

A G E N D A
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
LAKE DALLAS CITY HALL
212 MAIN STREET
June 29, 2015 - 7:30 PM

Notice is hereby given, as required, by Title 5, Chapter 551.041 of the Government Code that the City Council of the City of Lake Dallas will meet in a Special Town Hall Meeting on June 29, 2015 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of Lake Dallas City Hall located at 212 Main Street. The agenda follows.

A. ROLL CALL

Mike McCaleb
Steve Forgey
April Estrada
Andi Nolan

Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember 3
Councilmember 4
Councilmember 5

Staff Present: City Manager/Police Chief Nick Ristagno; City Secretary Joni Vaughn; Finance/Human Resource Director Donna Boner; Police Lieutenant Eric Louderback; Sergeants Vikki Chandler and Alan Sawyer

B. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem McCaleb gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem McCaleb led the pledges.

D. BUSINESS

Town Hall Meeting to address citizen concerns regarding the removal from office of Julie Mathews. No action was taken as a result of this meeting. Council and Staff responded to each concern.

1. Chris Chumbley, 528 Mattie Lane, asked if Council was aware that the City had an officer who could not give testimony in county court.
2. Rudy Vrba, 207 Julian, discussed the same officer and asked questions about the citations issues on Lakeview.
3. Jenny Warmbrodt, 511 Meadowbrook, expressed her displeasure over the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council meeting being held on the same night. Ms. Warmbrodt also asked why Mayor Marino was not removed from office for doing the same thing that Julie Mathews was removed from office for. She feels there is a double standard. Ms. Warmbrodt also stated she wants to decrease the police department.
4. Richard Nourse, 211 Pembroke, feels the Council is following the "jot and tittle of the law" should have tried to work with Julie Mathews. He feels there should be more openness.
5. Diane Byers, 699 Lakeland Court, feels there should be more transparency. She feels the citizens should have been more informed about why the council chose not to prosecute Tony Marino for theft of services and just give him a slap on the wrist. She stated she was embarrassed and appalled by the people who represent her.
6. Gene Tisdale, 524 Howard, spoke to the Council regarding the situation with the Upper Trinity Regional Water District Wastewater Treatment Plant and getting something done about it. Mr. Tisdale cautioned the councilmembers not to vote on something they are not familiar with or do not understand.
7. Ruby Benoit, 612 Grayson, explained to Council that she got involved with city government due to getting a citation on Lakeview. She felt the way the citation was handled was corrupt. She disapproves of the way Julie was dismissed.

8. Charlie Price, 312 Georgian Oak, asked Council where the Mayor is and asked the Council if Julie's emails are worse than what the Mayor did.
9. David Houdek, 314 Thousand Oaks, talked about a conversation he overheard during a council meeting between James Harper and Dan Nolan regarding Julie Mathews, however according to Mr. Nolan, it seems he misunderstood the conversation.
10. Gerry Dobson, 220 Pembroke, feels the City has the worst roads and the highest taxes and he feels the City has deteriorated in the 28 years he has been here. He doesn't want to pay for city events. He feels the city council should get along.
11. Ruth Brige, 314 Georgian Oak, had a complaint about the city website.
12. Debbie Hurst, 685 Shore, feels the Police Chief should not be the City Manager and she wants her team that she voted for. She feels Julie Mathews was a private citizen when she wrote the emails directing staff.

Mayor Pro Tem McCaleb adjourned for a break at 9:35 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem McCaleb reconvened at 9:45 pm.

13. John Dupont, 309 Georgian Oak, feels that the City is getting a great bargain with the Police Chief being willing to be the City Manager as well for one salary. He feels the Mayor needs to go if he is guilty. Mr. Dupont feels the Council should have given Julie Mathews more time.
14. Neva Sudderth, 702 Glen Rhea, she does not agree that Lake Dallas is deteriorating. She said her heart goes out to the Council and Staff for the things said to them during this meeting. She does not agree that the Mayor should still be in office, but she trusts the Council knew what they were doing when they made the decisions about Tony and Julie. She said she supports Council and Staff and thanks them for their service. She hopes we can stop all the drama and stress and get on with city business.
15. Robert Ryder, 201 Lakeview, wants to know where his right of way money is for the Lakeview project.
16. David Shershen, 166 Kingswood, believes everyone will come together and it will all be okay.
17. John Schuh, 737 Harbourtown, feels there wasn't enough time given to work things out.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem McCaleb thanked everyone for coming out and adjourned the meeting at 10:05 pm.

Mike McCaleb, Mayor Pro Tem

Joni Vaughn, City Secretary