

**BRYAN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 24, 2015**

A workshop meeting of the Bryan City Council was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 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, Art Hughes, Mike Southerland and Chuck Konderla were present. City Manager Kean Register, City Attorney Janis Hampton and City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta were also present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:49 p.m. Mayor Bienski announced the agenda would be followed out of order, with no objection, while awaiting the arrival of presenters.

2. PRESENTATION BY CITY OF COLLEGE STATION STAFF AND BRAZOS VALLEY AREA AGENCY ON AGING REGARDING SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ms. Marci Rodgers, City of College Station, advised the senior advisory committee in College Station reported to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. She gave the history of the program in her city. She said the senior advisory committee provides suggestions on senior programs and classes. She added the original committee had 15 members (12 currently) and began meeting in January 1999. She explained the members serve two-year terms and are appointed by the Parks Board. She also said members must be 55 years of age or older and a registered voter of the City of College Station. Committee members can serve two consecutive terms. Ms. Rodgers informed Council the teen center is used as a senior center, while the Lincoln Center also provides senior programs. She said they used examples of bylaws from other cities to develop their bylaws. It was suggested the City of Bryan consider using the Neal Recreation Center as a senior center or look into options to operate a joint center with the City of College Station. Mr. Ronnie Gipson, Brazos Valley Area Agency on Aging, explained the functions of the Aging Advisory Committee and how federal funds for senior programs were distributed throughout the seven-county Brazos Valley Council of Government area. He listed the services provided through his group. It was agreed staff would bring forward a draft ordinance creating a senior advisory committee with options for the Council to consider.

3. PRESENTATION BY STAFF PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Mr. Mark Jurica, Water Services Department, provided an update regarding code enforcement activities and managed programs. He listed various types of code violations and explained the processes followed to gain compliance. He asked the Council how it would like to see code enforcement addressed by the staff. A comment was shared to have City employees be proactive in reporting visible code enforcement issues. Mr. Jurica detailed the steps involved in the property owner notification process. Councilmembers shared comments that they wished to see more proactive code enforcement. It was suggested the staff make recommendations on how the City's ordinances could be revised to bring about better code compliance and improve the appearance of the City. It was also suggested more citations be issued to help bring about compliance.

4. PRESENTATION BY STAFF REGARDING OWNER-REQUESTED AND CITY-INITIATED ANNEXATION IN TEXAS TRIANGLE PARK AREA

Planning Manager Martin Zimmermann presented information regarding owner requests for annexation. He also showed an adjacent area that could be subject to a city-initiated annexation. He listed options available regarding the annexation. He added annexed areas must be 1,000 feet in width and contiguous to the existing city limits per State law. He detailed the procedures to be followed in annexing territory. He advised only one tract in the area would be subject to a development agreement should that option be considered. Cost for payment to the emergency services district was mentioned. Mr. Register listed the estimated amount of increase in city taxes per property that may be annexed and pointed out some of the properties were currently partially in the city limits. Economic Development Director Kevin Russell discussed benefits of annexation. A desire was expressed that the annexed area be distinguished with well defined boundaries. It was requested this item be placed on an upcoming executive session agenda in order to receive legal advice.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSENT/STATUTORY AGENDA ITEMS FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2015

Council briefly discussed agenda items 8 b and 9 a of the consent/statutory agenda for the regular meeting of March 24, 2015. No action was taken regarding the items discussed.

6. ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta

Mayor Jason P. Bienski