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# WEEKLY REPORT

FEBRUARY 2, 2024

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TOMMY LUDWIG, CITY MANAGER

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## I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 5:30 P.M.

#### REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Hold a discussion, receive a report and provide staff feedback regarding the Burleson Public Library Master Plan and Facility Study. (*Staff Presenter: DeAnna Phillips, Community Services Director*)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff feedback regarding Burleson Fire/EMS delivery of ambulance transportation services (*Staff Contact: Casey Davis, Assistant Fire Chief*)
- Receive a report, hold a discussion regarding a contract with Focused Advocacy. (*Staff Contact: Matt Ribitzki, Senior Deputy City Attorney/Director of Legal Services*)

All meetings will be held at City Hall Council Chambers, 141 W. Renfro St. The meeting will be conducted in the council chambers and is also available via live stream, <https://www.burlesontx.com/watchlive>

[View the entire agenda.](#)

## II. GENERAL AND STATUS UPDATES

### A. LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

#### **The Great Giveback**

February 3, 9 to 11 a.m.

Are you looking for a way to give back or get involved? Come to the library and learn about charitable organizations in Burleson and Johnson County, how they help our residents, and the different avenues available to give back to our community.



Participating agencies are Catholic Charities Dallas, Friends of the Burluson Public Library, Center for ASD, ReInspire, Rio Brazos Master Naturalists, Burluson Lions Club, Texas Health Huguley Hospital, Keep Burluson Beautiful, Inc., City of Burluson, The Mended Network, Your Harvest House Burluson and more.

## B. MERITORIOUS AWARD RECIPIENT

The city recognizes employees who go above and beyond in their normal scope of duties through a meritorious award given by City Manager Tommy Ludwig. This award was submitted via social media when someone recognized the compassion of Jonathan Wooten who works in the city's equipment services division. Below is the letter that was presented to Jonathan.

*It is with great honor that I present this letter of meritorious service to you for the outstanding compassion you showed to an injured animal.*

*A couple of weeks ago you stopped to assist a dog that was injured on the side of Hidden Creek Parkway. Due to the temperature outside, you brought the dog into your truck to wait for help. You made sure that the dog was not alone while you waited for Animal Control.*

*Your kindness to those around you does not go unnoticed. These traits are ones that we hope to find in every one of our employees. Thank you for everything you do for our city and our citizens.*



If you own a white pitty mix dog that got out this morning animal control has it. I found it beside Wal-Mart on Hidden Creek Road around 6:20 AM. He was hit and back legs weren't working. I blocked the lane and called for help. Another guy that works for the city stopped too—he held your baby to keep it warm while I called. Animal control was in Cleburne so he carried your baby to his warm truck while he and a kind officer waited. I wish I got the kind man's name, but I was shook up and didn't think to ask. I think he will be okay—he was awake and alert but clearly stressed and injured. A sweet dog that accepted loving easily. Had on a collar but no tags on collar. I'm praying for this sweet dog and hope their owner sees this!

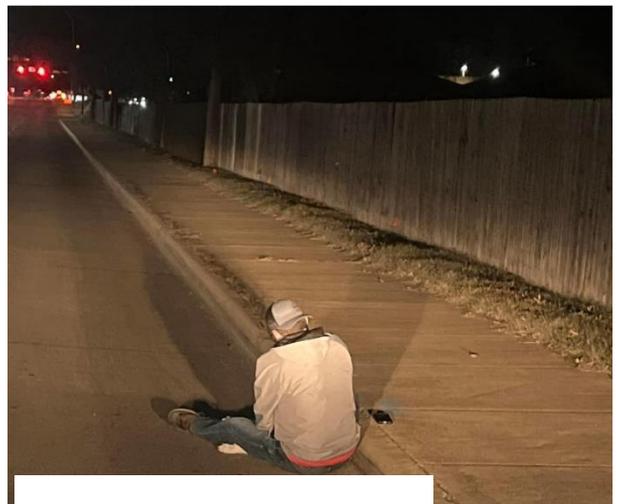


Photo of Jonathan holding the dog

### C. SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMMING

On Friday, Jan. 26, the Senior Center held its second annual Senior Games. At the stroke of noon, valiant athletes proceeded to toss rings, bounce ping pong balls, toss cards, play corn hole, hurl javelins, prove their marksmanship skills, sink basketballs, and golf like pros. The competition was fierce, friendly and often hilarious.



Prizes were awarded to the winners of the individual games and overall medals were given to this year's best of the best. A.J. Vital took the bronze. Ivette Holaway brought home the silver, and none other than last year's bronze medalist, Eddie Hutchison, struck gold.

Thank you to everyone who came out and participated—special thanks to the many volunteers and staff who made it all possible.

The Senior Center is open to ages 50+. [Sign up for the Senior Center newsletter](#)

### D. PETS OF THE WEEK

Have you ever wanted your very own House Hippo? Well, the Burleson Animal Shelter is here to help! Right now we've got three amazing house hippos, aka pocket pitties, to choose from and they're all as sweet as can be.

Cassie and Hatty are both around one year old, Star is around five years old and they are all female Pit Bull mixes. Their adoption fees are waived and adoption includes shots, microchipping, heartworm testing and spay (Star has already been spayed.) Staff recommends bringing your dog in for a meet-and-greet before adopting any dog



and there's no need to make an appointment. Come at your earliest convenience. Make a trip to the Burleson Animal Shelter to meet these amazing girls.

**E. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY**

Let's hear it for the incredible efforts of the Kerr Middle School's Make A Difference Club. This past weekend, they rolled up their sleeves and embarked on a fantastic clean-up mission at Bailey Lake. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to helping Keep Burleson Beautiful. Your hard work and passion inspire us all to care for our environment and make a positive impact. Together, we can create a cleaner, greener, and more vibrant community for everyone to enjoy.



If you have a Feel Good Friday email [newsletter@burlesontx.com](mailto:newsletter@burlesontx.com)

**III. UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION/CLOSURES**

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## **IV. PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
<b>Village Creek Trail</b>	90% plans underway - acquiring easements and TXDOT LOSA	Construction scheduled to begin Spring 2025.
<b>Bailey Lake Dredging</b>	Presented to Parks Board on January 11, 2024.	Scheduled for Council consideration February 5.
<b>Chisenhall Synthetic Infields Phase 2 (4 fields)</b>	RFP closed on January 11, 2024. Two vendors are being interviewed on February 5.	Contract award scheduled for Parks Board recommendation on February 15, 2024 and for Council consideration February 20, 2024. Target construction start date in May 2024 after spring baseball season to be completed before Fall 2024 season start.
<b>Oak Valley South Trail Connector</b>	Approved by Council January 8, 2024.	Projected to begin construction in February.
<b>Meadowcrest Park</b>	Second round of public engagement started Tuesday January 16 and closes on January 28.	Parks Board recommendation for February 2024 and Council consideration scheduled for March 2024. Projected to begin construction in June 2024.
<b>Cedar Ridge Park</b>	Second round of public engagement started Tuesday January 16 and closes on January 28.	Parks Board recommendation for February 2024 and Council consideration scheduled for March 2024. Projected to begin construction in June 2024.
<b>Oak Valley North-Restroom</b>	Presented to Parks board on January 11, 2024. Awarded at city council meeting on January 22.	Restroom is in production and is anticipated to be installed in May.

## V. EVENTS

Event Information can be found at [www.burlesontx.com/events](http://www.burlesontx.com/events)

- **THE GREAT GIVEBACK**  
 February 3, 9 – 11 a.m.  
 Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Ave  
 Free event
- **MARDI GRAS BALL**  
 February 3  
 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (Father/Daughter Dance)  
 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. (Mother/Son Dance)  
 BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd  
 \$10 per person
- **CITYFEST**  
 February 8, 4:30 – 7 p.m.  
 BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd  
 Free event
- **MARDI CRAW**  
 February 13, 6 -8 p.m.  
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St  
 Free event, food for purchase
- **CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH OPAL LEE**  
 February 17, 10 a.m. - noon  
 Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St  
 Free event, books for purchase
- **PROJECT U LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**  
 February 20, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
 Pathway Church, 325 NW Renfro St  
 Event is sold out

## VI. ATTACHMENTS

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## Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Summary

Tuesday, January 30, 2024  
6:00 PM

City Hall - 141 W Renfro  
Burleson, TX 76028

On Tuesday January 30, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission met for its regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. The Commission had seven members in attendance and the following items were discussed and acted on:

- Consent Agenda items:
  - Approval of the minutes from the January 16, 2024, meeting.
  - A motion and a second were made to approve all consent items and there was no discussion; the motion to approve passed by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
- Public Hearings:
  - Consider a site plan for Dobson Townhomes located at 200 S Dobson with a waiver to the development plan related to the maximum roof pitch for a Rural Farmhouse architectural style (Case23-003).
    - Staff presented the request and entertained questions from the Commission.
    - Commissioner Hadley inquired about the location of the gas stub out. Staff informed him that the civil plans address any need to move the utilities as needed. Commissioner Kurmes inquired about the height of the proposed structure. Staff informed him that the proposal is for a two-story structure less than thirty-five feet in height. Commissioner Janusch inquired about any Old Town Design Review Committee comments.
    - There was a motion and a second made to approve and there was no discussion; motion passed with a unanimous vote of 7-0.
  - Consider approval of an ordinance for a zoning change request from "A", Agricultural to "C" Commercial for existing commercial uses at 625, 631, and 637 Mockingbird Ln (Case23-350).
    - Staff presented the request and Chairman Tune opened the public hearing.
    - Commissioner Taylor inquired about what brought the request forward. Staff informed him that the current owner requested a new Certificate of Occupancy for a new tenant and that would require a rezoning of the property as well as partnering with adjacent property owners to rezone all of the existing buildings. Deputy City Attorney added that this is default Agriculture zoned property from the time it was annexed into the city. Commissioner Kurmes inquired about if the Commission denies the request that the applicants would still be considered legal non-conforming and allowed to continue to operate and staff confirmed that they would be allowed to continue to operate. Commissioner Hadley inquired about a Specific Use Permit for Commercial to protect the home owners. Staff informed him that the current Agricultural zoning district allows certain uses by Specific Use Permit but not any that are Commercial and that the applicant would need to request a Planned Development and exclude or include the uses that they would want to have on the property.

- There was a motion and a second made to deny and there was no discussion; motion passed with a unanimous vote of 7-0.
- Reports and Presentations:
  - None
- Community Interest Items:
  - None
- Adjournment

With no further business items, Chairman Tune adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

## Cleburne, Burleson mayors call for unity



Cleburne Mayor Scott Cain, left, and Burleson Mayor Chris Fletcher discuss challenges and opportunities facing the county during the Jan. 17 Johnson County Builders Association quarterly luncheon.

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January 26, 2024

Both in conquering challenges and creating opportunity, togetherness is the key, Cleburne Mayor Scott Cain and Burleson Mayor Chris Fletcher said.

Both spoke at the Jan. 17 quarterly luncheon of the Johnson County Builder's Association.

"I remember when I first met Mayor Fletcher," Cain said. "It was at a Cleburne Railroaders game, and he asked me, 'What is this Burleson versus Cleburne thing?'"

"And I've got to say that Chris has been very instrumental in getting all of us to work together as a community."

With growth exploding throughout Johnson County, not to mention north Texas, now more than ever is the time for unity, Fletcher said.

"We've got to work together on this stuff," Fletcher said. "We have 200,000 people heading this way according to projections but the issue we have right now is that Johnson County acts like a collection of individual towns."

Cain agreed.

“If we want to compete with Fort Worth and Dallas when it comes to economic development opportunities, we’ve got to come together as Johnson County,” Cain said. “If we don’t, when those 200,000 people come, they’re going to bring their way of life. So we need to work together to welcome growth but also to ensure that we keep our small town feel and character that we all love.”

Both mayors spoke of opportunity as well as steps underway to increase partnership and unity between the county’s cities.

“[Johnson County Judge Chris Boedeker] has really stepped up through calling for creation of a county transportation masterplan,” Fletcher said. “That is going to be so valuable to us in planning for county growth.”

Fletcher talked of the benefit of seeking out matching federal funds for county projects and the benefit of Burleson Councilwoman Victoria Johnson who now also serves as secretary/treasurer of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

“They’re the ones who tell TxDOT where to build,” Fletcher said. “But they’re also the ones who award federal funds.”

Whereas Burleson is blessed when it comes to attracting business by the presence of Interstate 35W, the Chisholm Trail Parkway, which connects Cleburne and Fort Worth, has been a true game changer, Cain said.

“A game changer for the entire county,” Cain said. “It starts with roads. If we have the right infrastructure and roads we have the chance of staying ahead of growth. Just go talk to Dallas and Carrollton to see what happens when you don’t get your road first on that.”

The Johnson County portion of the CTP will soon gain two more lanes, Fletcher said.

A trade school to be built off the toll road will employ 300 and train 5,000 students, Fletcher said.

The school, scheduled to open next year, will not only help train a local work force but also help attract industry to the county. That, in tandem with career tech opportunities available at Cleburne and Burleson high schools further increases such opportunities and possibilities, Cain added.

A website and podcast will help promote amenities and events in towns throughout the county, Fletcher said.

“That’s very important,” Fletcher said. “What we want to do is highlight what we have in the county. We have great towns, but we have a marketing problem. So we want to come together and help everybody out on this because it makes us all look good.”

Cain and Fletcher stressed the importance of county towns working together not only to increase unity but also to find ways to increase efficiency, cut costs and save taxpayer dollars.”

To the builders and other business owners at the luncheon, Cain emphasized that business is the primary economic driver.

“The chambers of commerce and the businesses drive our economy and communities,” Cain said. “Government’s job is to support and try to find creative solutions, but we need to understand that government is not the answer. It has a vital, important role, but it’s all about business. You guys are the front line, literally the builders of our communities.”

In answering audience member questions, Cain and Fletcher discussed the complex challenges of homelessness, water availability, bond and infrastructure issues.

Though challenges are many, so are opportunities, Cain concluded.

“It’s a great day in Johnson County,” Cain said.

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## TOP 10 MOST WANTED

**AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

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Fail to Reg. Sex Offd



**Rachel NAVA-CHAVARRIA**  
FRAUD



**Pedro RUIZ LLANES**  
CREDIT CARD ABUSE



**William SLATER**  
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**Lance TOWNSEND**  
THEFT



**Todd WILLIAMS**  
ASSAULT



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The Burleson Police Department Top 10 Most Wanted is updated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month and available online at [www.burlesontx.com/bpdmmostwanted](http://www.burlesontx.com/bpdmmostwanted)