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On this the 3rd day of April, 2013, the City Council of the City of Burnet convened in Workshop Session, 2:00 p.m., at the Burnet Community Center, 401 E. Jackson Street, Burnet, Texas, thereof with the following members present, to-wit:

Mayor Gary Wideman
Council Members Paul Shell, Milton Phair, Buddy Coker, Ken Graham, Pat Riddell
 Philip Thurman
City Manager David Vaughn
City Secretary Kelly Dix

Guests: Crista Bromley, Connie Maxwell, Mark Ingram, Lealand Raiford, Paul Nelson, Doug Fipps, Danny Lester, James Walker, Marilyn Longacre, Barb Knutsen, Warren Knutsun, Michele Fipps, Linda McLeer, Pat McAleer, Sharon Childers, Ramsey Clinton, Pat Kirby, Beverly Graham, J.D. Haire, Larry Rushing, Joe Colbert, Kay Barton, Larry Barton, Roy Taylor, Joy Taylor, Bob Springs, Larry Danheim, James A. Francis, Thomas Hullum, William London, Charles S. Healy, B.D. Stamack, Sharon Smith, Jennifer Kay Hughes, Donna Kladestrip, Bob Harriss, Sharon Harriss, Linda Roberts, David A. Hartig, Suzanne Wideman, J.P. Erskine, Walt Vaughn, E. Genslume, Travis Lawson, Dorothy James, Mary Jane Shanes, Bettye Foulds, Dennis W. Sloan, Ollie Buckhorn, Herve Derek Fortin, Don Bardin, Mary Ann Stubbs, Jo Foulds, Josie Davis, Marvin Davis, Jim Rawles, Carlen Rawles, Joyce Owens, Sam Owens, Tom Jackson, Rita Jackson, Cray L. Motherl, Peg Moore, Judy Waldup, Dorothy Clark, Weldon Clark, Jim Kenyon, Mona Kenyon, Warren Longacre,

Call to Order: By Mayor Gary Wideman at 2:00 p.m.

Discuss and review: Chapter 74, Sections 74-1(e) and Section 74-5, establishing membership fees pertaining to employee and Council use of Galloway Hammond and Delaware Springs Golf Course: B. Coker and M. Phair: City Manager, David Vaughn reviewed the history of the proposed ordinance pertaining to the lifetime annual dues benefit for Council Members at Delaware Springs and Galloway Hammond Recreation Center. Mr. Vaughn invited the audience to speak to the Council. The following individuals addressed the Council:

- **Larry Dunhiem:** Stated he did not have a problem with Council Members receiving the free dues while in office and the lifetime benefit if they have served three consecutive terms on the Council.
- **Greg Leno:** Stated tax payers should not be subsidizing recreation.
- **Joe Colbert:** Requested clarification of the current compensation Council Members receive.
- **Mr. Stamack:** Asked if a poll had been done with other cities pertaining to Council compensation and benefits.
- **Pat McAleer:** Stated that he does not agree with Council receiving lifetime annual dues and feels that the ordinance should be repealed and a committee formed to research and provide feedback on this subject to Council. When a suitable agreement is reached, put it before the voters for final decision.
- **Sam Lewis:** Asked if anyone contacted IRS and researched the compensation side of this issue.
- **Pat Kirby:** Requested a copy of the ordinance being discussed.
- **Joe Colbert:** Shared the information that he had found on Council compensations from other cities in the area.
- **Joy Taylor:** Stated she has been a citizen of Burnet since 1961 and that the Council receiving a free lifetime annual dues at Delaware Springs and Galloway Hammond Recreation Center is a waste of taxpayer funds.
- **Jo Foulds:** Stated she does not agree with the lifetime benefit and wanted to know what the compensation was for non-golfers.

- **Dennis Sloan:** Stated he was a retired city employee from Hobbs, NM and that there was no compensation to employees or appointed officials with the citizen's money.
- **Al Gibson:** Compared the issue to the bankrupt City of Stockton, California, that the city could be subjected to this in future years with funds being spent on lifetime annual dues.

With no further comments from the audience, City Manager Vaughn, opened the floor to the Council for comment:

Mayor Wideman welcomed all and expressed his appreciation for the attendance. Mayor Wideman addressed the negative comments recently received and his stance on serving on the Council. Council Member Ken Graham addressed the group and clarified goals pertaining to the Golf Course to include operations, marketing, future growth and capital investments. Council Member Philip Thurman addressed the group with the philosophy that a lack of improvements and strong marketing could cause the golf course to become a corporate managed entity. Council Member Pat Riddell addressed the group and covered the early development of Delaware Springs and Galloway Hammond Recreation Center and the financial support received for the project from many of the citizens present. Council Member Paul Shell stated his belief and pride in the City of Burnet.

Upon the conclusion of the comments by Council, City Manager Vaughn requested all present to stop by the table and display boards and leave a comment or response on each board to the three topics posed to the citizen's by the City Council. The results are as follows:

- Question: Do you think the Golf Course should break even?
Response: 9 responded with yes, 14 responded with no.
- Question: Do you think the rate structure is appropriate?
Response: 15 responded with yes, 2 responded with no.
- Request: Give us your thoughts on the issue discussed today.
- Responses as submitted:
 - Target on Golf Course should be profit, not break even.
 - Councilmen should get paid hourly so ones that put in more time on committees and such get some thanks.
 - Remove benefit from past, present and future council members. Also, same problem exists for city employees. It can become a real tax burden for the future
 - Stop the benefit now.
 - You didn't stay on point. Benefits should go equally to all members not just golfers. What about Non-golfing Council Members? Mr. Thurman basically said "If they don't get benefits we have to sell the golf course.
 - Listen to the voice of the people, they said no to free membership.
 - No Freebies.
 - Easy to correct-stop free golf and memberships for all including City Employees.
 - Stop all free benefits for Council and City Employees.
 - Golf while in office.
 - Just make it fair and balanced.
 - Provide amenities for terms of office ONLY-no lifetime benefit.
 - Stop the lifetime benefit- No More!!!
 - Stop the benefit now- we can't afford for the future. Better to pay pensions than golf.
 - Listen to your taxpayers
 - I hope you do what we the people asked you to do.
 - There probably should be 1099's sent out to all participants.
 - As volunteers in service to our community you need to do what is ethical not self serving.

Adjourn: There being no further business the workshop was adjourned at 3.52 p.m.

Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Dix , City Secretary