

WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR

MARCH 11,

08

PRESENT: Mayor Sanner, Councilmembers Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Linda Lotspaih, Harold Robinson; Acting City Manager Chief Keister; Law Director Lori Kirkwood; Service Director Rich Norton, Parks & Rec Director Christian Mattingly, and Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Norton.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Jim Folker, City Manager Brad Townsend

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sanner. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

MINUTES

Mrs. Jones motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2008. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –abstain, Mayor Sanner -yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION
TO DIXON CHANEY.**

Mayor Sanner presented Dixon Chaney with the Proclamation and plaque in his honor.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #3380

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Litehouse Green Limited Partnership for the sale of 210-212 West Pease Avenue, being City Lot No. 203, and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Lotspaih to approve Ordinance #3380. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mayor Sanner -yes.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR THE 2008
WEST CARROLLTON HIGH SCHOOL AFTER PROM PARTY

Mrs. Jones motioned, seconded by Mr. Bowers to authorize a donation of \$100 to the 2008 West Carrollton High School After Prom Party. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mayor Sanner -yes.

DONATION REQUEST
FOR C.F. HOLLIDAY'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to authorize the city manager to donate 10 splash passes for C.F. Holliday's Annual Carnival. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mayor Sanner -yes.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Acting City Manager Chief Keister stated that the bid opening for Gibbons road had taken place. He stated that Dixie Excavating was the apparent low bidder, and the staff was currently reviewing the contract to make sure they were qualified.

Christian Mattingly stated that Dixon would be greatly missed in the Parks Department. He stated that they appreciated all his hard work.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

None

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COMMENTS BY AUDIENCE

None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mrs. Fryman thanked Dixon for all his hard work stating that he had saved the community lots of money by having his staff do a lot of the work themselves.

Mr. Bowers congratulated Dixon and stated that the Soccer Blasts could not have been made possible without him and his staff.

He also gave a kudos to the staff for the recent snow removal. They did a great job.

He congratulated Greg Gaines on the Comprehensive Plan, and stated he was doing a great job coordinating and putting it all together.

He let the residents know that Jeane Troxell, a Kindergarten teacher, passed away. Her viewing would be Thursday, 3 – 6 p.m. and the funeral would be at Central Presbyterian Church at 6:15.

Mrs. Jones congratulated Dixon on his retirement. She wished Joe and Bernice Markunes Happy Anniversary, they have been married 70 years.

Mr. Robinson congratulated Dixon on his retirement and wished him well.

Mr. Sanner reminded the residents that the Lions Club Rose sale was taking place, and anyone wishing to buy roses should see a Lion's Club member.

He reminded everyone that the St. Patrick's Day Dinner would be at the Lion's Den on March 15 from 4:30 – 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from any Lion's Club member or purchased at the door.

RECESS

Mayor Sanner motioned, seconded by Mrs. Lotspaih to recess to a Work Session to discuss the items on the agenda. A unanimous roll call carried the motion.

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WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Sanner, Councilmembers Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Linda Lotspaith, Harold Robinson; Acting City Manager Chief Jack Keister, Law Director Lori Kirkwood, Service Director Rich Norton, Finance Director Tom Reilly.

Discussion over the proposed sewer rate increase and which plan is most appropriate to implement. Mr. Robinson made the point that the 90% rate adjustment would have the least impact on the citizens and with all the other proposed increases might be the best option for the moment. Mr. Bowers along with Mrs. Fryman and Mrs. Jones suggested a 100% adjustment would put the sewer fund at a healthier balance. After discussion it was the consensus of the group to move forward with the 100% rate adjustment and a 3% COLA in 2010. Mr. Robinson along with Mr. Bowers recommended that staff do a thorough public education campaign showing the increase in comparison to other communities' sewer rates.

Mr. Mattingly briefed council on the situation with Time-Warner and the fiber optic network which makes up the institutional network. Beginning April 1st Time-Warner will be charging the city \$2,600.00 per month for the service. Mr. Mattingly suggested a wireless mesh system to take over the City's phone and data management system to the other city buildings.

Mr. Mattingly also presented a proposal for audio-visual improvements and computer access for the council chambers. The technology would include computer monitors for the council members, flat screen TV's and a permanent LCD projector.

Mr. Mattingly presented new roof estimates for the Civic Center. Due to the increase in petroleum products the estimate has increased over 50% from the previous estimate. It was the general consensus of council to move forward with the repair.

ADJOURNMENT

At the conclusion of the session, Councilmember Jody Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Jim Bowers. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK OF COUNCIL