

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
BASTROP CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 16, 2016**

The Bastrop City Council met in a special called meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members present were Mayor Kesselus, Council Members, Schiff, Peterson, DeLaRosa and Jones. Council Member McAnally was absent.

At 6:30 PM Mayor Kesselus called the meeting to order with a Quorum being present. Council Member McAnally was absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. At 6:35 PM Mayor Kesselus called The Bastrop City Council to meet in a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, *et seq*, and discussed the following:

1. **SECTION 551.071(1)(A)(B) & SECTION 551.071(2)** – Consultation with Attorney concerning: (1) potential, pending, threatened, and/or contemplated litigation, claims, and/or settlement/mediation, including (*but not limited to*) the following: contracts concerning municipal water supply, pending and/or potential code enforcement, litigation related to subdivision development, and/or (2) matter upon which the Attorney(s) have a duty and/or responsibility pursuant to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas to report to the governmental body, concerning these matters, and/or any other matters posted on the agenda.

2. At 7:21 PM the Bastrop City Council reconvened into open (public) session to discuss, consider and/or take any actions necessary related to the executive session(s) items noted herein, or regular agenda items, noted above, and/or related agenda items.

Mayor Kesselus stated that there would be no action taken. He also stated that the Council was better informed on some water contract issues and would look at that more closely at the next meeting.

**APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO THE VOTERS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Kesselus read the caption of the Ordinance. Council Member Schiff made the motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Council member DeLaRosa seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Board appointment by Mayor Ken Kesselus and confirmation by the Bastrop City Council Members on the appointment of Patrick Connell to Place 2 on the Planning and Zoning with a term of 2016 - 2019.

Council Member DeLaRosa made the motion to approve the appointment. Council Member Schiff seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Board appointment by Mayor Ken Kesselus and confirmation by the Bastrop City Council Members on the appointment of Nasseem Khonsari to Place 4 on the Main Street Program Advisory Board for an unexpired term ending in 2017 replacing Kevin Goertz, who resigned.

Council Member Schiff made the motion to approve the appointment. Council member DeLaRosa seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mayor Kesselus convened the Bastrop City Council into a Workshop Session and discussed the following:

- A. 2016-2017 Budget – A review and discussion with the Interim City Manager regarding Development of the FY 2017 Budget and the proposed tax rate.

Mr. Townsend asked Tracy Waldron, CFO to come forward to address the Council. Ms. Waldron explained to the Council that there were several correspondences from the YMCA regarding their request for funding. She also stated that Mr. Trey Job, Director of PW, Parks, Utilities and Recreation had a PowerPoint presentation for the Council to view. Mr. Job explained that he wanted to let the Council know what type of recreation the City currently provides to its citizens. The PowerPoint provided an in depth look at the many recreational and event activities. Mr. Job also showed the Council a promotional advertisement for Movies in the Park which was created by Parks interns. Mr. Job recommended that the Council amend the contractual services to include the \$42,000 that the YMCA is requesting while allowing the City to expand its own recreational department. General discussion was held among Council and Mr. Job. The Mayor stated that he would like to see the Bastrop Water Utility and Bastrop Power & Light resources to be used to take care of the water and electric needed to run the State Park Pool and would like to see it in this budget year. Mr. Schiff stated he felt the pool is a tourism asset and feels that HOT money could be used toward the pool upkeep. Ms. Waldron, CFO, stated she will check and see if that is appropriate under the HOT guidelines. Ms. Jones indicated she would like to see a Master Plan including the pool, golf course, arena, YMCA and county and would like to see the whole area become a major partnership. She would like to see a 5-year plan between all entities. Mr. DeLaRosa acknowledged that all these plans would be great but wants to see how the City would pay for this. He also pointed out that the YMCA lost money on the pool to the tune of \$30,000 and would like to know where the City would draw the line. Mr. Schiff stated he did not feel that you provide recreation to make money but that it is a community service. The Mayor acknowledged that the State of Texas has shut down many pools and that the YMCA stepped up and has kept our running and the City should make a contribution to help to continue to keep it open. CM Townsend stated that he understood the direction the Council would like to go. CFO Waldron informed the Council that the County has increased the amount the City will pay for dispatching services. It will be going from \$188,000 to \$ 233,000. CM Townsend informed the Council that this is a workable amount into the budget. Mr. DeLaRosa reminded the Council that the County is interested in some City owned property for County purposes and perhaps we could work on bringing that dispatching number down. He asked Chief Adcock what the cost, per year, for a City owned dispatch unit. Chief responded that it would be about \$330,000 per year. Mr. DeLaRosa indicated that perhaps revisit the City dispatching unit in a couple of years. CM Townsend stated that normally a centralized dispatch unit runs more effectively. Discussion continued. Ms. Jones stated that she was ready for the workshop session to be over and therefore the meeting be over. Mayor Kesselus asked about a budget item for \$160,000 engineering for sidewalk project. CFO Waldron explained that this is part of a grant and this was our match for that grant and she explained that in the budget it is actually called design not engineering. Trey explained that it is our match of this grant. It is for sidewalks leading to the state park. Ms. Waldron informed Council that she must file a proposed budget with the City Secretary Office by August 26, 2016. Ms. Jones stated that she was waiting on a phone call and hoped to get some private funding on the \$160,000 match on the Sidewalk grant. Richard Smarzik asked to address the Council. He stated he just wanted to be sure there would be money in the budget to fund the work in Alley D. Ms. Waldron explained that it is funded by a bond. Andrew Wiggins from the YMCA addressed the Council. He agreed that a joint effort for recreation would be a great partnership. He addressed Mr. DeLaRosa and stated that the \$30,000 was only the cost of electricity and water and that the cost to operate the pool is much greater. Mayor Kesselus stated that he would like the BP&L and Water Departments take care of these expenses. Mr. DeLaRosa informed the Council that he has concerns about losing some of the City's revenue due to all the construction going on Hwy 71 and asked that departments watch their spending at the start of the new budget year.

The Bastrop City Council Adjourned Workshop Session and reconvened into Special Session to take the following necessary action(s).

Mr. Schiff made the motion to instruct the City Manager to work with the finance director to make sure that the budget fits the YMCA request of \$42,000 for operating expenses and \$ 30,000 for water and electricity for the pool operations. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Kesselus stated he would like to see the City pay for

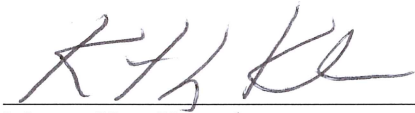
100% of the utilities to operate the pool. Mr. Schiff stated he would be happy to amend his motion to include to put the \$30,000 in the budget but he be prepared to amend the budget to meet the actual cost of the utilities for the pool. Ms. Jones seconded the amended motion. CM Townsend informed the Council that it was his understanding that the pool has a major leak and that the State will be repairing the pool after this season which could result in less water used. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kesselus asked if there was a motion on dispatching. CFO Waldron stated that a motion was not needed since this item was already in the budget.

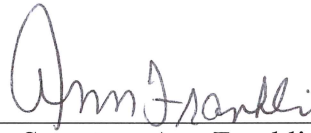
Sarah O'Brian from the Main Street Program addressed the Council about the scope of service with DMOPROZ for the creation of a DMO for the City of Bastrop. She informed the Council that it would be in three phases and that all parties were ready to proceed forward. Ms. Jones made the motion to move forward with phase one as proposed by Ms. O'Brian. Mr. Schiff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:00 PM Mr. Schiff made the motion to adjourn. Mr. DeLaRosa seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



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Mayor Ken Kesselus



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City Secretary Ann Franklin