

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF DENTON  
CITY OF CORINTH**

On this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020 the City Council of the City of Corinth, Texas met in Regular Session at the Corinth City Hall at 7:00 P.M., located at 3300 Corinth Parkway, Corinth, Texas. The meeting date, time, place and purpose as required by Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter C, Section 551.041, Government Code, with the following members to wit:

**Members Present:**

Mayor Heidemann  
Sam Burke, Mayor Pro Tem  
Scott Garber, Council Member  
Lowell Johnson, Council Member  
Tina Henderson, Council Member  
Kelly Pickens, Council Member

**Staff Members Present**

Bob Hart, City Manager  
Patricia Adams, Messer, Fort & McDonald  
Lee Ann Bunselmeyer, Finance, Administration, Communications & Marketing Director  
Cody Collier, Public Works Director  
Jason Alexander, Corinth Economic Development Corporation Director  
Helen-Eve Beadle, Planning & Development Director  
Jerry Garner, Police Chief  
George Marshall, City Engineer  
Emily Beck, Communications and Marketing Coordinator  
Brett Cast, Engineering Services Coordinator  
Shea Rodgers, Technology Services Communications Manager  
Lana Wylie, Interim City Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & TEXAS PLEDGE:**

Mayor Heidemann called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. Council Member Scott Garber delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

**PRESENTATION:**

1. Keep Corinth Beautiful recognized as Silver Star Affiliate by Keep Texas Beautiful.
2. City of Corinth recognized as a Tree City community.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. Should the Mayor, a Council Member, or any citizen desire discussion of any Item that Item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.**

3. Consider and approve the 2021 Proposed Budget for the Denton Central Appraisal District.
4. Consider approval to enter into the North Central Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement with the North Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for Corinth to join the Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT).

5. Consider and act on an Agreement for Advertising Services between Denton County and the Corinth Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$2,500.00.

**MOTION** made by Council Member Garber to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Burke.

**AYES:** Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson, Pickens  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council is prohibited from acting on or discussing (other than factual responses to specific questions) any items brought before them at this time. Citizen's comments will be limited to 3 minutes. Comments about any of the Council agenda items are appreciated by the Council and may be taken into consideration at this time or during that agenda item. Please complete a Public Input form if you desire to address the City Council. All remarks and questions addressed to the Council shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any individual member thereof. Section 30.041B Code of Ordinance of the City of Corinth.

Sherry Palmer of 2803 Cochise Court, Corinth Texas, addressed City Council regarding police policies.

Jim Carter of 1005 Roadrunner Rd., Bartonville, TX spoke with City Council regarding Agenda Item 12, requesting consideration of being appointed to the Denco Area 9-1-1 District.

**BUSINESS AGENDA:**

6. Consider an act on an ordinance of the City of Corinth, Texas, amending chapter 33 "Boards Commissions and Departments of Title III, "Administration" of the code of ordinances of the City of Corinth creating a Youth Advisory Council (YAC) for the city of Corinth.

**MOTION** made by Council Member Henderson to approve the ordinance as presented and seconded by Council Member Pickens.

**AYES:** Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson, Pickens  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. Consider approval of an ordinance altering the prima facie speed limits on certain streets within the City of Corinth, authorizing the City Manager to cause the erection of signs providing notice of the new speed limits; and authorizing the City to publish reports as required by law.

**George Marshall, City Engineer**, shared a presentation with Council and clarified the correction on page seven of the original document, leaving out the speed limit on one street.



City of Corinth

City Council

**Speed Limits**

June 18, 2020

BI #7.

Consider approval of an Ordinance altering the prima facie speed limits on certain streets within the City of Corinth;

authorizing the City Manager to cause the erection of signs providing notice of the new speed limits; and authorizing the City to publish reports as required by law.

## General Speed limits In Texas

| Texas Transportation Code Sec. 545.352 Prima Facie Speed Limits |        |
|---|--------|
| Street In Urban District  | 30 MPH |
| Alley In Urban District   | 15 MPH |
| Highway Numbered by State Outside Urban District                | 70 MPH |
| Other Highway Outside Urban District                            | 60 MPH |
| On a Beach  | 15 MPH |

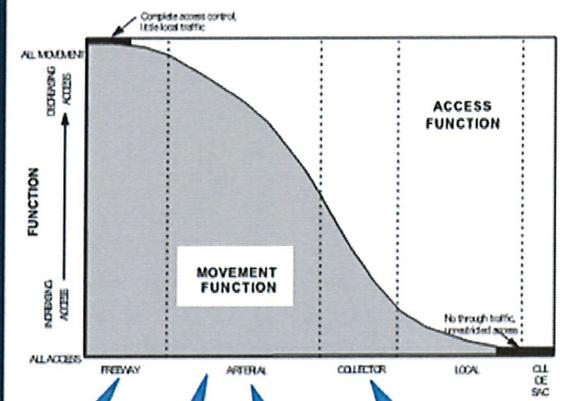
# Setting Speed Limits

- Texas Transportation Code Sec. § 545.356 Authority of Municipality to Alter Speed Limits
  - alter by ordinance prima facie speed limits from the results of an engineering and traffic investigation
  - the governing body of a municipality, for a highway... that is not a ... road of the state highway system, may declare a lower speed limit of not less than 25 miles per hour, if ...determines... speed limit... is unreasonable or unsafe
    - applies only to a two-lane, undivided highway
    - municipality that declares a lower speed limit... shall publish on its Internet website and submit to the department a report that compares for each of the two previous calendar years:
      - (1) the number of traffic citations issued by peace officers of the municipality and the alleged speed of the vehicles, for speed limit violations on the highway or part of the highway;
      - (2) the number of warning citations issued by peace officers of the municipality on the highway or part of the highway; and
      - (3) the number of vehicular accidents that resulted in injury or death and were attributable to speed limit violations on the highway or part of the highway.

Amended 1995, 2005, 2009, 2011

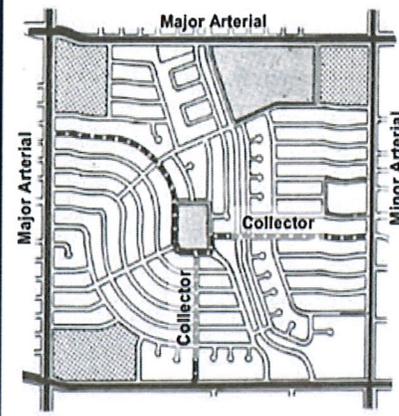
# Functional Street Classifications

Figure 3-12. Relationship between Access and Movement



- I-35E
- FM 2181
- Lake Sharon
- Parkridge

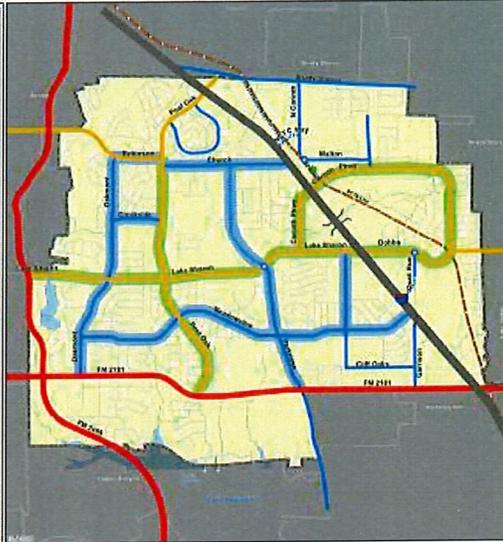
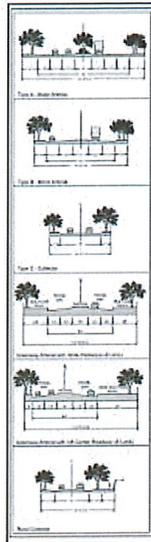
Figure 3-13. Functional Street Classification System



# Roadway Classifications

- Major Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Collector

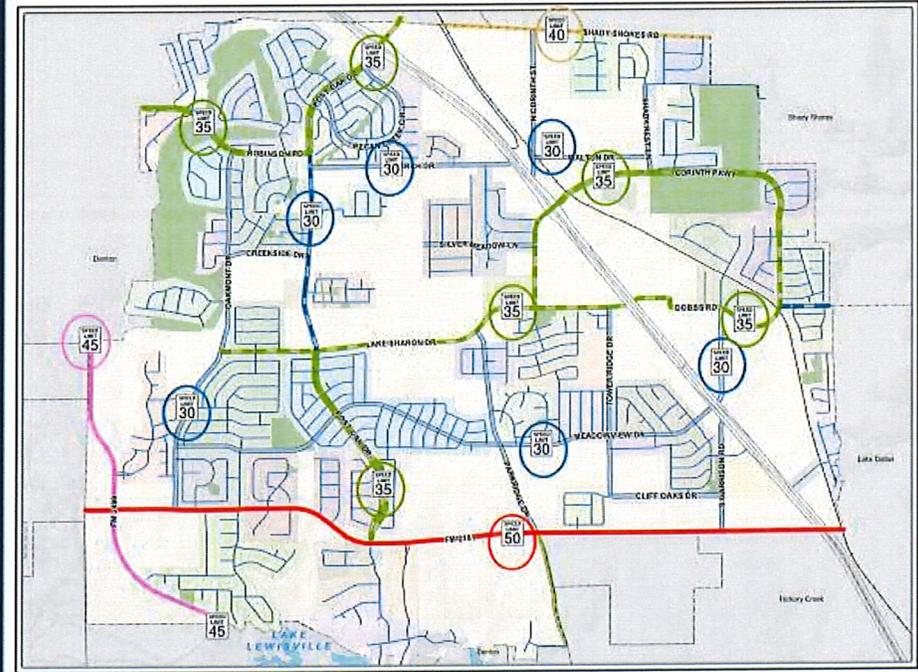
- Major Arterial (40-55 MPH)
- Minor Arterial (30-45 MPH)
- Collector (30-40 MPH)
- Residential (20-30 MPH)



**CORINTH**  
MISSISSIPPI

**Thoroughfare Plan**

- Multi-Modal Transit Center
- Freeway / Expressway
- Major Arterial
- Major Arterial (Proposed)
- Minor Arterial
- Collector
- Collector (Proposed)
- Future DCTA Rail Line
- Under Pass
- Greenway Corridor
- Bicycle Corridor
- Roundabout Intersection



**CORINTH**  
MISSISSIPPI

**Speed Limits**

**Existing Speed**

- 20, Local
- 30, Local
- 30, Collector
- 30, Minor Arterial
- 35, Collector
- 35, Minor Arterial
- 40, Collector
- 45, Major Arterial
- 50, Major Arterial

1 inch = 1,500 feet

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# Proposed Roadway Classifications

| Major Arterial  | Minor Arterial   | Major Collector  | Minor Collector   | Residential/Local |
|---|--|--|---|-------------------|
| (45-55 MPH)   | (30-45 MPH)  | (35-40 MPH)  | (30-35 MPH)   | (25 MPH)          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FM 2181 &amp; FM 2499</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lake Sharon</li> <li>• Post Oak</li> <li>• Corinth Parkway</li> <li>• Robinson</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parkridge</li> <li>• Church</li> <li>• Oakmont</li> <li>• Creekside</li> <li>• Quail Run</li> <li>• N. Corinth</li> <li>• Shady Rest</li> <li>• Shady Shores</li> <li>• Tower Ridge</li> <li>• Walton</li> <li>• Garrison</li> <li>• Cliff Oaks etc.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meadowview</li> <li>• Silver Meadow</li> <li>• Pecan Creek</li> <li>• North Haven</li> </ul> |                   |

# Reaction Time and Breaking Distance



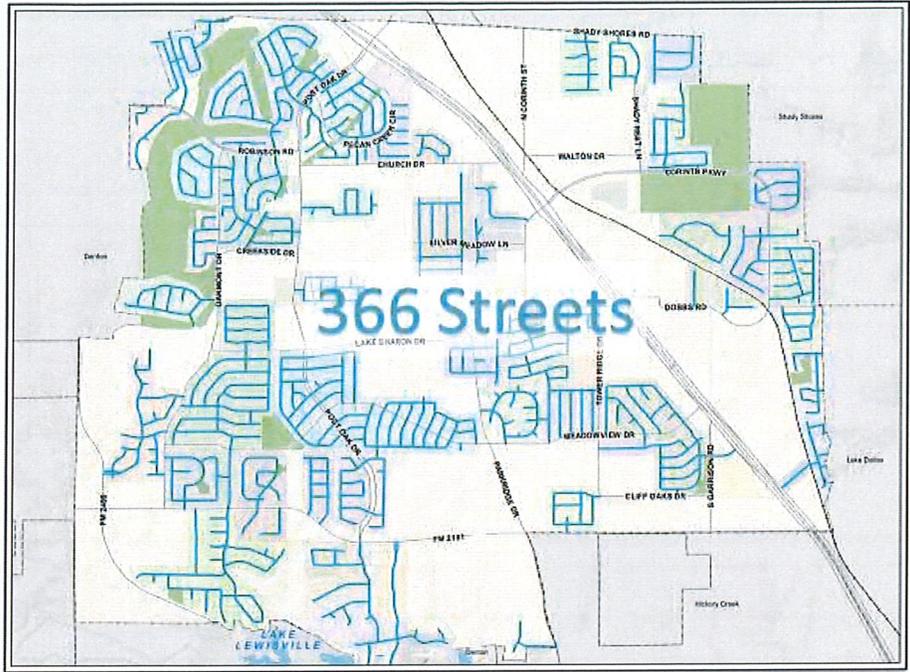
PLEASE  
DRIVE  
SLOWLY  
WE ❤️ OUR  
CHILDREN

WE ❤️  
OUR CHILDREN  
*Please* DRIVE  
CAREFULLY

| Velocity | Velocity <sup>2</sup> | Breaking<br>Deceleration<br>Distance | Perception<br>Reaction<br>Distance | Total<br>Stopping<br>Distance | 5 MPH<br>Change<br>Distance | 5 MPH<br>Change<br>% |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| MPH      | Ft/Sec.               | Ft                                   | Ft                                 | Ft                            | Ft                          | %                    |
| 10       | 14.7                  | 5                                    | 22                                 | 27                            |                             |                      |
| 15       | 22                    | 11                                   | 33                                 | 44                            | 17                          | 39%                  |
| 20       | 29.3                  | 19                                   | 44                                 | 63                            | 19                          | 30%                  |
| 25       | 36                    | 30                                   | 55                                 | 85                            | 22                          | 26%                  |
| 30       | 44                    | 43                                   | 66                                 | 109                           | 24                          | 22%                  |
| 35       | 51.3                  | 59                                   | 77                                 | 136                           | 27                          | 20%                  |
| 40       | 58.7                  | 76                                   | 88                                 | 164                           | 28                          | 17%                  |
| 45       | 66                    | 97                                   | 99                                 | 196                           | 32                          | 16%                  |
| 50       | 73.3                  | 119                                  | 110                                | 229                           | 33                          | 14%                  |
| 55       | 80.7                  | 144                                  | 121                                | 265                           | 36                          | 14%                  |
| 60       | 88                    | 172                                  | 132                                | 304                           | 39                          | 13%                  |
| 65       | 95.3                  | 202                                  | 143                                | 345                           | 41                          | 12%                  |
| 70       | 102.7                 | 234                                  | 154                                | 388                           | 43                          | 11%                  |
| 75       | 110                   | 268                                  | 165                                | 433                           | 45                          | 10%                  |
| 80       | 117.3                 | 305                                  | 176                                | 481                           | 48                          | 10%                  |
| 85       | 124.7                 | 345                                  | 187                                | 532                           | 51                          | 10%                  |
| 90       | 132                   | 386                                  | 198                                | 584                           | 52                          | 9%                   |



**SLOW**  
  
**CHILDREN  
AT PLAY**



**CORINTH**  
MS

**Speed Limits**

**Proposed Speed**  
25 MPH

Scale: 1 inch = 1,000 feet

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- Children Playing
- Children at Play
- Slow Children
  - All signs that promote children playing in the street.
  - Provides parents and children a false sense of security that they can play in the street
  - Not an approved TxMUTCD street sign.
  - Sign clutter
  - Does not provide clear guidance



## Children Playing

- The signs are a suburban mainstay even though no evidence suggests they do anything but make parents feel better.
- Do streets without the signs *not* have children at play?
- Signs should only be installed when they fulfill a need based on an engineering study or engineering judgment. In general, signs are often ineffective in modifying driver behavior, and overuse of signs breeds disrespect and diminishes effectiveness. Unnecessary signs and posts represent a hazard to errant motorists and may cause an obstruction to pedestrians and bicyclists. Furthermore, unnecessary signs are a waste of taxpayer dollars, represent an ongoing maintenance cost, and are a source of visual blight

## Summary

- Reduce speed limits in residential neighborhoods from 30 mph to 25.
  - Effective as soon as speed limit signs are installed
  - Remove “Children Playing” Signs. (good place for a 25mph sign to be installed)
- Perform speed studies on other streets to evaluate for possibility of increasing speeds by approximately 5 mph.
  - Bring forward as either all one action or take separate action as the studies are performed.

## Questions?

Staff Recommended motion:

“Move to approve the modified ordinance as presented tonight, altering the prima facie speed limits on certain streets within the City of Corinth; authorizing the City Manager to cause the erection of signs providing notice of the new speed limits; and authorizing the City to publish reports as required by law.”

|                |   |    |
|----------------|---|----|
| Post Oak Ct    | In its entirety                               | 25 |
| Post Oak Drive | From the northern City limits to Robinson Rd. | 35 |
| Post Oak Drive | From Robinson Rd. to Lake Sharon Dr.          | 30 |
| Post Oak Drive | From Lake Sharon Dr. to FM 2181               | 35 |
| Post Oak Trl   | In its entirety                               | 25 |
| Post Ridge Cir | In its entirety                               | 25 |
| Postwood Ct    | In its entirety                               | 25 |
| Postwood Dr    | In its entirety                               | 25 |
| Poltery Trl    | In its entirety                               | 25 |
| Quail Run Dr   | From Lynchburg Dr. to its northern terminus   | 25 |

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**MOTION** made by Council Member Garber to approve the modified ordinance as presented, altering the prima facie speed limits on certain streets within the City of Corinth; authorizing the City Manager to cause the erection of signs providing notice of the new speed limits; and authorizing the City to publish reports as required by law and seconded by Council Member Johnson.

**AYES:** Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson, Pickens  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

8. Consider and act on an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Denton County, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code, to address the impact of the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus pandemic ('COVID-19).

**MOTION** made by Council Member Johnson to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Denton County, Texas, as presented and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Burke.

**AYES:** Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson, Pickens  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

9. Consider and act on the approval of an engagement letter with Eide Bailey, LLC for auditing services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

**Lee Ann Bunselmeyer, Finance, Administration, Communications & Marketing Director** met with the Finance Audit Committee regarding retaining Eide Bailey as the auditor. The committee's recommendation is to continue to work with Eide Bailey as long as there was no increase in the contract. With federal grants, receiving funds above \$750,000, Corinth would be subject to an audit that will add \$8,000 for a single audit and be eligible for reimbursement from the Denton County COVID-19 funding relief.

**MOTION** made by Council Member Garber to approve the renewal of a one year contract with Eide Bailey and seconded by Council Member Henderson.

**AYES:** Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson, Pickens  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

10. Consider an act on an ordinance of the City of Corinth, Texas, amending Chapter 36, Finance and Revenue Taxation", of Title III, "Administration", of the Code of Ordinances to add a new section, Section 36.12, " Authority to Write Off Uncollectible Debts owed to the City from the City's Accounts Receivable", providing for the incorporation of premises; providing for an amendment; providing a cumulative repeater clause; providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.

**Lee Ann Bunselmeyer, Finance, Administration, Communications & Marketing Director** shared a presentation with the Council regarding Uncollectible Debt, Utility Billing and Accounts Receivable.

# UNCOLLECTIBLE DEBT

## UTILITY BILLING & ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

JUNE 18, 2020



## STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

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- Beginning October 1, 2019 collection activity is limited to accounts that are less than four years old to adhere to the new four-year statute of limitations.
- This only applies to Utility and Accounts Receivable Uncollectible Debt.
- This does not apply to Municipal Court Uncollectible Debt.



## AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES

- Requesting to amend Chapter 36 "Finance and Revenue Taxation" , of Title III, "Administration; Section 36.12 Authority to Write Off Uncollectible Debts owed to the City
- Allow the Finance Director to write off Accounts Receivable and Utility Debt
  - If the account is four or more years old and uncollected after diligent and reasonable efforts to collect
  - And if the individual outstanding account balance does not exceed \$5,000
- Accounts whose uncollectible debt is greater than \$5,000 would need City Council approval



## ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE ACCOUNTS

No longer being pursued by MVBA due to accounts exceeding the statute of limitations

- 16 years of Uncollectible Debt (2000-2016)
- 162 accounts totaling \$57,057 (as of 09/30/20)
- Average individual account outstanding balance of \$352
- Invoices for mowing, hydrants hit by vehicle, engineering fees, planning fees



## UTILITY BILLING ACCOUNTS

No longer being pursued by MVBA due to accounts exceeding the statute of limitations

- 18 years of Uncollectible Debt (1998-2016)
- 1,654 accounts totaling \$364,762 (as of 9/30/20)
- Average individual account outstanding balance of \$220.53
- Individuals or Businesses that did not pay the final utility bill



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**MOTION** made by Council Member Garber to approve as presented and seconded by Council Member Pickens.

**AYES:** Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson, Pickens  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

11. Consider and act on a Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Corinth and the Corinth Economic Development Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 for the completion of a return on investment report to be performed and completed by TechSolve.

**Jason Alexander, Corinth Economic Development Director**, outlined the agreement with TechSolve, which will assist Mr. Brian Elliott and Metroplex Cabinets with understanding their manufacturing process, expansion, and capturing a broader market. The agreement is not to exceed \$35,000.00.

**MOTION** made by Council Member Garber to approve as presented and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Burke.

**AYES:** Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson, Pickens  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

12. Consider and Act on a Resolution casting a vote for one candidate to the Board of Managers of the Denco Area 9-1-1 District.

**City Manager Hart** identified the three candidates to serve on the board of directors, Brandon Barth, Jim Carter and David Terry.

**MOTION** made by Council Member Garber to approve the resolution and cast a vote for Jim Carter and seconded by Council Member Henderson.

**AYES:** Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson, Pickens  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

13. Consider and Act on an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Corinth and the City of Lake Dallas for a Broadband Study.
14. Consider and Act on an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Corinth and the Town of Shady Shores for a Broadband Study.
15. Consider and Act on an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Corinth and the Town of Hickory Creek for a Broadband Study.

**MOTION** made by Mayor Pro Tem Burke to approve Items 13, 14, and 15, authorizing the Mayor to execute the pending approval by Hickory Creek, Interlocal Agreements with Lake Dallas and Shady Shores, for services with Connected Nation, Inc.; reimbursement to the City as the City of Corinth will contract directly with Connected Nation, Inc. Council Member Pickens seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson, Pickens  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

16. Consider and act on a contract between the City of Corinth and Connected Nation, Inc., for a broadband study.

**City Manager Hart** outlined the cost of \$43,500, which Corinth will pay approximately one half of the cost, based on the formula which included population and square miles of the cities. The fee includes analysis, a demand survey and the strategic plan, which will take approximately six months.

**MOTION** made by Mayor Pro Tem Burke to approve and permit the City Manager to enter into a contract with Connected Nation, Inc., for the services described, conditioned on approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Corinth and Hickory Creek for reimbursement for broadband study costs. Council Member Garber seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson, Pickens  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The purpose of this section is to allow each Council Member the opportunity to provide general updates and/or comments to fellow Council Members, the public, and/or staff on any issues or future events. Also, in accordance with Section 30.085 of the Code of Ordinances, at this time, any Council Member may direct that an item be added as a business item to any future agenda.

**Council Member Lowell Johnson** would like a copy of Sherry Palmer's handout. He also stated how proud he was of the Keep Corinth Beautiful Board achievement, as he, Jim Mayfield, Shannon Brian, and Vic Burgess created the board.

**City Manager Hart** concluded with information for the Council regarding June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Upper Trinity Regional Water District pumped 64 million gallons of water. Much of the increase was due to Flower Mound's demand on the system due to water issues with its water treatment plant. Mr. Hart also stated there are no cases of West Nile in Corinth, Riverview Drive reconstruction has been completed and work has begun on Shady Shores this week.

**Mayor Heidemann** stated the Rotary Club will be one of the main sponsors for Pumpkin Palooza and thanked staff for their hard work and effort.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council will convene in closed session to consider any matters regarding matters pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

**Section 551.071.** (1) Private consultation with its attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation; and/or settlement offer; and/or (2) a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

**Section 551.072.** To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

**Section 551.074.** To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

**Section 551.087.** To deliberate or discuss regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

After discussion of any matters in closed session, any final action or vote taken will be in public by the City Council. City Council shall have the right at any time to seek legal advice in Closed Session from its Attorney on any agenda item, whether posted for Closed Session or not.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS.**

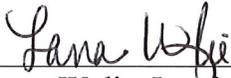
**ADJOURN:**

**Mayor Heidemann adjourned the Regular meeting at 8:01 p.m.**

**AYES:** All

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

  
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Lana Wylie, Interim City Secretary  
City of Corinth, Texas

