

City of Fairview

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 2, 2011

Beverly D Totty, Mayor
 Allen Bissell, Vice-Mayor
 Patti L Carroll, Commissioner
 Stuart L Johnson, Commissioner
 Toney R Sutton, Commissioner
 Andrew Hyatt, City Manager
 Larry Cantrell, City Attorney
 David Mayberry, Recorder

Present: Totty, Bissell, Carroll, Johnson
 Others Present: Cantrell

1. **Mayor Totty called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.**
 - A. The prayer and pledge were led by Donn Lovvorn
2. **Approval of the Agenda –**
 - A. A request was made to remove items 6 and 7C from the agenda. Vice-Mayor Bissell made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Johnson seconded. All were in favor.
3. **Citizen Comments – (Limited to the first five (5) citizens to sign in and a limit of three (3) minutes each).**
 - A. Mr. Jerry Harris addressed the Board about people that owned property in the City but not residing in the City and his desire for them to be able to vote in the elections.
4. **Awards and/or Recognitions –**
 - A. Mr. Carl Walker, a veteran of World War II, was honored for his service and he told about his recent trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the war memorials.
5. **Public Announcements –**
 - A. Mayor Totty reminded everyone of the upcoming Economic Development meeting at 6pm on June 20th.
6. **Approval of the Minutes –**
 - A. The approval of the minutes was deferred.
7. **Old Business –**
 - A. Discuss and/or take action on recommendations from budget workshop – Vice-Mayor Bissell made a motion to approve the addition of \$30,000 for the Triangle School, \$25,000 for special events, and \$50,000 in a capital improvements fund Commissioner Johnson seconded. He then amended the motion to include the new pay plan in the budget. Commissioner Carroll seconded the amendment. The amendment was

then withdrawn as Commissioner Sutton had not been at the budget meeting to discuss this. The original motion passed unanimously. Discuss and/or take action on “island parcels” – Mayor Totty stated she would like the Board to move forward or not with this proposal, but she did not want to see it simply die. She made a motion to bring the issue to the Planning Commission and include the answers to the qualification questions for each parcel in the information to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Commissioner Carroll asked if that was the Planning Commission’s intent. Lovvorn stated that they had taken the issue to a workshop and offered everyone a chance to request annexation, which nobody did. Vice-Mayor Bissell then asked if there was a deadline for the Planning Commission with this directive, and Cantrell answered that they had 60 days to report back to the Board or ask for more time. All were in favor of the motion.

- B. Withdrawn
- C. Discuss and/or take action on updates on addition to Nature Center – Hooper stated that there had been no updates to the project since the last discussion, and he presented the projected costs for 3 options. He recommended to have a workshop at the Nature Center to see how an addition would fit in with the existing facilities. Mayor Totty then asked to see a cost breakdown on the original plan compared to other options. She then made a motion to have preliminary drawings created for an activity pavilion, in 3 different sizes. Commissioner Johnson seconded. All were in favor.
- D. Approval of July 4th Event – City Manager Hyatt presented the Board with several options for an event to celebrate Independence Day. Vice-Mayor Bissell made a motion to hold an event and authorize up to \$10,000 be spent on the event. Commissioner Johnson asked why he was authorizing so much when the projected cost of the fireworks was \$7,000 and the City was trying to offset some of the cost with sponsorships. Bissell then withdrew his motion and made a motion to hold an event on Saturday, July 2nd, to spend up to \$5,000 on the event with the understanding that if the costs were going to exceed that amount for the City Manager to request additional funds, and to sell beer at the event. Commissioner Carroll seconded. All were in favor.

8. New Business –

- A. Discuss and/or take action on nonresident property owner voting - Commissioner Carroll stated that this was something she was asked about when she met with people in the community. She presented the ordinance that Franklin passed allowing this. Vice-Mayor Bissell asked if this was allowed by the City’s Charter. Cantrell replied that it was not, and it would have to be changed at the State level. Commissioner Carroll stated that it was still possible. Cantrell agreed, and stated the first step would be to ask the State Senator and Representative to amend the general law charter. Commissioner Johnson asked if it would allow people from anywhere to vote, and Cantrell stated that it didn’t matter where they lived, so long as their property in the City was large enough for a dwelling and they owned 50% or more of the property. Mayor Totty stated that she would set up meeting with State Legislators. No further action was taken.

9. City Manager Items for Discussion -

- A. Miscellaneous Updates – Hyatt updated the Board on trash service.
- B. Staff Comments –
 - (1) The reports for the Codes, Fire, Park, Police & Public Works were given by the respective department heads.

10. Communications from the Mayor and Commissioners –

- A. Commissioner Carroll thanked Mr. Walker for coming to tell his story at the meeting.
- B. Mayor Totty asked the City Attorney about the use of the City Seal on a Habitat for Humanity sign. Cantrell stated that more information about the use of the sign would be needed. She then mentioned the upcoming programs for children at the Park

11. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

**David Mayberry
City Recorder**