



Bradley Gray, Danny Garza, Bobette Bandy, Gayle Furlong, Dana Joslin, Jeremy Smith, Q Wilcox, Steven Hartley
Connie Haynes, Sandy Hoffmeyer, Purple Heart Committee
Called to Order at: 6:00 PM prayer Danny Garza Gayle Furlong

Consent Items:

1. Approve January 2025 financials and Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve consent items Danny Garza, seconded by Jeremy Smith; passed unanimously

Water Report by Steven Hartley

The water side of the system was running well, a couple small leaks and meter repairs, 3700 had a line break beginning of January. The project has been going on longer than anticipated, not sure what the line does when it goes under the concrete. The force main runs alongside the trench and gets close to the manhole. Been working on it every chance they get, when it dries out tomorrow afternoon, they will get back on it. Couldn't work with rain due to sides of trench being sand and bottom being clay. TCEQ sent a letter saying a charge of \$27k for violations. The city sent off invoices for projects to TCEQ, which they applied towards our fines, so the city doesn't have to pay any more fines. It should be completed by the middle of next week, which is the goal.

Old Business:

1. Generator update from Henderson County
 - a. June 2026 to July 2026 is anticipated date of getting completed, three generators total
2. Permit for Jennifer Steadham denied
 - a. Per her deed and speaking with attorney and confirmed no mobile homes. We could approve it, but it wouldn't be good practice to approve

New Business:

1. Presentation to the city for Purple Heart City
 - a. Caring for America Mr. Pate, in addition to all the United states military service members and those gathered here this evening current and retired we say thank you especially the families of veterans that have given the ultimate sacrifice during their service to this country This is why the Purple Heart exists I'd like to introduce our special guest that are attending this occasion I want to start with Lisa Holmes standing Lisa Holmes is a Gold Star spouse the Purple Heart public relations officer her dedication makes the Purple Heart program possible served in the United states army infantry veteran Purple Heart recipient we want to thank her and then she'll probably speaking after either if that's true but I'd like for Walker would you stand for truth translate form veteran Purple Heart recipient junior vice commander of the military order of the Purple Heart that's OK sure alright listen United States Army Vietnam veteran we're sitting on the bronze 342 days in combat thank you major bill Malone United States Army Vietnam veteran Bronze star recipient Purple Heart recipient translate for me for

40 years you want to thank you for your service thank you Sir and with me also is body pain Cortana record United States Navy United States Navy we also have other board members are caring for America Jackson and Regina Jackson cancer America committed to veterans involved in a veteran's day event held at the Texan on veteran's day November the 11th we honor veterans and their spouse with a free dinner and also gifts and prizes to say thank you for your commitment and sacrifices to the United States of America transfer America's sports veterans and 1st responders we offer scholarships for Henderson County high school seniors looking for careers in law enforcement fire services the medical services we can never thank our veterans or first responders enough for putting their life on the line and someone giving their life during their service to the United States of America God bless our first responders and veterans thank you Lisa

- b. He was regular army he was not drafted so and his father was 2 purple hearts two brothers 2 Silver Stars and he was part of patents army went in D-Day +3 and went all the way to Berlin our families are deeply intertwined with the military mission and have been for centuries and so for us when we met each other it was like we understand each other what we're saying and it was it's like a culture unto itself he was from VFW commander in Grapevine TX and he also was the state inspector for great for the VFW he belonged to American Legion DAV every single organization but the one that he started was the military order of the purple heart in DFW mid cities area we started with 13 in the chapter I was the first associate member which were allowed to sit in the meetings and to have a voice I also can be an officer and so we started with 5013 and we now have 520 recipients of the purple heart in our chapter in Texas uh with the states there's 274,000 living recipients of the Purple Heart and of those 46% are over 65 so gradually they start going away and so making it a tribute to them is very important my husband believed that the legacy and the history the stories that they carried the heroism that they fought for and the Americans that they knew were perpetuating good things like a city felt that that was the most important thing and so doing these city Purple Heart trail events was his thing and so when he passed away of wounds of war but I can't let them down I can't let them down and so we continue the program and the mission continues and so we're very pleased to be here tonight
- c. Voice commander for the military order of the Purple Heart chapter 1313 and also the commander of the VFW Post 7523 Minneola when I served in the United States Army I was part of the first infantry division known as the big red 1 during my two tours in Iraq I had the honor of serving along on the bravest men and women in uniform like many of my brothers and sisters in arms I was wounded in combat or reminder of the sacrifices made by so many in service to our great nation tonight I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the mayor the City Council members and the citizens of Murchison and most importantly all veterans who have served this country with honor and courage what does it mean when a city is recognized as a Purple Heart city when the city of Murchison receives its designation as signifies more than just a title it is a promise a promise to remember and honor all Purple Heart recipients both living and dead They promised to recognize and appreciate all veterans who call this community home a moment to reflect on our nation's history and this the contributions of leaders like George Washington who established the Purple Heart as a symbol of sacrifice and perhaps most importantly an opportunity to educate the next generation about the cost of freedom and remind us all to thank our veterans for their service before I leave you I want to share something meaningful our DFW mid cities chapter 1513 is

named after a powerful Bible verse John 15:13 I believe this verse speaks to the very heart of military service and sacrifice greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his for those who have been in combat for those who have lost friends and for those who continue to serve it is a reminder that sacrifice is the ultimate act of love and duty once again I want to personally thank you and the entire city of Murchison for your dedication to our veterans and their families your recognition of this wonder means more than words can express may god bless our veterans this great city in the united states of America's legs

- d. Bradley Gray each year since he's been here, we recognize two purple heart members of the city of Murchison. Gary Everett and Allen Jaynes.
 - i. Danny Garza motions to become Purple Heart City, Jeremy Smith seconds, passes unanimously
 1. Bradley Gray reads Proclamation
2. Lucky's wants to discuss gaming machines in the gas station
 - a. Lucky's one stop here Lucky, Shane and Stew have been here almost three years ago, the old station was shut down and they renovated and are struggling to make it in the city. Coming to the city to see if they can put up gaming machines so they can thrive. Bradley Gray states that gaming machines can bring the wrong kind of crowd to the city. The Henderson County attorney says they are illegal; Bradley Gray is opposed to it. Dana Joslin asks, is there anything that makes it legal? City currently has ordinance against them. Jeremy Smith stated the one in the vape store ran any and everything through the store. Jeremy Smith feels Lucky would oversee it and would like to see a probation period to allow them to have gaming machines. We will need to reach out to the attorney to see how to rewrite the ordinance. Danny Garza was concerned with the crowd that they could come in with being so close to the school. Gayle Furlong is opposed to gambling. It is illegal when it's used as a gambling machine. Bradley Gray asks if the machines are the only thing that will save the business. Danny Garza thinks we need to wait until Q Wilcox can present this to the city attorney of what we can and can't do. Based on that we can revisit this.
 - i. Jeremy Smith motions to table until Q Wilcox gets with attorney, Bobette Bandy seconds, passes unanimously
3. Lease property behind City Hall
 - a. The reason why this is on here is the landowner for the property behind city hall asked if we were interested in leasing the land. When Steven Hartley began the sewer line, a huge pecan tree branch fell and the pressure of moving it out of the way a bigger limb fell hitting the power line. We had to cut the tree down; Douglas Fears owned the tree and property with verbal permission we were given the ok to remove the tree. The prior mayor, or two, Mr. Fears, reached out to lease the property behind the city hall, he wants to give the opportunity to us first, otherwise he's going to lease it to Super Bee to store cars. Satellite version, all the lots belong to Mr. Fears except one, the terrain version has a skinny strip that belongs to the city. Not knowing the exact parcel lines are at, five feet outside the back door is Mr. Fears' property. He mentioned wanting to know if the city wants to lease it, it'll take the liability off if something happens. Q Wilcox reached out to TML legal, response being yes, we could lease. What would happen if we leased it and made improvements on the land? The wording on the lease will determine what the city can do and when the lease expires what would happen to the improvements.

- i. Danny Garza motions that we investigate how much he wants to lease it for and how much land he wants to lease, Jeremy Smith second; passes unanimously
- 4. Voting of Texas811 Board
 - a. The board members of Texas 811, who we use to locate lines for utilities. The only locate service in Texas. Q Wilcox will tally the votes and submit a final to Texas811
- 5. Oncor Steering Committee
 - a. Each year we are part of the Oncor Steering Committee, we must adopt a resolution stating our participation. We have been a part of the Oncor Steering Committee for years. This is basically stating we are part of them and a resolution to make it official. We pay an annual fee.
 - i. Danny Garza motions we stay members of the Oncor Steering Committee for the year 2025, Gayle Furlong second; passes unanimously

Connie Haynes asks if the city bought the sirens behind the fire station. They are property of the fire station and were donated to them.

Next meeting March 11, 2025, 6pm

Adjournment Danny Garza motions, Jeremy Smith seconds 714pm

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Q Wilcox City Secretary



Bradley Gray Mayor