

**BRYAN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING  
NOVEMBER 11, 2014**

The Bryan City Council met in workshop session on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Bryan Municipal Building, a notice of said meeting having been posted at least 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. Mayor Jason Bienski and Councilmembers Al Saenz, Rafael Peña, Greg Owens, Ann Horton, Art Hughes and Chuck Konderla were in attendance. Also present were City Manager Kean Register, City Attorney Janis Hampton and City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

**2. PRESENTATION BY RANDALL WIEDEMANN, R. A. WIEDEMANN & ASSOCIATES, INC., REGARDING COULTER AIRFIELD BUSINESS PLAN**

Consultant Randall Wiedemann presented key recommendations regarding the Coulter Airfield business plan his firm prepared. He discussed a new brand for Coulter Airfield, including a possible airport name change. He also recommended construction of a 5,000 foot runway. He reported his firm designed a new website for the airport. Mr. Wiedemann recommended construction of additional hangars and development of non-aeronautical property, new lease policies and new airport minimum standards. He presented pro formas based on various scenarios and a promotional video. He summarized that an economic activity increase was possible through runway expansion, branding, hangar development and a new leasing policy. Mr. Wiedemann answered questions posed by Councilmembers. Airport Manager James Brown reported the City's share of the cost of extending the runway would be about \$500,000 with the remainder (90 percent) funded by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**3. PRESENTATION BY CITY STAFF AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PARKS IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Deputy City Manager Hugh Walker provided an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department including staffing, budget, maintenance costs, acreage maintained, inventory, etc. Parks Director Darrell Lovelette presented the parks improvement plan. He discussed cost estimates, categories, etc., and reported the parks improvement plan cost estimate for recommended improvements was \$43.7 million. He provided examples of work he felt his department should accomplish, such as tree trimming, dead tree removal, light replacements, etc. He advised additional budget needs of \$797,500 were identified for operation and maintenance items, such as painting, turf repairs, field maintenance, landscaping, light repairs, court repairs, etc. Mr. Lovelette advised a total of \$42.9 million in capital improvement costs were identified, including new skate parks, athletic fields, parks and trails, playground equipment replacements, turf renovations, splash pads and a super park. He then discussed possible future funding sources. Mr. Lovelette and Mr. Walker answered questions posed by Councilmembers. The need for park maintenance and improvements was discussed. Mr. Walker discussed the ongoing process to obtain estimates for pool repairs at the City's four existing swimming pools. He stated the desire was to have the pools repaired in time for the 2015 swimming season.

**4. DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Council discussed appointments to the 9-1-1 Board of Managers, Bryan Animal Center Advisory Committee, Joint Relief Funding Review Committee and the Twin Cities Endowment, Inc., Board. No action was taken.

**5. DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSENT/STATUTORY AGENDA ITEMS FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 11, 2014**

Council briefly discussed agenda items 7 c, 8 c and 8 d of the consent/statutory agenda for the regular meeting of November 11, 2014. No action was taken regarding the items discussed.

**6. ADJOURN**

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

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City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta

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Mayor Jason P. Bienski