

**State of Texas  
County of Denton  
City of Lake Dallas**

The Lake Dallas City Council met in a regular meeting on May 27, 2010 in the Lake Dallas City Hall, 212 Main Street, with notice of the meeting given as required by Title 5, Chapter 551.041 of the Texas Government Code. Mayor Marino called the meeting to order 7:33 pm.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Tony Marino	Mayor
James Harper	Councilmember, Place 1
Carol Ann Connors	Councilmember, Place 2
B. W. Brooks	Councilmember, Place 3
Rick Mathews	Councilmember, Place 4
Karl Hammond	Councilmember, Place 5

**Staff Present:**

Earl Berner, City Manager  
Nick Ristagno, Police Chief  
Joni Mooneyham, Acting City Secretary  
Donna Boner, Finance/Human Resource Director

**B. INVOCATION**

Mayor Marino gave the invocation.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Marino led the pledges of allegiance.

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Connors gave a reminder about the Memorial Day Celebration. Earl Berner announced that the Fourth of July Celebration will be on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and it will be sponsored by Bill Utter Ford. There will be a contest by Juno Baby, a Kidzone, Lake Cities Idol will return by popular demand, and Eleanor Springs will perform at 7:00 p.m.

**E. VISITORS/CITIZENS AGENDA**

Mayor Marino opened the Visitors/Citizens Agenda.  
No one came forward to speak.  
Mayor Marino closed the Visitors/Citizens Agenda.

**F. BUSINESS:**

**1) Consideration and Action on approval of the minutes of the May 13, 2010 meeting. (City Secretary)**

**Motion** to approve was made by Councilmember Connors and seconded by Councilmember Harper.

**Ayes:** Councilmembers Connors, Harper, Brooks, Mathews and Hammond.

**Noes:** None

**Motion Passed**

**2) Consideration and Action on approval of a resolution to borrow for General Fund to cover expenses. (City Manager)**

**Motion** to approve was made by Councilmember Brooks and seconded by Councilmember Connors.

**Ayes:** Councilmembers Brooks, Connors, Harper, Mathews and Hammond.

**Noes:** None

**Motion Passed**

**G. WORKSHOP:**

City Manager Earl Berner gave a packet of mid-year budget review & preliminary FY 2011 considerations. He explained that the revenues are not coming in as expected. Property Taxes are down. Sales Taxes are down, but should improve with the re-opening of Sonic. Permits and Fees are down about 13% and will most likely remain this way for the next year or so. Court Fees have not been as much as expected, but still more than last year due to the addition of a traffic officer. He said that unfortunately, we were unable to put the new officer on the road as early as planned due to other shortages, so the city lost a few months of revenue. The value of the online payment system for the court has been realized in not having to hire a full time employee. Hotel Taxes are way below last year due to the poor economy and the opening of the hotel in Corinth, but hopefully the summer months will bring an increase. This category will still not reach budget level. He explained that all departments are doing a good job of holding expenses in line and not spending for items unless necessary. Also due to personnel changeover in several areas and the time it takes to hire replacements, the city has realized significant personnel expense savings.

Concilmember Harper asked if a quote for healthcare expenses for the next year had been received.

City Manager Earl Berner explained that the quote would not be received until July and these are only preliminary estimates.

Councilmember Harper asked if employees would be receiving raises next fiscal year.

City Manager Earl Berner said that this is not the year to continue the step increase, but a 2% COLA is proposed.

City Manager Earl Berner said that future capital projects were minimal for FY 2011. One of the projects that will be considered is a City-wide drainage improvement plan involving bank stabilization of storm streams, underground storm sewer systems additions and improvements, repairs/improvements to existing systems- costs not yet determined, but in the millions to be paid from a storm sewer utility fee per dwelling. He said a fee of \$2.00 is typical.

Concilmember Connors asked if this fee would be added to the Solid Waste & Recycling Collection bills and Earl Berner said that it would be in the event the project began.

## **H. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

### **1) City Projects**

City Manager Berner reported that Lakeview Drive, Phase 1, will be completed soon. The Main St. re-alignment with Church St. has begun. Carlisle Dr. cannot be completed until the engineer and the contractor come to an agreement about the base. Once the engineer has given approval, the contractor can complete the work that needs to be done; however, the work will not begin until the Main St. re-alignment is complete. Harbourtown has completed two homes and have received permits for two more.

Concilmember Connors asked if there was any news about the street name changing from Denton Dr. to Lake Dallas Dr.

City Manager Earl Berner explained that the state has lost the paperwork. He has re-submitted the paperwork three times and is waiting for a response.

### **2) Private Projects**

Sonic has re-opened. Swisher Courts should be obtaining the permits to begin construction soon.

## **I. NEW AGENDA ITEMS**

Police Department Grant Application.

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Marino adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

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Tony Marino, Mayor

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Joni Mooneyham, Acting City Secretary