

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**May 1, 2003**

Stuart L. Johnson, Mayor
 Darrell Mangrum, Vice-Mayor
 Eddie Arney, Commissioner
 Ken Brison, Commissioner
 Wayne Hall, Commissioner
 Alan W. Deck, City Manager
 Larry Cantrell, City Attorney
 Kathleen Daugherty, Recorder

Present: Johnson, Mangrum, Brison, Arney, Hall

Others Present: Deck, Cantrell

Absent: None

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 7:02 p.m.

A. Vice-Mayor Mangrum led the Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

2. Citizen Comments –

A. Jennifer Wright gave her background and stated she has started a program at the recreation center that was actually designed for the Nature Park but she has been told that she cannot have the program in the Park for safety reasons. There was no building or phone in the Park. Her program is science related but designed as a Summer Day Camp. Brian Bass, Principal at the Middle School, is also interested in the program for the kids that have to go to summer school. She is very interested in having the program in the Park but can't get any answers from the Park Staff. Arney stated that this needs to be added to the agenda for further discussion.

3. Approval of the Agenda –

A. Arney asked that a Summer Day Camp in Bowie Nature Park be added to the Agenda under New Business Item B. There were no objections.

4. Awards and Recognitions – None**5. Public Announcements – None****6. Approval of Minutes -**

- A. Presented for approval were the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting held on April 10, 2003. Mangrum made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Hall seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- B. Presented for approval were the minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting held on April 10, 2003. Hall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Arney seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- C. Presented for approval were the minutes of the Administrative Committee Meeting held on April 10, 2003. Mangrum made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Brison seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- D. Presented for approval were the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting held on April 17, 2003. Mangrum made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Arney seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7. Old Business –

- A. Preliminary Information on the City Center Master Plan – Jay Tant presented a plan, which was 30% complete on the City Center. He also stated that the plan is one week's work of a three-week project. He went over the plan and answered questions from the Board. It was decided to have a workshop to go over the completed plan. Brison made a motion to have the workshop after the next Board Meeting on May 15th. Mangrum seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- B. Presented for second and final reading was Bill #2003-9: Sale of City Property – Johnson read the caption. Mangrum made a motion to pass Bill #2003-9 on second and final reading. Brison seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- C. Acceptance of the Nature Center – Arney stated that he attended the walk through last week. He asked Deck if all the items have been taken care of. Deck stated that there is still a problem with the cedar siding and with three of the windows. Arney stated that since all the problems are cosmetic he felt the Park Staff should be allowed to start moving in and setting up the museum. Deck stated that he has received a pay request on both the City Hall and the Nature Center. They are requesting half of the money that is still due on the Nature Center, which will leave approximately \$10,000. Arney asked if the Architect approved the payment. Deck stated that they did. Deck also reported that there are a number of things that have not been completed to the City's satisfaction. After further discussion on the Nature Center, Arney made a motion to hold all the retainage money on the Nature Center. Hall seconded the motion. Deck asked Cantrell about holding the money. Cantrell stated that if the building is substantially complete the City would be in violation of their contract. Arney stated that \$10,000 will not cover the cost of the siding and the windows. After further discussion vote was taken on the motion: *For*: Arney, Hall, Johnson, Mangrum *Abstain*: Brison
 Deck asked them to consider rewording the motion to say that they will hold the payment until the next Board Meeting since he has a meeting with MPACT next Wednesday. Hall made a motion to rescind the motion to hold the payment to MPACT on the Nature Center. Mangrum seconded the motion. Vote: *For*: Mangrum, Brison, Hall. *Against*: Arney *Abstain*: Johnson.
 The Board advised Deck that paying the Contractor is now at his discretion since he is in charge of the project anyway. The Board decided that the Park Staff does not need to occupy the building until all the work is completed satisfactory. Deck stated that he will hold the check until MPACT gives a schedule in writing for the necessary repairs that is satisfactory to Mr. Newman.

8. New Business –

- A. 2003-2004 Budget – Presented for first reading was Bill #2003-10. Deck explained a few changes he has made since the budget meeting on April 17th. Brison asked if there are any new employees other than two more firefighters. Deck stated the two additional firefighters are the only new employees. Brison also asked if there was any new equipment in the budget. Deck stated that the budget did not include any new equipment. Johnson read the caption. Arney made a motion to pass Bill #2003-10 on first reading. Mangrum seconded the motion. All were in favor. Deck stated that if the legal ad can get in next week's paper the public hearing will be held on May 15th.
- B. Summer Day Camp in Bowie Nature Park – Arney stated that if the Board is interested in what Mrs. Wright was saying they need to discuss it further at the Public Works Committee Meeting. A discussion followed on whether the

ordinance is in effect to stop committee meetings. Deck stated that they need to meet in May to set up the ad hoc committees and then that will be the last of the regular committee meetings. Mrs. Wright stated she was present to find out why she can't use the Nature Park for her Summer Day Camp. Deck explained why they City can't support a private enterprise operating in the Nature Park. He further explained that Mrs. Wright is welcome to bring her children to the Park just as any other school group does. Arney asked Mrs. Wright to be at the Committee Meetings on May 8th along with Brian Bass. He also asked that the Park Staff be present for the Public Works Committee.

8. City Manager Items for Discussion and/or Action –

- A. Sewer Line Extension on Crow Cut road – Deck reported that there are two residents on Crow Cut Road who purchased dry sewer taps several years ago. He also reported that it has been scheduled to install these dry taps for the middle of the month. The cost to the City will be approximately \$2,000 to extend the sewer line to these two customers, as the city employees will be doing the work.
- B. Change Orders at the Nature Center – Deck stated that the State Electrical Inspector requires (1) Lights in the Attic which will cost \$572.25 and (2) Outlets under the sinks for the automatic faucets which were installed will cost \$490.21 and (3) MPACT will give the City a credit of \$1,100 for the floor and (4) the Electrical Connection and the pulling of wires for the grinder tank and parking lot lights will cost \$1,600 if MPACT does the work. One of the items to be discussed at the meeting Wednesday will be to resolve what happened with the electrical connection. If they can't resolve the issue the site contractor and electrical contractor will be at the next Board Meeting. Deck asked that the Board approve change orders 1 through 3 tonight. Hall made a motion to approve the three change orders. Mangrum seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- C. I-40 Sewer Line Extension – Going to Bid. Deck stated that the information on accepting bids on the I-40 Sewer Line Extension Project will go out tomorrow.
- D. Library Project – Deck reported that Smith Seckman Reid is also in charge of the project for enlarging the parking lot and making the new entrance for the Fairview Library. Jay Tant reported that the County will accept bids on the project on May 15th.
- E. Deck stated that no one has contacted him about purchasing lot 10G in the Industrial Park so he will not be running an ad for the sale of the lot.
- F. Deck also reported that he has asked Jay Tant to prepare a new map showing the parcels along Hwy. 96 North as it looks like a few parcels were omitted on the first list. If that is the case he will send letters to those who were missed and set a time for them to meet with the Board concerning annexation.

10. Communications from the Mayor and Commissioners –

- A. Johnson thanked everyone that came out to the meeting.

11. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mayor

City Recorder