED: LEWIS
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS (Absent: Zurek)

Discussion and Action Regarding Board and Commission Appointments.

The Council discussed candidates for appointment and reappointment to various boards. There was discussion regarding whether issues might arise once County Judge-Elect Jerry Hogan takes the oath of office in January 2011. City Attorney Pete Eckert reported that the positions of County Judge and member of the Board of Adjustment were most likely incompatible due to Local Government Code (§211.011) provisions that stipulate that an order of the Board is appealable to the district court or county court. The City Attorney will research the matter for consideration prior to January 2011.

MOTION: REAPPOINT FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS ENDING JULY 2012 AS FOLLOWS:

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD: ALMA HOWARD AND DAN BOBST,**
- **MUNICIPAL BENEFITS CORPORATION BOARD: ALMA HOWARD AND DAN BOBST, AND**
- **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: JERRY HOGAN (ALTERNATE).**

MOTION MADE: LEWIS
 SECONDED: KRAUSE
 APPROVED: UNANIMOUS (Absent: Zurek)

MOTION: DESIGNATE JERRY HOGAN AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPOINT ALEX THOMAS AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING JULY 2012.

MOTION MADE: LIECHTY
 SECONDED: KRAUSE
 APPROVED: UNANIMOUS (Absent: Zurek)

WORK SESSION

The Mayor adjourned the stated meeting and reconvened the budget work session at 7:26 p.m. The staff addressed questions regarding General, Utility and Debt Service fund line items included on the draft budget. Mays noted that the budget reflected increased rates for water and sanitary sewer service. McKimmey stated that he was concerned regarding the use of General Fund balance monies for proposed increases in salaries. Discussion regarding salaries for the City staff continued.

For future consideration, staff was directed to further research and re-evaluate options for charging fees, specifically launch fees, for use of Terry Park facilities for persons who don't live in Heath or in Dallas.

Ratcliffe adjourned the work session, reconvened and then adjourned the stated meeting to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074: Personnel Matters at 8:47 p.m. Ratcliffe reconvened the stated meeting at 10:12 p.m. and stated that no action was taken in executive session. Ratcliffe stated that the discussion related to review of the City Manager performance and duties.

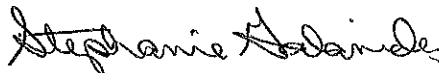
The Mayor adjourned the stated meeting at 10:12 p.m.

APPROVED:



JOHN RATCLIFFE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



STEPHANIE GALANIDES
CITY SECRETARY

