

**MINUTES
AZLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 15, 2010**

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COUNTY OF TARRANT §
CITY OF AZLE §

The City Council of the City of Azle, Texas met in Pre-Council Work Session at 6:30 p.m. and convened in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 613 Southeast Parkway, Azle, Texas, on the 15th day of June with the following members present:

Russ Braudis	Mayor
Tony Haas	Mayor Pro Tem
Alan Brundrett	Council Members
Bill Jones	
Paul Crabtree	
Rouel Rothenberger	
June Earp	

Constituting a quorum. City Manager Craig Lemin was excused from tonight's meeting. Staff present was:

Lawrence Bryant	Acting City Manager
Susie Hiles	Assistant to the City Manager
Norma Zenk	City Secretary
Cara White	City Attorney

The following items were considered in accordance with the official agenda posted on the 11th day of June 2010.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS INTERVIEW

6:15 p.m.

Conduct interviews with candidates for the Parks and Recreation Board and the Animal Shelter Advisory Board.

Mayor Braudis called the interview to order at 6:15 p.m. and introduced Dr. Michael Henley, Cathy Weltha, and Candace Lamb. Council and Board members discussed the duties and responsibilities of members for the Park and Recreation and the Animal Shelter Advisory Board. Mayor Braudis stressed to the candidates that attendance to the meetings of these boards was important.

Mayor Braudis adjourned the interviews at 6:31 p.m.

PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION

6:30 p.m.

Mayor Braudis opened the work session at 6:34 p.m. and gave a brief review of the interviews of the board members noting the Animal Shelter Advisory Board would be activated. He stated that in the past, the City of Azle had combined forces with the Parker County Animal Shelter, but in recent years Azle's Animal Shelter had fallen short and now that Dr. Henley was on board, the City of Azle could activate its Animal Shelter Advisory board.

Council and staff reviewed the items on consent and regular session and considered placing Agenda Items 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 on the consent agenda.

Mayor Braudis adjourned the work session at 6:44 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Braudis called the Regular Session to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Braudis let the Pledge of Allegiance.

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PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by Jennifer Pope with the U.S. Census Bureau on the next phase of the 2010 Census, (non-response follow-up).

Mayor Braudis recognized Jennifer Pope with the U.S. Census Bureau who gave a brief report on the 2010 Census and the initial results of the survey noting Azle's participation was at 77% which meant the city of Azle was a proud community. Ms. Pope stated there would be periodic releases on the results beginning December 31, 2010, followed by quarterly releases in 2011: February through March, June through August, and December through April 2012.

2. Presentation of a check to the City by David Long Music Productions, 50 Guitars of Azle Concert's proceeds.

Mayor Braudis removed this item from the agenda at the request of David Long.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Braudis advised the audience that there was no agenda item calling for a vote on the Crime Control and Prevention District Budget this evening, but would allow time for anyone willing to speak on any subject.

Mayor Braudis recognized Reverend Cindy Reynolds, 2700 Flat Rock Road, Azle, TX who stated that after reviewing the current program Brother to Brother, Green Light Ministries would be ending this program in the City of Azle and would be relocating the parolees to other half way homes in the Metroplex within 30 days. She asked the Council and the Audience for their patience while the relocation proceeded. Reverend Reynolds apologized to the Council and the residents of Azle for causing unrest and animosity with her intent to help parolees re-integrate into the community. She stated she wanted to clear a rumor regarding the Timberlake property being used as another half way home or a women's shelter, noting Green Light Ministries had considered it to help people but nothing was being done at that house at this time.

Mayor Braudis stated Reverend Reynolds had done a lot for the community and her services were appreciated. He asked the audience if anyone wanted to speak regarding Reverend Reynolds remarks and recognized the following who sounded a unanimous voice of approval with Green Light Ministries decision to end the Brother to Brother program and move out of Azle:

- Kim Whorley, 401 Toronto Road, Azle, Texas
Connie Stephens, 615 Lakeside Drive, Azle, TX
Paula Bell, 212 Marquette Ave., Azle, TX
Nicki Osborne, 419 Calgary Road, Azle, TX
Darrell Bolt, 433 Toronto Road, Azle, TX
Lori Bolt, 433 Toronto Road, Azle, TX
Candace Lamb, 632 Alameda Road, Azle, Texas thanked Reverend Reynolds for all her civic duties for the Azle Community and noted Azle was no place for a half way house for parolees.
V. Ray Garner, 140 Shoreline Drive, Azle, Texas
Richard Oliver, P. O. BOX 108, Peaster, TX
Chris Clark, 51 Marquette Ave, Azle, TX
Patricia Mears, 650 Alameda Road, Azle, TX
Rita Prestage, 620 Lakeside Drive, Azle, TX stated she accepted Reverend Reynolds apology for bringing in the half way house into the Azle community and stated Azle residents did participate in community events such as volunteering for the food bank, but would not tolerate a half way house for parolees.
Betty Castillo, 604 Alameda Road, Azle, TX
Richard McCracken, 634 Alameda, Azle, TX
Ryan Trent, 209 Marquette Ave, Azle, TX asked the Council to put something in place so that a half way house or something similar could not happen again. Mayor Braudis directed staff to look into this and contact Mr. Trent with the city's policies for such establishments.
Sandra Cook, 501 Lakeside Drive, Azle, TX
John Heath, 437 Timberlake Drive, Azle, TX
Curtis Linehan, 321 Lakeside Drive, Azle, TX
Victor Thompson, 402 Timberlake Drive, Azle, TX
Tawny Fowler, 510 Alameda Road, Azle, TX
Lindy Reynolds, 510 Alameda Road, Azle, TX
Carter Wyatt, 520 Lakeside Drive, Azle, TX
Raymona Bogart, 500 Marquette Ave., Azle, TX

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Larry Vaughn, 309 Driftwood Court, Azle, TX

Mary Ellen Ehlmann, 212 Timberlake Drive, Azle, TX gave a brief speech and thanked Reverend Reynolds for all that the Ministries had done for the city giving account of her own experience of utilizing a woman's shelter once in her life.

Amy Hooser, 404 Toronto Road, Azle, TX

Mayor Braudis thanked the audience for their civil conduct within the Council Chamber and recessed the regular session at 7:33 p.m. and reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Consider approving the Minutes of the June 1, 2010 regular City Council meeting.**
- 4. Consider approval of the resignation of Shaun Ross, Place 3, Parks and Recreation Board.**
- 5. Consider appointment of Candace Lamb to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Board for the unexpired term ending on October 31, 2011.**
- 6. Consider approval of Tarrant County Emergency Services District Fire amendment to the current contract.**
- 8. Consider appointments to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee: Dr. Michael Henley, Veterinarian; Mayor Russ Braudis, City Official; Wanda Skaggs, Animal Shelter Supervisor; and Catherine Weltha, Animal Welfare AASHA as stipulated by the Azle Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article 2.100, Section 2.124.**

Councilmember Jones moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 as presented and discussed with the appointment of Candace Lamb to the Parks and Recreation Board, Place 3; and the following to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board:

Dr. Michael Henley, Veterinarian

Mayor Russ Braudis, City Official

Wanda Skaggs, Azle Animal Shelter Supervisor

Catherine Weltha, Animal Welfare AASHA

Mayor Pro Tem Haas seconded the motion.

The vote is as follows:

Ayes: Braudis, Haas, Brundrett, Jones, Crabtree, Rothenberger, and Earp

Nays:

Abstentions:

Mayor Braudis declared the motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

- 7. Consider approval of a variance from Chapter 3, Article 3.1200, Section 3.1203(1) of the Azle Municipal Code of Ordinances to allow for a fence in the front yard of the property located at 625 Lakeside, Azle, Texas.**

Mayor Braudis recognized Acting City Manager Lawrence Bryant who gave a brief description of the agenda item noting the applicant was seeking a variance from the city's code on fencing. He stated the applicant Linda Lee Robinson was requesting approval to allow a forty foot section of four foot tall chain link fence to be installed along Lakeside Drive as well as a twenty-five foot section extending from the eastern portion the lot to the proposed new fence along Lakeside Drive. Mr. Bryant stated this property was in a corner lot located at Lakeside and Calgary and the parcel has approximately 300 feet of street frontage and the request was only to install the fence along the eastern most forty feet.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the application of Linda Lee Robinson for a variance from Chapter 3, Article 3.1200, Section 3.1203(1) of the Azle Municipal Code of Ordinances to allow for a fence in the front yard of the property located at 625 Lakeside, Azle, Texas as discussed. Councilmember Brundrett seconded the motion.

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The vote is as follows:

Ayes: Braudis, Haas, Brundrett, Jones, Crabtree, Rothenberger, and Earp
Nays:
Abstentions:

Mayor Braudis declared the motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- **Council Member and Crime Control and Prevention District Liaison June Earp will give an update on the CCPD meeting of June 10, 2010.**

Councilmember Earp and Council Liaison to the CCPD gave a brief update of the recent CCPD meeting regarding their annual budget noting this year's proposed budget would be 20% less and the youth director's salary had been reduced.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Braudis adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

PRESENTED AND APPROVED this the 6th day of July 2010.

APPROVED:

Russ Braudis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Norma Zenk, TRMC, City Secretary