

THE PARK HILLS CITY COUNCIL HELD A BUSINESS MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE GARDENS OF PARK HILLS, 1622 DIXIE HIGHWAY, WITH MAYOR, KATHY ZEMBRODT PRESIDING.
COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: SARAH FROELICH, DR. KEVIN DOWNES, TONY DARIN, PAM SPOOR, JOE SHIELDS AND STEVE ELKINS
ALSO PRESENT: CITY ATTORNEY, DANIEL BRAUN AND CITY ENGINEER, JAY BAYER

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Motion to approve the July 11, 2022, minutes was made by Ms. Spoor; seconded by Dr. Downes. Roll call: Ms. Froelich; aye, Dr. Downes; aye, Mr. Darin; aye, Ms. Spoor; aye, Mr. Shields; aye, Mr. Elkins; abstain
Motion carried

I. Second Reading; Ordinance 7, 2022 setting the 2022 tax rate was read in summary by Attorney Braun. Motion to adopt Ordinance was made by Ms. Spoor; second by Dr. Downes. Roll call: all ayes
Ms. Froelich asked about the compensating rate. Mayor Zembrodt replied that the value of property increased but not as much as last year. The compensating rate is .214%. Ms. Spoor added that the city's revenue is growing nicely without a tax increase.
Ms. Froelich mentioned that the city has had the same tax rate for 11 years which was as far back as she could find. She asked when this rate was first passed. Ms. Spoor replied it was passed in 2010 and that around 2012 the road tax rate was reduced. Mr. Braun added that a 4% increase is allowed without a recall. Ms. Spoor predicts other taxes will continue to bring in higher revenues and was opposed to raising the rate.

II. Second Reading; Ordinance No. 8, 2022 establishing a position of Mayor pro-tem. Mr. Braun stated after reading the title of the Ordinance, someone will need to make a motion and a second for discussion as there are 3 options to choose from in the Ordinance.

Motion to discuss the proposed Ordinance was made by Ms. Froelich; seconded by Ms. Spoor.

Ms. Spoor asked if the Mayor pro tem actually has mayoral executive powers. Mr. Braun replied if the Mayor pro tem is Mayor in the absence of the Mayor, the answer is no. The Mayor pro tem would only conduct the meeting(s).

Mr. Braun went on to explain that there was a first reading on the Ordinance he originally wrote. Council needs to decide whether or not they want to keep it. The main reason behind that Ordinance was that after the Mayor got back from a conference, they indicated that you could create an Ordinance allowing her to make an appointment of who would conduct the meetings in her absence; or, absent that, you would follow the statutory scheme where Council would decide that night. As to a prolonged absence, the statute lets the Mayor, by Executive Order, appoint someone who is not on Council. In this case, it would be the city clerk, Julie. He stated that Council can either:

- 1) Have a second reading of the original Ordinance or,
- 2) Let the statute completely handle the matter, or

3) Use Councilwomen Froelich's new proposed Ordinance with additional language. Anyone filling in as the Mayor pro tem will not lose their vote. Mr. Braun agrees with Ms. Froelich to let the position be filled with Council's highest vote getter in the previous election. Mr. Braun stated, since the change is not significant, he can move forward with second reading. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 8 in regards to Mayor pro tem with language change was made by Ms. Froelich; seconded by Mr. Elkins. Roll call: all ayes

III. Emergency Reading; Ordinance No. 9, 2022 amending the Zoning Code Ordinance concerning off-street parking regulations was read in summary by Attorney Braun. Motion to adopt Ordinance was made by Ms. Spoor; seconded by Mr. Shields. Mayor Zembrodt explained the changes are already going to be incorporated in the Z21 plan, but the city is moving forward early with the change so that the liquor store can get started. Roll call: all ayes

IV. Municipal Order No. 6, 2022 declaring surplus property and authorizing disposal (2010 & 2012 Dodge Chargers) was read in summary by Attorney Braun. Motion to approve Order was made by Dr. Downes; seconded by Mr. Shields. Roll call: all ayes

V. Municipal Order No. 7, 2022 declaring surplus property and authorizing disposal (2014 Dodge Charger) was read in summary by Attorney Braun. Motion to approve Order was made by Dr. Downes; seconded by Mr. Darin. Roll call: all ayes

VI. Department Reports

A. Police Department – Chief Cody Stanley

Chief Stanley's July report contained the following:

Reports: 12

Citations: 162 (some of the traffic and criminal are on the same citation)

- 3 Warrant Arrests (175)
- 5 Traffic citations (159 Federal Grant Citations)
- 0 Criminal Arrests

City Citations: 4 (1 paid/voided)

Additional:

838 calls for service less 149 traffic stops, 369 Vacation/Business/ Special Area Checks, 29 Special Detail we had a total of 440 police related calls.

Traffic study on South Arlington: avg speed 21.04, # vehicles 15,413, max speed 40, 85% speed 24, 50% speed 20.

Call Review:

- 2 citations; (1 traffic and 1 warrant) on Dixie Highway.
- 0 citation on Elberta Circle and St. Joseph.

Chief Stanley stated 2 of their cruisers that were damaged in the July 6th storm will not be repaired. He does not want to donate damaged cruisers either.

He stated that the speed sign has been moved to Terrace but there will not be a count until next month.

B. Fire Department – Chief John S. Rigney