

**State of Texas  
County of Denton  
City of Lake Dallas**

The Lake Dallas City Council met in a regular called meeting on January 26, 2023, in the Lake Dallas City Hall, 212 Main Street, with notice of the meeting given, as required by Title 5, Chapter 551.041 of the Texas Government Code. Mayor Nolan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Andi Nolan	Mayor
Megan Ray	Councilmember 1
Kristy Bleau	Councilmember 2
Cheryl McClain	Councilmember 3
Rudy Glynn Vrba	Councilmember 4

**Absent:**

Adam Peabody	Councilmember 5
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**Staff Present:** City Secretary Codi Delcambre, Chief Sawyer, Finance Director Jennifer Oakes, and City Manager Kandace Lesley.

**Open Session**

**1. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum.**

Mayor Nolan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance**

Kandace Lesley led the invocation and the pledges.

**3. Announcements & Special Recognitions.**

**A. Presentation from Astound regarding the progress of installation of fiber.**

This item was moved to the next meeting.

**B. City Manager's Report**

Staff is preparing for the incoming inclement weather.

**4. Citizen Agenda & Public Comments**

Dana Jones of 208 S. Shady Shores Apt 4, stated that she visited the Animal Shelter that was being ran by two temporary part time employees. She stated that she would like to know the status on hiring of the vacate position. She stated that she was working to get volunteers for the Animal Shelter. Ms. Jones asked about the volunteer application and how long does get the application approved.

Lucy Phillips of 2209 Wagon Tr., Corinth stated that she has experience working at an Animal Shelter and wants to volunteer to help. She stated that she was confused why only two employees.

Terry Lantrip 109D Market Street, stated that had to go to the Appraisal District to protest the increase in his property taxes. He stated that was able to get them reduced after telling them about all of the vacant businesses, lack of support from the City and how hard it was to work with the City.

Layne Cline of 726 Texas Oak Trail, stated he would continue to have the conversation since no one reached out to him after the last meeting. He stated that the staffing level are decreasing. He said the Police Department staff was down by 20%, Public Works was 50% and Animal Services was 67%. He stated City services would decrease due to staffing shortage. He said that employees leave because of bad leadership but Council wasn't asking why so many have left. He stated the City Manager needs to have performance evaluation.

**5. Consider and Act on the Consent Agenda-**

- a. **Consider approval of the City Council minutes for the December 8, 2022, meeting January 12, 2023.**
- b. **Consider approval of the September 2022 Financials.**
- c. **Consider and act an Ordinance cancelling the regular City Council meetings for February 9, 2022.**

**Motion:** to consent agenda items A, B and C was made by Councilmember Ray and second by Councilmember McClain.

**Ayes:** Councilmember Bleau, Ray, Vrba, and McClain.

**Noes:** None

**Motion Passed 4-0**

**6. Discussion regarding City of Lake Dallas Fee Credit for on-site storm water management process.**

Council received a presentation from Erin Storey with McAdams regarding the drainage fee on-site water management process.

Charlie Price of 312 Georgian Oak Ct., would LCUMA be responsible for credit policy? How are the businesses being charge? Mr. Price stated that the fee for businesses was extremely high, and businesses couldn't afford to pay it.

**7. Discussion regarding the options for the Public Works Building.**

Council received a presentation from City Secretary Codi Delcambre regarding the Public Works Building. She stated that the current proposed plans don't meet the needs of the city. She stated that needed more shop space and less office space. She stated that the proposed plan has more office space and storage space but not shop space.

Council directed staff to move forward changing the plans for a Public Work building to a shop with and office.

Layne Cline 726 Texas Oak Trail stated that the building would have to be set back behind the building line. He stated that he approves the proposed project.

## **8. Discussion regarding the Library Services.**

City Manager Kandace Lesley stated that she would like to propose a hybrid plan. She stated that the hybrid plan would be a Community Services Department with two full time employes, Community Services Manager and Community Services Assistant along with two part-time Community Services Assistants. She said that the City would keep the books and consortium or it could be phased out just depended on the demand. Mrs. Lesley said that the City would keep some of the current programming like the computers, reading to kids, book club, summer meals, etc. She stated that Senior Citizens and classes that generate revenue like yoga and sports would be added. The Community Services Department would manage events like City-wide clean up, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Trunk or Treat and Christmas. Mrs. Lesley stated her proposed hybrid plan would be Library and Community Services combine into one and it would be step down of services provided by each department.

Rashawn Gaston of 3150 S Garrison stated that she grew up with a single mother who was a teacher. She stated that the local library was a great resource for as child and for her children. Ms. Gaston stated that she is a Speech Therapist that books are a very important in developing speech. She stated that her children are avid readers. She said that when she first moved here, she didn't know about the library. Ms. Gaston stated that she was afraid the reading scores in Lake Dallas ISD will drop lower which she stated was around 50%.

Jean Swan of 403 Columbia Circle stated that the hybrid doesn't look like a library. She asked if the programming would be free or a cost.

Neve Sudderth of 702 Glen Rhea stated that she was upset about the comment that the Library staff didn't have enough to do. She stated that the Library staff was busy helping patrons, planning for programming and checking books. She stated that the City had an Librarian who planned programs which included community programs. Ms. Sudderth stated that she was concern about only being open two days in the summer and how that would affect summer meal program. She said that only one person was working at the library which was a lot for one person the handle.

Lucy Phillips of 2209 Wagon Wheel Trail stated that she wants to see the meeting minutes where the Library staff stated that they didn't have enough to keep them busy. She stated that current story time was the only program being down which she was the volunteer that does it. Ms. Phillips stated that the book club, learn a language and many other programs no longer exist. She stated the freeze on hiring employees needed to be remove and positions need to be filled. She stated that it was unsafe to have one employee always working alone in that building.

Donna Pierce of 815 E McCart St in Krum stated that she was the Library Director for the Krum Public Library. She stated that you can have a Library with not having an employee with an MLS. She stated that everything on the proposed Community Services Department list the Library employees can do. She stated that fund raising was the only thing that staff wasn't

allowed to do. She stated that she would hate to see this library go away. She stated libraries are very important to smaller communities.

Rebekah Luna of 5404 Queen Ct, stated that she would like to thank you for your hard work. She said that Benjamin Franklin stated “Library unamerican not to support”. She stated that money was budgeted for the library, and we have had staff leave but not replacing staff. She stated that she doesn’t feel there is support for the Library from Council.

Charlie Price of 312 Georgian Oak Ct. asked who from the library staff stated they didn’t have enough to do? He stated that a good manager should know what their staff was doing.

**9. Discussion regarding the Youth Advisory Committee.**

Mayor Nolan stated that she is concerned about the fate of the Youth Advisory Committee. She stated that it’s been two years since we have had the committee. Mayor Nolan stated that due to staffing she would be the liaison for YAC. She stated that she wants to send applications to the school in May.

Council stated that fund for YAC could be discussed during budget and applications can be sent to out at the beginning of the school year.

**10. Consider and take appropriate action to excuse Councilmember Peabody’s absence from the January 12, 2023, regular meeting.**

**Motion:** to excuse Councilmember Peabody’s absence from the January 12, 2023, regular meeting was made by Councilmember Ray and second by Councilmember McClain.

**Ayes:** Councilmember Bleau, Ray, Vrba, and McClain.

**Noes:** None

**Motion Passed 4-0**

**11. Consider and act on a Resolutions appointing a member to the City of Lake Dallas Park and Recreation Board.**

**Motion:** to approve a Resolution appointing a Francesco Murga to Place 1 of the City of Lake Dallas Park and Recreation Board was made by Councilmember McClain and second by Councilmember Vbra.

**Ayes:** Councilmember Bleau, Ray, Vrba, and McClain.

**Noes:** None

**Motion Passed 4-0**

**12. Mayor & Council Member Announcements**

Councilmember Vrba- Library update.  
Stripping on Carlisle Drive

Councilmember Ray- Animal Shelter fundraiser  
Fishing pier update

Councilmember McClain- Carnival  
Compliance of Everest Hardware Sign  
Regulation on Basketball goals  
Chapter 122 update

Councilmember Bleau- Farmer Market dates

Mayor Nolan- TML 8 Region 8 Meeting, February 9- Cancel the February 9  
CC Mtg.  
Chapter 122 update

**13. Executive Session:** As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed executive session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda items listed above or herein.

**14. Discuss and take appropriate action, if any, resulting from the discussions conducted in Closed Session.**

No action was taken.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Nolan adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Andi Nolan, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Codi Delcambre, City Secretary

