



City Hall, Council Chambers
401 S. Johnstone Avenue
Bartlesville, OK 74003

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BARTLESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**Monday, August 5, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

**Mayor Dale Copeland
918-338-4282**

MINUTES

(The Notice of Meeting was posted December 15, 2023 and the Agenda was posted August 1, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.)

City Council present were Mayor Dale Copeland, Vice Mayor Jim Curd, Jr., Councilmembers Trevor Dorsey, Loren Roszel and Quinn Schipper.

City staff present were Mike Bailey, City Manager; Jess Kane, City Attorney; Jason Muninger, CFO/City Clerk; Laura Sanders, Assistant City Manager; Micah Siemers, Director of Engineering; Terry Lauritsen, Director of Water Utilities; Kelli Williams, Chief Communications Officer; Larry Curtis, Director of Community Development; Alicia Shelton, Internal Financial Supervisor; Kiley Roberson, Director of the Library; Fire Chief H.C. Call; Steve Roper, Engineer; and Elaine Baner, Executive Assistant.

- 1. The business meeting of the Bartlesville City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Copeland.**
- 2. Roll call was conducted and a quorum established.**
- 3. The Invocation was provided by Pastor Aaron Kirkpatrick, Adams Boulevard Church of Christ.**
- 4. Citizens to be heard.**

Rebecca Carr provided comments regarding Adams Municipal Golf Course.

- 5. City Council Announcements and Proclamations.**

There were no announcements or proclamations.

- 6. Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committee Openings**

- One opening on the Ambulance Commission
- One opening on the Bartlesville Museum Trust Authority
- One opening on the Bartlesville Water Resources Committee (Ward 4 Representative)

Mayor Copeland read the openings and encouraged citizens to volunteer on City Committees. Applications can be found at www.cityofbartlesville.org or at City Hall in the city Manager's Office.

7. Consent Docket

a. Approval of Minutes

- i. The Regular Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2024.

b. Approval and/or Ratification of Appointments to Authorities, Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

- i. Appointment of Mr. Tom Bucher to a three-year term to the Adams Golf Course Operating Committee at the recommendation of Councilmember Dorsey.
- ii. Appointment of Mr. Steve Munkirs to fill an unexpired term on the City Planning Commission at the recommendation of Councilmember Schipper.
- iii. Reappointment of Mr. Scott Hopson and Ms. Laura Wood to additional three-year terms each on the Bartlesville Library Trust Authority at the recommendation of Councilmember Roszel.

c. Approval of Resolutions

- i. Amending the budget of the City of Bartlesville for Fiscal Year 2023-24 appropriating unanticipated revenue for the Health Insurance Fund to cover the rise in medical costs.
- ii. Amending the budget of the City of Bartlesville for Fiscal Year 2023-24 appropriating unanticipated revenue for the Health Insurance Fund to cover unexpected specialty drug costs.
- iii. Amending the budget for the City of Bartlesville for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 appropriating unbudgeted fund balance in the Golf Course Memorial Fund.

d. Approval and/or Ratification of Agreements, Contracts, Engagement Letters, Change Orders, Addendums, Employment Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding.

- i. Agreement for Professional Document Digitization Services with ARC Document Solutions for a digital conversion of Community Development Department files.
- ii. Engagement Agreement between the City of Bartlesville and Crawford & Associates, P.C. for audit consulting services.
- iii. Service Agreement between the City of Bartlesville and Remington Cleaning, LLC for cleaning services for the Bartlesville Police Department.
- iv. Contract between the City of Bartlesville/Bartlesville Public Library and the Oklahoma Department of Libraries to receive E-Rate Category 2 funds for improvements to technological infrastructure previously approved by City Council on March 4, 2024.
- v. Contract between the City of Bartlesville/Bartlesville Public Library and the Oklahoma Department of Libraries to receive grant funds to pay for technology upgrades.
- vi. Task Order No. 3 to the Master Services Agreement between the City of Bartlesville and Parkhill, Smith and Cooper for Airport Consulting Services.
- vii. Equipment Lease between the City of Bartlesville and the Tri-State District of Wesleyan Church, c/o Wesleyan Christian School, for up to six (6) sets of surplus bleachers to be used at the Wesleyan Christian School football field.
- viii. Agreement between the City of Bartlesville and Teesnap, LLC. to provide point of sale software and reporting services at the Adams Municipal Golf Course.
- ix. Agreement between John C. Holden and the City of Bartlesville for Code Enforcement Hearing Examiner services.
- x. Mutual Aid Agreement between Phillips 66 Research Center-Emergency Response Team (PRCERT) and the Bartlesville Fire Department (BFD) to provide additional

- resources through cooperation when needed for emergency incidents including those occurring on any Phillips 66 property.
- xi. Agreement between Cathy Wilson and William Thompson and the City of Bartlesville, for the voluntary demolition of a dilapidated structure on property addressed as 1311 NW Cudahy Street.
 - xii. Agreement between Barbara F. Pace and the City of Bartlesville, for the voluntary demolition of dilapidated structures on property addressed as 141 NW Margarite Ave.
 - xiii. Agreement between Chris Nave and Elizabeth Woods and the City of Bartlesville, for the voluntary demolition of a dilapidated structure on property addressed as 515 SE Seneca Ave.
 - xiv. Agreement between Ethel Marie Alfrey and the City of Bartlesville, for the voluntary demolition of a dilapidated structure on property addressed as 1610 SW Oak Ave.
 - xv. Short Form Contract with B-Town Construction to attempt to clear an obstruction in the Turkey Creek Watershed outfall pipe.

e. Receipt of Bartlesville NEXT Progress Report

- i. Bartlesville NEXT Progress Report – July 2024.

f. Receipt of Bids

- i. Bid No. 2024-2025-003 Bond Park Improvements

Mayor Copeland read the consent docket in its entirety. Mr. Schipper removed Item 7.a.i. for further discussion. Mr. Roszel removed Item 7.d.iii. and 7.d.viii. for further discussion.

Mr. Roszel moved to approve the consent docket except for Items 7.a.i., 7.d.iii. and 7.d.viii., seconded by Mr. Schipper.

Voting Aye: Mr. Schipper, Mr. Roszel, Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: None
Motion: Passed

Items pulled from the Consent Docket to be discussed.

7.a. Approval of Minutes

- i. The Regular Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2024.

Mr. Schipper pointed out that Andrew Ward's title was incorrect in the minutes. He is Deputy Chief Ward, not Captain Ward.

7.d. Approval and/or ratification of Agreements, Contracts, Engagement Letters, Change Orders, Addendums, Employment Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding.

- iii. Service Agreement between the City of Bartlesville and Remington Cleaning, LLC for cleaning services for the Bartlesville Police Department.

Mr. Roszel requested a correction in the amount of times cleaning will occur since there are conflicting numbers in the Agreement. The correction is cleaning will be conducted five (5) nights, not (3) nights.

- viii. Agreement between the City of Bartlesville and Teesnap, LLC to provide point of sale software and reporting services at the Adams Municipal Golf Course.

In response to Mr. Roszel's inquiry regarding the length of the agreement since the golf course management is still being decided, Ms. Sanders stated that she and Mr. Muninger discussed whether a one-year or two-year agreement would be best. The agreement presented is Teesnap's standard agreement, and Mr. Muninger feels the software will be used long-term no matter the management situation. A brief discussion covered management of the golf course in the future; how any changes could affect the agreement; options; and how after discussion, Mr. Roszel approved of the agreement as presented.

Mr. Roszel moved to approve Items 7.a.i. with correction noted, 7.d.iii. with correction noted, and 7.d.viii as presented, seconded by Vice Mayor Curd.

Voting Aye: Mr. Schipper, Mr. Roszel, Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: None
Motion: Passed

8. Discuss and take possible action to award Bid No. 2024-2025-003 for Bond Park Improvements. Presented by Vice Mayor Curd.

Vice Mayor Curd provided the bid information.

Vice Mayor Curd moved to award Bid No 2024-2025-003 to Brent Bell Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,285,681.50, seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

Vice Mayor Curd asked Mr. Siemers to provide additional information on the Douglass Park parking lot and how it would be funded. Discussion ensued covering how the Douglass Park parking area is more like a street project, therefore would be paid from the Street Fund; how the Douglass Park improvement will run concurrently, if possible, with the other park parking lot improvements; how in-house labor will be used for the Douglass Park parking lot; how Cass street will be improved along with the Douglas Park parking lot; that there were other non-named streets that the 2023 Bond funds could be allocated to instead of Douglass Park parking lot and Cass Street; how there is the option to use unallocated sales tax funds which is available; that savings of using in-house labor is substantial; how discretionary projects are built into the 2023 Bond funds which makes this project is eligible; and that the Douglass Park parking lot project funding did not go before the Street and Traffic Committee prior to this decision.

Voting Aye: Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mr. Schipper, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: Mr. Roszel
Motion: Passed

9. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Bartlesville and International Association of Firefighters Local 200 (the "IAFF") for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Presented by Jess Kane, City Attorney.

Mr. Kane reported that after many meetings, numerous drafts and countless hours of staff time, an agreement was reached with the IAFF for FY 2024-2025. The agreement is unchanged from last year, except for payscale which is updated with a 6% COLA and 5% merit; an increase already approved for general employees and the police department. Mr. Kane pointed out that the IAFF does not accept multi-year contracts. He also pointed out that the IAFF refused an employee performance and recognition program for their employees who are recognized as top performers, as well as the annual recognition awards based on

extraordinary service. The Union was not interested, did not consider, and did not bother to counter the offer. He added that the IAFF is not interested in discussing ways to pay members more for doing a good job. Mr. Kane concluded that these recognition and performance policies are a direct outgrowth of the Council approved Strategic Plan which provides for employee retention, reward and incentive.

Mr. Dorsey moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Bartlesville and International Association of Firefighters Local 200 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, seconded by Vice Mayor Curd.

Voting Aye: Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mr. Schipper, Mr. Roszel, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: None
Motion: Passed

Mayor Copeland expressed his appreciation to the staff for successfully negotiating the agreement.

10. Presentation and discussion of the Bartlesville Fire Department Apparatus Policy. Presented by H.C. Call, Fire Chief.

Chief Call stated that one of his first assignments to review was the department's apparatus replacement situation. Using a PowerPoint, he covered the Industry Standard Replacement Schedule which is attached to these minutes. Moving forward, he is recommending to replace Quint 3 with a used aerial apparatus which is in the current budget (\$700,000 for FY 2024-2025), replace Quint 4 with a new aerial apparatus in FY 2025-2026 and replace engine 11/tanker 1 with a new custom cab pumper tanker in FY 2025-2026. A meeting was held with the apparatus committee that includes 16 members of all shifts and all ranks. The committee and city garage personnel were all were in agreement with the recommendations. Mr. Bailey stated that since what was discussed during the budget process has changed to provide these improved options, he wanted Chief Call to present the recommendations. He added that the intent is get the needs of the Fire Department on a predictable replacement schedule for improved fund management.

A brief discussion covered STBA procedures for replacement and re-use; policy explanation on reserves; how three reserves would be ideal; how most repairs can be made at the City garage and others are taken to Oklahoma City or other locations for repairs; how ordering equipment several years out could include a good discount on the purchase; and how part of the Strategic Plan includes planning for these types of large purchases.

No action was taken. Council expressed their appreciation for the update and presentation.

11. Discuss and take possible action to adopt an ordinance permitting the use of golf carts on City streets. Presented by Councilman Loren Roszel.

Mr. Roszel reported that the proposed ordinance was brought forward by himself after a couple of constituents inquired about allowing golf carts on City streets. He added that once word was out about the possibility, he received comments both for and against. His goal with the ordinance is that there are already golf carts and other types of unlicensed vehicles on the streets so with the ordinance laws and regulation would govern them. He also stated that being able to utilize golf carts could increase community mobility, as long they have all of the required safety equipment. He stated that there could be restrictions such which streets they are allowed on and not allowed on, and could stay under 20 mph. He said he understands

some of the hesitation but he compared golf carts to bicycles and motorcycles that the public already allows for.

Discussion covered Mr. Schipper's and some of his constituent's' concerns such as using a golf cart in place of cars, and accidents. One citizen had the idea of restricting travel by golf carts within the City's entertainment district. He stated that he would like to defer action on this until the 2025 Comprehensive Plan is complete since it addresses transportation needs. He also noted that City staff in the staff report did not recommending use of golf carts on City streets, but instead states that staff supports the proposed ordinance. Mr. Roszel commented that the proposed ordinance does address some of the restrictions noted by Mr. Schipper, and that City staff is not the recommending body, since he is the one who is bringing it forward adding that he appreciated City staff's support in researching and preparing the ordinance. Mr. Roszel stated that has received more favorable responses than negative. Mr. Dorsey stated that also received for and against feedback from his constituents. Mayor Copeland stated that golf carts are engineered for golf courses, not streets, and after researching the idea with two different people in two different states, who passed an ordinance such as this, for the best reason, said they would not have done so in retrospect. Enforcement issues as well as safety concerns were part of their issues once allowed. Mayor Copeland continued that golf carts are not typically made with safety devices; getting from different points across town if not allowed on roadways over 20 mph; could impact Pathfinder Parkway, which would be of great concern. He concluded that his concerns about the implementation was not with the spirit of the ordinance but safety concerns, and information from those who regret allowing golf carts on the streets. Vice Mayor Curd stated that there are areas of concerns but they could be addressed with specific regulations including seat belts, reflectors, etc. Mr. Bailey stated that Section 8 in the proposed ordinance deals with safety issues.

At a citizen's request, Mayor Copeland allowed a public comment from Pastor Aaron Kirkpatrick who asked to speak. Pastor Kirkpatrick reported that he had owned and managed a fleet of golf carts in Destin, Florida, and that the concerns listed in this meeting were addressed and solved in his case. He added that in the years he managed the fleet there were no accidents, but there were very strict regulations to make them street legal, costing around \$3000 per cart above the purchase price. In regard to not having speedometers, Pastor Kirkpatrick stated that golf carts do have governors which keeps the speed under 25 mph. He stated that appreciated what Mr. Roszel says about providing mobility, but they are expensive and will not likely be purchased by those who currently use the scooters or motorized bicycles. He agrees with the Mayor that golf carts should stay off of Pathfinder Parkway. Rebecca Carr also stated that governors do keep the speed down, and there are actually kits to build carts to make them more affordable. Mayor Copeland closed the public comment portion and stated his appreciation to everyone discussing and commenting on this item. He provided options to approve the ordinance as presented or to table for further research and re-define.

Mr. Roszel moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance permitting the use of golf carts on City Streets as presented, seconded by Vice Mayor Curd.

Mr. Schipper appreciated the discussion, but stated cannot vote in favor of it due to concerns about unintended consequences and having to back track at a later date. He also mentioned the Comprehensive Plan again which may address transportation issues such as this. Mr. Roszel inquired of the timeline of when the Comprehensive Plan will be completed. Mr. Bailey reported that it will likely come before the Council in October 2024, with the

transportation portion likely to be completed in 2025. Mayor Copeland reiterated his concerns concluding with this is a safety issue, first and foremost; mobility is desirable, but safety first.

Voting Aye: Vice Mayor Curd, Mr. Roszel
Voting Nay: Mr. Schipper, Mr. Dorsey, Mayor Copeland
Motion: Failed

Mayor Copeland stated that this type of ordinance could be revisited after being re-defined.

- 12. Discuss and take possible action to accept a conveyance of 12 properties from the Washington County Treasurer's Office, such properties having not received a minimum reserve bid covering the amount of City liens on the properties, at the annual Washington County Tax Resale Auction held on June 10, 2024 and consider and take action to release the City's liens on these properties: 1)102 SW Adeline Ave.; 2) 134 NE Chickasaw Ave.; 3) 107 SE Comanche Ave.; 4) 523 SE Comanche Ave.; 5) 1036 SW Hickory Ave.; 6) 141 NW Kaw Ave.; 7) 1040 SW Maple Ave.; 8) 1104 SW Maple Ave.; 9) 1111 SW Maple Ave.; 10) 1413 SW Oak Ave.; 11) 501 SW Penn Ave.; and 12) 204 NW Theodore Ave. Presented by Larry Curtis, Director of Community Development.**

Mr. Curtis reported that pursuant to the passing of recent State legislation, HB 2361, effective November 1, 2023, municipalities now have an optional procedure to recover City code enforcement abatement liens on certain tax delinquent properties that go to the annual County tax resale auction. After the auction in June, 2024, 12 properties fell under that option that did not receive minimum bids. His staff had previously notified the County Treasurer's office to ensure that should the County not receive minimum bids, that the City could take ownership of the properties. The City's goal in doing so would be to recoup the City's losses on the properties and also assist with housing needs if there are interested buyers.

Discussion covered how the liens are due to mowing and demolition expenses due to neglect and/or abandonment; how the City is not trying to get into the real estate business, but to find a way to recoup losses and assist with housing needs; how buyers have not yet been identified since this is a new opportunity just approved by legislation; how there had been an informal agreement with the County in years past that was similar to the new legislation and resulted in a very successful auction of properties that fell into this category; how this opportunity allows the City to explore housing, possibly place the lots with a realtor for a larger project and explore several options. Further discussion covered how the County will write off the back taxes before deeding to the City with the vision of the City developing them in order to get them back on the tax rolls; how the City deals with affordable housing and economic development which the County does not necessarily pursue; and how Mr. Roszel feels that the City will not only have costs associated to manage and sell the properties, but also that he feels the City is taking the properties out of the capital enterprise system. Mr. Bailey pointed out that in the past, the Council has passed incentives for affordable housing and also addressed buyers of properties with these liens asking to have them waived. This is a similar form of those two instances. Mr. Bailey added that in this situation, there is opportunity; with minimal burden since the City only needs to recover the City's expenses. Further discussion ensued covering how the City's lien remains in place on the properties; how the sale of the properties will come before the Council; and how this process simplifies the process. Mr. Roszel again states his concerns of oversight, management and selling of the properties. Mayor Copeland pointed out that the City is already providing the maintenance, and Vice Mayor Curd stated that with respect to Mr. Roszel's concerns, this action aligns with the City dealing with housing issues. He added that stockpiling properties is

not the goal, but this action is a reasonable effort to see if the properties can be used in a good way. Mr. Curtis added that this type of transaction happens only once a year, so if it is not successful, then the City will not pursue it again. Mr. Dorsey stated that he feels that there are people in Bartlesville that will be interested in these lots, and having an inventory will help. Mr. Roszel stated that this seems speculative to him with Mr. Bailey responding that exposure is limited, and adding that many purchases are made by next door property owners. He concluded that although this type of transaction is unusual for the City, it is not unprecedented. Mr. Dorsey again agreed that this is a good idea, and in response to Mr. Schipper's inquiry, Mr. Curtis stated that all 12 lots are empty lots.

Vice Mayor Curd moved to accept the conveyance of properties as listed and as presented, seconded by Mr. Schipper.

Mayor Copeland stated that this action has potential and appreciated the discussion and comments.

Voting Aye: Mr. Schipper, Mr. Roszel, Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: None
Motion: Passed

13. Discuss and take possible action to adopt an ordinance amendment to restructure the Keep Bartlesville Beautiful (KBB) committee, replacing the Community Development Director with an additional citizen member, while retaining the Community Development Director as an ex officio member. Presented by Larry Curtis, Director of Community Development.

Mr. Curtis reported that it is important to ensure the community driven nature and foster greater citizen engagement in committees. After a couple of meetings to continue that process along, he found that when you have a city official sit on a committee, can potentially inhibit committee members. He feels he should step back as a member and act as an advisor to the committee. Vice Mayor Curd stated that this is indicative of Mr. Curtis' character, and another example of this is hiring Mr. Holden to be the hearing officer for code enforcement hearings. He stated his appreciation of Mr. Curtis for his direction in both cases.

Mr. Roszel moved to adopt the Ordinance Amendment to restructure the Keep Bartlesville Beautiful Committee as presented, seconded by Mr. Schipper.

Voting Aye: Mr. Roszel, Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mr. Schipper, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: None
Motion: Passed

14. Discuss and take possible action to review and approve the City Council Meeting Rules of Procedure and Code of Ethics per Article 2, Section 9 and Article 2, Section 13, respectively, of the Amended City Charter following the recent amendments to the Amended City Charter. Presented by Jess Kane, City Attorney.

Mr. Kane reported that this item is basically a housekeeping item required after the recent Charter election. The Amended Charter was submitted, approved and signed by Governor Stitt on June 5, 2024. The Charter requires approval/adoption of the Meeting Rules of Procedure and Code of Ethics Resolutions following every City Council and Charter election within 60 days of such election. The resolutions submitted have been in place for several years and are approved following every election.

Discussion covered how the Resolutions have worked well over the past several years; how Mr. Roszel would like to extend the public comment section to 60 minutes instead of 15 minutes; how anytime during past meetings when additional time was needed, any number of citizens wishing to speak were allowed to speak and the time was extended; how the Mayor feels that the rules in place work well and any time frame can be arbitrary; how these Resolutions will come before the Council again following the November Council elections; and how a new Council could even abolish the public comment section should they chose to do so. Mr. Roszel stated he would like to make the change at this meeting and procedure was discussed, and noted that such action is allowed. Additionally, it was brought up that a change in Resolution 3661 Rules of Order could possibly affect other documents. Discussion ensued as to whether or not to vote to amend the resolution at this meeting or allow staff to research the proposed change and bring it back to a vote to amend at a later meeting.

Mr. Roszel moved to amend Resolution 3661 Section 1.C.4. to extend the public comment from a total of 15 minutes to a total of 60 minutes. The Mayor inquired if this section is the only place in the document that the amendment affects. Mr. Roszel stated this Section is the only place this occurs. The Mayor again stated his concern that Mr. Roszel's proposed amendments may affect other documents, but in his opinion, to do so was not insurmountable. Mr. Kane stated that this policy could possibly affect the Council Handbook which would require Council approval to amend it as well, at a later meeting.

The Mayor called for a second to Mr. Roszel's motion. Lacking a second, the motion failed.

Mr. Dorsey, confirmed that the Mayor has the authority to expand the amount of time under the current resolution.

Vice Mayor Curd moved to approve Resolutions 3226 and 3661 as presented and to direct staff to review potential updates in regard to time limits to the public comment section in Resolution 3661 as it applies throughout City documentation, seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

Mr. Roszel reminded Council that they have taken action before then followed with amendments when needed. His goal with the proposed amendment is to ensure the citizens have the ability to speak and allow them enough time to do so, and stated his frustration with not taking action at this time. Mr. Kane introduced Stephanie Clifton who recently joined Mr. Kane's law firm. Ms. Clifton will research the potential affect the proposed amendment offered by Mr. Roszel may have on all City documents tomorrow. Mr. Roszel inquired why invite citizens to attend and speak only to limit them. Mayor Copeland reiterated again that he does not limit the number of speakers nor the time allowed, and that balance is important to conduct a business meeting. Vice Mayor Curd supported Mayor Copeland stating that citizens are allowed to speak and not be restricted, and have been for as long as he has sat on the Council.

Voting Aye: Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mr. Schipper, Mr. Roszel, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: None
Motion: Passed

- 15. Discuss and take possible action to approve Addendum #2 to the Disposition and Development Agreement between the City of Bartlesville, Buffalo Roam, and Bartlesville Redevelopment Trust Authority. Presented by Mike Bailey, City Manager.**

Mr. Bailey stated that Buffalo Roam's bank, Blue Sky, has requested one final addendum prior to closing. Addendum #2 removed the dates from Section 3.2 that say "but not later than December 31, 2023" and "but not later than December 31, 2025" from the Disposition and Development Agreement. The City did not feel this needed to be done, but the bank insisted. The BRTA will meet this week to act on the Addendum #2.

Vice Mayor Curd moved to approve Addendum #2 to the Disposition and Development Agreement as presented, seconded by Mr. Schipper.

Vice Mayor Curd

Voting Aye: Vice Mayor Curd, Mr. Schipper, Mr. Roszel, Mr. Dorsey, Mayor Copeland

Voting Nay: None

Motion: Passed

16. New Business.

There was no new business to address.

17. City Manager and Staff Reports.

Mr. Bailey explained the five year water rate plan that was adopted by the City Council four years ago. The rates went into effect on July 1 and due to the increase, there are two water block charges which shows the June rate on water usage and the rate increase beginning July 1. The capital charges are for a new wastewater plant and improvements to the water plant. The rate increases were spread out so that a one-time large increase was not necessary. The Mayor stated that he had received many questions even though the billing is transparent. Mr. Bailey reported that the new billing statement will continue to set out all costs but they will be printed on the second page of the bill.

The shuttle service at the airport to Houston has been reinstated and is of significant benefit to the airport. It is larger than the shuttle that operated in the past and expansion is possible.

City Staff has been working on the Strategic Plan and will present a refreshed version to the City Council in a workshop in the near future.

18. City Council Comments and Inquiries.

Mr. Schipper encouraged citizens to be aware that school starts soon and to be cautious at school crossings. He also encouraged travel routes that accommodate increased traffic in those areas.

Mayor Copeland encouraged citizens to check on neighbors due the high heat warnings.

19. There being no further business to address, Mayor Copeland adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.


Jason Muninger, City Clerk/CFO




Dale W. Copeland, Mayor