STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DENTON
CITY OF CORINTH

On this the 18th 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 Bunselmeier, 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.
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

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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.


Functional Street Classifications

Figure 3-12. Relationship between Access and Movement

Figure 3-13. Functional Street Classification System

I-35E  FM 2181  Lake Sharon  Parkridge
Roadway Classifications

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

**Major Arterial**
(45-55 MPH)
- FM 2181 & FM 2499

**Minor Arterial**
(30-45 MPH)
- Lake Sharon
- Post Oak
- Corinth Parkway
- Robinson

**Major Collector**
(35-40 MPH)
- Parkridge
- Church
- Oakmont
- Creekside
- Quail Run
- N. Corinth
- Shady Rest
- Shady Shores
- Tower Ridge
- Walton
- Garrison
- Cliff Oaks etc.

**Minor Collector**
(30-35 MPH)
- Meadowview
- Silver Meadow
- Pecan Creek
- North Haven

**Residential/Local**
(25 MPH)

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**PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY WE ♥ OUR CHILDREN**

**WE ♥ OUR CHILDREN PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY**

**SLOW CHILDREN AT PLAY**
- 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.”

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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 low 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**


**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.
STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

- Beginning October 1, 2019 collection activity is limited to accounts that are less than four years old to adhere to the new four-year statue 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

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 16th, 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 \_\_\_\_ day of August \_\_\_\_ 2020.

Lana Wylie, Interim City Secretary  
City of Corinth, Texas