

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF DENTON  
CITY OF CORINTH**

On this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2017 the City Council of the City of Corinth, Texas met in a Workshop Session at the Corinth City Hall at 5:30 P.M., located at 3300 Corinth Parkway, Corinth, Texas. The meeting date, time, place and purpose as required by Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter C, Section 551.041, Government Code, with the following members to wit:

**Members Present:**

Bill Heidemann, Mayor  
Joe Harrison, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Sam Burke, Council Member  
Lowell Johnson, Council Member  
Scott Garber, Council Member  
Don Glockel, Council Member

**Members Absent:**

None

**Staff Members Present:**

Bob Hart, City Manager  
Debra Walthall, Chief of Police  
Fred Gibbs, Planning and Development Director  
Barbara Cubbage, Planning and Development Manager  
Cody Collier, Public Works Director  
Lee Ann Bunselmeyer, Finance Director  
Cindy Troyer, Purchasing Agent  
Guadalupe Ruiz, Human Resource Director  
Jane Krhovjak, Human Resource Generalist  
Jason Alexander, Economic Development Corporation Director  
Kim Pence, City Secretary  
Shea Rodgers, Technology Services Manager  
Mack Reinwand, City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**WORKSHOP BUSINESS AGENDA**

1. Discuss Regular Meeting Items on Regular Session Agenda, including the consideration of closed session items as set forth in the Closed Session agenda items below.

Consent Agenda item #1 Discussion:

1. **Consider and act on Minutes from the August 31, 2017 Workshop Session.**

**Councilmember Glockel** - on the August 31, 2017 minutes Nelisa stated that we are short on the water side by \$700,000. I am not arguing that these minutes are wrong I am just asking is the \$700,000 still right or wrong in her statement? Is this a booking error or did she take the correct numbers and put them in the correct pot and then say we are still \$700,000 short?

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - no, she had allocated the waste water... the capital charges to water so that is an incorrect statement she made there. The allocations between water and wastewater is wrong because the \$700,000 she is talking about, the some of the water charge should have been allocated to wastewater. Water should have been a little better

off and sewer was a little worse off.

**Councilmember Glockel** - so her statement here says "your water is short by more than \$700,000.00" If I look at that can I assume it was that booking thing then we were pretty close. If we had \$752,000.00 booked in the wrong category and she is saying that we are short by \$700,000.00 it is almost the same numbers so maybe the water was not as bad as we thought it was and the wastewater was not recovering as well as we may have thought.

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - that is exactly right.

**Councilmember Glockel** - so are the numbers that we used to set the new rates, do they accomplish what we set out to accomplish?

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - yes, for the water and wastewater combined, they do. If you separate it and say are we going to recover water? And are we going to recover wastewater? No they are going to be off a little bit but combined at the end of the day we are going to be ok.

**Councilmember Glockel** - I understand the combined but all through that discussion you kept saying we are trying to keep them separated.

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - that is right. Next year we will have to go back and look at that adjustment.

**Councilmember Glockel** - these minutes would have been so helpful printed on a fairly current basis. This was an August 31<sup>st</sup> set of minutes and it would have been great to have this information earlier.

Business Item #6 Discussion:

**6. Consider an act on a contract with Superior Fiber & Data Services, Inc. to install a copper and fiber data cabling for the Public Safety Center and Fire Station #3.**

**Councilmember Glockel** - I am surprised that you are bidding Cat6 and not E or 7?

**Shea Rodgers, Technology Services Manager** - beyond Cat6 we don't have networking equipment that would be able to support that and do not plan on upgrading that far.

**Councilmember Glockel** - 7 is nice for noise. I would have thought you might consider 6E for Ethernet?

**Shea Rodger, Technology Services Manager** - we did not consider. In my opinion there is not a need for that. We have Cat 5E in the City Hall building and it runs fine and in all of our new buildings it would be Cat 6.

**Councilmember Glockel** - Cat 6 is probably like Cat 5 was 10 years ago and is starting to get to the age of obsolete and I would think that we would want it to be something we could use for another 10 years. I would like to see 6E considered.

**Shea Rodger, Technology Services Manager** - if Council would like us to consider and get a quote for that we could.

**Bob Hart, City Manager** - part of this is time sensitive of where we are in the public safety building. If we do that are we going to create any problems where we would have to suspend some of the work out there?

**Lee Ann Bunselmeyer, Finance Director** - we do have a time-line. I think they are going to start running the cable on November 13<sup>th</sup>. This quote came in a little under budget so if Council wanted to approve this item and we can look at possibly getting a quote for the 6E up to the amount that is budgeted and that will give us some flexibility to look into it and see if there is enough cushion in there for us to upgrade.

**2. General Legislation discussion by Honorable Lynn Stucky, State Representative.**

**Lynn Stucky, State Representative** - went over some highlights of the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative session review. We talked about transportation and we funded the agencies on the high speed rail from Dallas to Houston and we made sure that was all going to be built with private funds if it ever does get built. There was some money that was spent to help support the Texas Ports and Intelligence of the transportation system but that was about all that happened on transportation.

School funding and Charter Schools there is a lot of back and forth going on in Austin between the Senate and House on public schools, private schools, school choice and charter schools. There was a lot of stuff that came out of the Senate that was school choice that will be killed in the House. I personally do not want to give up and I think we all should have school choice but the money need to stay in the public school system for now and that was the feeling of the House. Our Constitution says that we have one quality education for our children and 91% of our kids, 5.3 million go to public schools and 9% go to private or home school. Funding was done to include the enrollment growth that we have in this state. We have between 2,000 and 3,000 people moving to Texas every day.

We gave an additional \$75 million for districts experiencing rapid property value decreases that has problems with ASATAR. Ponder and Krum were two of those that received some of that money.

We put \$47.5 million for the New Instructional Facilities Allotment and we added \$25 million for E-Rate, which will bring high-speed broadband to public schools, and additional \$1 million is provided for libraries for this same issue.

I personally think that we are letting the teachers down and we are not funding where we need to be. Again that was a fight between the House and the Senate. We wanted to put half a billion dollars in TRS-Care and we ended up at \$350 million and in the Special Session we added a little bit more because the teachers premiums went way up and at some point their premiums are going to be more than what they are getting on a monthly basis from their retirement program which is ridiculous.

In Special Session House Bill 21 that went through added another \$322 million dollars to the public schools and it help in a variety of ways. The Charter Facility funding got \$60 million there.

**Mayor Heidemann** - can you explain how the funding works for Charter Schools?

**Lynn Stucky, State Representative** - It is so complicated. I would have to get someone here to explain that. I think that we should all play on the same level playing field but it is not because those properties are privately owned versus the public school system.

**Mayor Heidemann** - I read an article on it and if a Charter School as it is today, fails 3 out of 5 years by state law it has to be shut down. That was the basis of this article and it said the funding on that, the lien holders will have the rights to that facility but the payments would fall back on the local tax payers and that is my concern.

**Lynn Stucky, State Representative** - we will find out that answer to that and get back to you. I will tell you that I don't know for sure.

I had 8 Bills total that I authored and 5 of those 8 were passed in the law, two of them were state wide and three of them are local. I didn't go down there to create a lot of new laws I went down there and represent and be affective and I feel like I did. There is a lot to learn and there is still a lot to learn. I appreciate the opportunity to represent you.

We received a lot of calls from Denton during the Annexation and some of the other property issues such as property tax caps and that kind of stuff. We communicated with them and I was getting information from the Cities but I didn't know who all were involved. As a Representative on some of these issues I need to hear from the Cities what your thoughts are on how we move forward.

Some money will have to go to Hurricane Harvey, the Federal dollars right now coming from Harvey are \$15 Billion and the amount of money coming out of our state budget is \$103 million. The Red Cross is giving \$300 million and

there is a Rebuild Texas Fund for \$70 million and JJ Watt Foundation was able to put away \$37 million. After the Harvey Hurricane every House Committee met in Galveston and they are looking at what they could do along the coast to reduce the damage that occurred from these hurricanes.

The Stucky Bills:

- HB 2445: Hotel Occupancy Taxes - this was for Denton to change where some of the money that came back from the state was able to be used in the City.
- HB 2486: Texas military forces job protection
- HB 2565 & HB 2566: MUD bills
- HB 2654: PACE bill

**Mayor Heidemann** - How far out is the Phase 2 of Interstate 35E?

**Lynn Stucky, State Representative** - I have called several times on that and asked if the funding was in place or not and I received different answers. I will call on that get back with you.

**Mayor Heidemann** - I attend the Council of Government (COG) meetings and they talk about the amount of growth that is going to be just in Denton County alone. We don't have the infrastructure that can handle that amount of growth.

**Lynn Stucky, State Representative** - the demographers say Denton and Collin County will be the two fastest growing counties, not just in the state but in the nation for the next 5 years in a row. We have over 800,000 people now and the projection for 30 years from now is that there will be 3 million people in Denton County. Could they be way off? I guess they could but you are right, how are we going to move those people from point A to point B.

**Mayor Heidemann** - with all the growth here do they have a master plan on all how this is going to be put together?

**Lynn Stucky, State Representative** - I don't think we have a master plan. I know they had a fund for that type of stuff but who is getting the money and where it is going I don't have the answer to that. We will check on that as well. I have a great staff and we can find the answers for you.

**Mayor Heidemann** - as a Council, one of the things we try to do here is stay as current as we can with what is going on in the state and the different areas that impact us. We will ask you to come back and give us a more thorough update on what is going on in the state and if there are things that we should be looking forward to locally so we can do some forward planning.

**Lynn Stucky, State Representative** - we can start looking at bills and filing them as early as November prior to January 2019. If there is something that needs to be filed we can start working on it now. As far as what is coming down the pipe, we will try to keep you informed.

**There was no Closed Session.**

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council will convene in such executive or closed session to consider any matters regarding any of the above agenda items as well as the following matters pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

**Section 551.071.** (1) Private consultation with its attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation; and/or settlement offer; and/or (2) a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State of Texas clearly conflicts with chapter 551.

**Section 551.072.** To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

**Section 551.074.** To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or

dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

**Section 551.087.** To deliberate or discuss regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental

**Section 551.087.** To deliberate or discuss regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

After discussion of any matters in closed session, any final action or vote taken will be in public by the City Council. City Council shall have the right at any time to seek legal advice in Closed Session from its Attorney on any agenda item, whether posted for Closed Session or not.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS.**

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Heidemann adjourned the Workshop meeting at 6:38 P.M.

**AYES:** All

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by Council on the 4th day of January, 2018.

Kimberly Pence  
Kimberly Pence, City Secretary  
City of Corinth, Texas