

Town Council Minutes
November 9, 2015

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

TOWN OF PANTEGO §

The Town Council of the Town of Pantego, Texas, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Town Hall, 1614 South Bowen Road, Pantego, on the 9th day of November 2015 with the following members present:

Melody Paradise	Mayor
Russ Brewster	Mayor Pro-Tem
Fred Adair	Council Member
Don Funderlic	Council Member
Don Surratt	Council Member
Jane Barrett	Council Member

Members absent:

None.

Constituting a quorum. The following staff members were present:

Matt Fielder	City Manager
Julie Arrington	City Secretary
Jim Jeffrey	Town Attorney
Ariel Carmona	Finance Director
Dennis Jobe	Community Development Director
Scott Williams	Public Works Director
Tom Griffith	Chief of Public Safety
Barry Reeves	Assistant Police Chief
Robert Coker	Assistant Fire Chief
Thressa Householder	Court Administrator

Also in attendance:

None.

WORK SESSION 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Paradise called the work session to order at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor, Council, and Staff discussed the following consent agenda items:

1. City Manager Report

Mr. Fielder informed Council on the following information:

Public Works has hired two new employees Cody Payne and Angel Rosales, who have already started working. The Warrant Officer position was filled by the transfer of Officer Watson from the Police Department to Courts. The Police Department will begin the hiring process to fill his vacancy.

The water and sewer lines on Wagon Wheel are complete from Peachtree to Park Row. The street clean-up, paving and concrete will be scheduled with the County. The bridge work has been delayed due to the weather. Staff confirmed the contractor stated the bridge and road will be open in time for the Candy Train on November 28th. Council confirmed with staff that the contractor will be finished with all the construction before Thanksgiving, if the weather holds out.

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The Concealed Handgun Course has been moved to Saturday, January 9th to allow plenty of time for advertisement. The participants will be able to sign up electronically on the website. The instructor expects to have room for 150 participants. The course is free but there is a cost for ammo, range fees, and the State Certificate fee. Council discussed who would be allowed to attend the course; the residents only or open to the public, and decided this course should be for Pantego residents only.

The City Secretary outlined the many Christmas events for Council: Stocking stuffing on November 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fire Training Room; The Candy Train and Christmas Tree Lighting on November 28th at 3:00 p.m.; the American Express Small Business Saturday event on November 28th; judging of the Business Christmas Decorations contest will be on November 28th & 29th; the Town Annual Christmas Dinner is on Friday, December 11th at Shady Valley; the Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge is on Saturday, December 12th at the Walmart on Bowen and Pioneer Parkway from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mayor Paradise advised Nancy Tice, Lions Club President, that all the Lions Club members were invited to the Christmas Party and confirmed the Lions Club will provide hot chocolate and popcorn to the Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge. Due to not having a Council meeting between the Red Kettle and Thanksgiving, the Town Red Kettle Challenge will be kicked off at the Christmas Party. She requested Council to submit their greetings for the newsletter no later than Friday, November 20th.

The City Secretary informed Council she has left messages for two more audio/visual installation companies. One stated they would have their partner call back. The other never returned the messages. She advised the Council there is a hurdle in that the contractor is required under Texas Local Government Code §1702 to be certified with the Texas Department of Public Safety. The Mayor requested an update at the next Council meeting.

2. Monthly Staff Reports

Mrs. Carmona confirmed that the expenses on the Water Sewer Fund Report are expenses of the Operating Fund only and not the Infrastructure Fund. Public Safety Chief Griffith confirmed the Fire Department issued bills for the month of October were for annual Fire Inspections of the businesses. Mr. Williams confirmed the 11 cut off/non-payment notices were paid and consists of all residential connections. Mr. Jobe will look into the Special Use Permit (SUP) for Verizon and verify they are following the conditions of the SUP. He will add the names next to the addresses on his Construction and Development portion of his report

3. Approval of Bills Payable and Purchase Orders in excess of \$1,000.

Assistant Police Chief Reeves clarified the invoice from Digital Ally is an accounting clean up from the original purchase order. There was discussion on the Body Camera Policy.

4. Approval and Acceptance of Minutes

Approval of Town Council Minutes:

- Town Council minutes from October 26, 2015

No comments were given

Acceptance of Minutes of Boards and Commissions:

- PEDC minutes from September 23, 2015
- PEDC minutes from October 14, 2015
- CRB minutes from August 25, 2015
- CRB minutes from September 1, 2015
- CRB minutes from September 22, 2015
- CRB minutes from October 6, 2015

No comments were given.

7. Discussion on the status of the potential revisions and/or updates to Ordinance 11-664 referred to as the Boat & RV Ordinance.

Mr. Fielder advised at Council's directions staff has not been enforcing the ordinance at this time and all information from previous discussions regarding this topic was provided in the Council packet. He requested clarification for staff on Council's goals when this item was first adopted. Recently staff has received concerns regarding on street parking over a 24 hour period and the storage PODS. Staff and Council discussed some discrepancies written within the ordinance; such as compliance issues and the ability to be compliant. Council agreed the intent and the literal words of the ordinance do not match and the intent of the ordinance is to eliminate the undesirable view of permanently parked boats, recreational vehicles, and vehicles that can be seen from the street. There was discussion on the logistics of a grandfather clause and enforcement by allowing residents 90 days to sign up with a one-time transferable registration that stays with the owner not the property. There was discussion on the qualification parameters of what would be acceptable and what would require a grandfathering clause. The Town Attorney suggested keeping the definition based on size, mechanism for regulations, and procedures for ZBA. There was discussion on the screening wall requirements and materials. Mr. Jeffrey's advised staff and Council not to enforce Section 12.05 of Chapter 12 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances until this is revised. All other chapters and sections are to be enforced.

Mayor Paradise adjourned the Work Session at 7:18 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION 7:30 P. M.
CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Mayor Paradise called the regular session to order at 7:34 p.m. and welcomed the audience.

Mayor Pro-Tem Russell Brewster led the invocation which was immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTERESTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Brewster welcomed the audience; thanked staff and council for working together if they don't things do not get done. He was able to attend a couple of ribbon cuttings recently. Dr. Jeckyll's Beer Lab Home Brew Draft House opened on Halloween, that went over really well and they had lots of business that weekend. Just recently Perna's Cajun and Soul Food that went well and was well attended. He was able to sample her Cajun food home cooking and highly recommends the place.

Councilmember Adair agrees with the Mayor Pro-Tem and expressed it was great to see everyone here tonight. He commented on the ribbon cutting event at Perna's Cajun & Soul and the stated the food was good.

Councilmember Barrett stated it was good to see everyone here tonight.

Councilmember Funderlic agreed with Mayor Pro-Tem Brewster and stated he was grateful to have everyone here tonight and have the opportunity to hear their beneficial comments and input from various groups and citizens.

Councilmember Surratt agreed with the other Councilmember's and welcomed all visitors and residents.

Mayor Paradise thanked everyone for taking the time to come out to tonight's meeting stating their input and involvement is invaluable to Council's decision making.

COUNCIL LIAISON TO BOARD REPORT

Community Relations Board

Councilmember Barrett informed Council the Halloween event was cancelled due to the weather. The stocking stuffing event will be November 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fire Training Room. The Candy Train and Christmas Tree Lighting will be on Saturday, November 28th at 3:00 p.m. The events at the Park after the Candy Train will be pictures with Santa; as well as face painting, crafts for the children, and refreshments. The next CRB meeting will be December 1st.

Pantego Youth Leadership Council

Mayor Paradise stated the next meeting will be on Tuesday and the students will receive a presentation from the Salvation Army and our own Pantego Lions Club learning how to work with the community and will focus on communication and listening activities. Several will be volunteering during the Candy Train providing the much needed elves along the way and at the Christmas Tree Lighting. They will assist Mayor Paradise for the Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge campaign at our local Walmart Saturday December 12th so if any of you are interested in stopping by and giving some support by ringing the bells; this is an all day event and it is always fun.

PEDC REPORT

Councilmember Adair informed Council on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 28th, the PEDC has organized participation in the American Express Small Business Saturday event to promote small business sales; and the Board will judge the business Christmas decorations this same weekend. The Board is hoping to get decorations out earlier this year. The International Council of Shopping Centers Tradeshow was attended by Pam Mundo and Matt Fielder where they spoke to several businesses and met with some of the Town's shopping center owners. Councilmember Surratt stated the Board discussed having a Santa appearance next year a few hours before the Candy Train to help promote the Small Business Saturday event.

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Nancy Tice, 2615 Smith Barry Rd. Pantego, Texas, informed the Council the Arlington Museum of Art will sponsor a dinner for the Back the Blue Campaign on January 21st or 22nd. A formal invitation will come in the future inviting Council and the Police Departments of Pantego, Dalworthington Gardens, Arlington, and Grand Prairie.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Surratt made a motion to approve the Consent agenda items 1, 2, 3, and 4 as discussed in the work session. Mayor Pro-Tem Brewster seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Surratt, Funderlic, Barrett, Adair, and Brewster.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 5. Public hearing, discuss, review, and consider action on Ordinance 15-772 an ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Pantego, Texas, regarding Zoning Case Z-215, a proposed Special Use Permit as requested by Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Fort Worth to establish a church at 3214 W. Park Row Drive, Lot 2 Block 1 of Park Row West Addition of the A.L.S. Land Survey, Pantego, Tarrant County, Texas. The property is generally located on the South side of W. Park Row Drive between Nora Drive and Bowen Road.**

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Ms. Arrington read the caption of the ordinance for the record. Mr. Fielder presented the background information for this special use permit informing the Council an application was received for 3214 W. Park Row Drive and outlining the history of the building. This is a 7800 square foot building that was one of four buildings used by the Trinity United Methodist Church. They operated it as part of their church until 1991 at which time it was purchased and used for office spaces. The Town's current code states church use is allowed by right in R2-R4 residential zoning; by PD in R5 residential zoning; and all commercial zoning requires a special use permit. This zoning code has been in effect since 1986. This item went before the Planning and Zoning Commission last Monday by a 3-2 vote they recommended denial for reasons provided in your packet; such as stacking SUP's in one area and the Chairman had concerns on consistency with some of the information provided.

Mayor Paradise opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-772 at 7:49 p.m.

The following speakers were in support of the Special Use Permit:

Colburn Tucker, 720 Heritage Tr., Granbury, Texas, announced he attended the Planning and Zoning meeting and heard the concerns of the residents. He is a member of the church and provided Council with letters of recommendations from the current landlord in Arlington, Texas; the North Texas Food Bank; and the City of Allen Police Department. He explained the Ahmadiyya is a worldwide organization in over 200 countries' with over 10 million members. They are not a fly by night and this is not something where they want to move in and out of quickly. The letter from the current landlord in Arlington states the Ahmadiyya Community cleans up after themselves and they keep to their assigned parking spaces. The letter from the North Texas Food Bank confirmed their annual contribution to the bank. The third letter from the City of Allen Police Department states they interact with them a lot on community events. The Ahmadiyya Community actually has property in Allen; where they began. It was too far for some of the members to drive and they grew too large for them so they split into a West DFW and East DFW. These letters address some of the concerns brought up; such as the trash. They are purchasing the building, not leasing, and expect to be there permanently; therefore, they are very interested in keeping the neighbors happy. They will have different events; such as dinners, classes, and have an open door policy for everyone in the community to come and find out what they are about. They plan to have dinners with the community invited and feels they would add value to the community by being involved. They do not want to move in and hide in the corner they want people to be involved. There was confusion on the membership at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. When someone from the city called the applicant and asked how many people and he gave a number of 25-30. When I was here at the meeting I was asked what is our maximum number of members and I stated 50. I wanted to clear this up, on any given Friday we expect on average 25-30 to show at one time but have a maximum number of 50 members. Another question was what are we going to be doing with the Mosque when we are not there. We will have large gatherings on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and we pray five times a day. Once we have a building we can call our own many members would like to pray early in the morning and throughout the day; not just Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Currently, the location has four rooms for the men and four rooms for the women. All rooms are 12' x 12' and the direction they worship forces them to sit in a diagonal creating a smaller space in the room. They are outgrowing their current location in Arlington.

Mubasher Ahmad, 1333 Spears Rd., Houston, Texas, is the regional coordinator of Texas and supervises six communities throughout Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston. I live in Houston. The Ahmadiyya Community has been in America for the last 28 years. I assure you we are law abiding and peace loving citizens and cleanliness is part of our faith. We not only worship God but are here to serve God's creatures; humanity. We have a very strong and long history of serving humanity. He passed out information showing they serve where there is a need. We have a yearly campaign called Muslims for Life, where each year we have a blood drive and donate approximately 30,000 pints of blood. There are other campaigns such as Muslims for Peace because they are completely against terrorism in any form and are very vocal about it. This campaign continues all year. The country and/or communities where we live must remain alive to be able to fully serve. Our motto is "Love for all, hatred for none."

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Mohammed Rahman, 8406 Beachplum Way, Arlington, Texas, added a couple of more points regarding the use of the space. We have private prayer services and activities on the weekend. We have children's classes, ladies have their own programs, and the men have the elder and younger men groups, each of them come for teachings and they all have their own space. We would like to offer this so that everyone can do it on their own and not impose on anyone else.

Suhail Kausar, 9400 Harrell Dr., McKinney, Texas, is the President of the Ahmadiyya Community of Dallas Chapter. The Community began in Allen, Texas and due to the growth in membership this community was divided into two chapters Dallas and Fort Worth. He presented Council with a letter of recommendation from Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson. We have worked with her on many community programs. As it was mentioned our community is in over 200 countries in the World. There are currently 75 chapters in the United States. All of these Chapters not only worship God but they do a lot of humanity work; the blood drive has been mentioned. During the last ten years when we started on the tenth anniversary of 9-11, we have collected over 175,000 pints of blood; which has saved more than 100,000 lives. We not only do the blood drives but we also join hands with the churches of the city to work with the Meals on Wheels program and have distributed approximately 250 meals a month for the last ten years. Our community not only does community work, we are very peaceful; as far as being an executive I like it and am proud of my faith. We also help make the environment clean and safe.

Zubair Latif, 2219 Coopers Hawks Grand Prairie, Texas, is a member of the Fort Worth Chapter and the Vice President of the Chapter. Whatever community we are a part of we make it a point to not only just be there but to participate and try to improve the value we bring to the community. All the other speakers have mentioned events but we also try to do interfaith events inviting other churches and communities to foster harmony and foster tolerance between the different religious beliefs. Our purpose for being there is to add value to the community.

Michael Cramer, 3214 W. Park Row Dr., Pantego, Texas, is the owner of the building. I purchased this building in 2001 from the Trinity Methodist Church, which was formerly used as a small tenant office building. We used the building for general offices as a debt buyer for a collection company and our total employment at its peak was about 35 full-time employees. He was unable to attend the Planning & Zoning meeting so he is not clear what the complaints were from the neighbors. He recalled one issue with a neighbor that involved a request to darken the security lights and how he worked with them on a solution by building a larger fence. There have not been any other issues I am aware of with this building and its neighbors. Two doors down a SUP was granted to a church and there are two churches across the street. This area is very compatible with churches. I am sure they would be very good owners of this property and I will be very disappointed if the SUP is not granted.

Mohammed Antwi, 6017 Blazing Star Dr., Fort Worth, Texas, is the President of the Fort Worth Chapter and the applicant. Many of his members are doctors, engineers, and businessmen; as well as truck drivers and construction workers. I assured you we are not here to destroy the community. When we get the property you will see that the professionals in this community and the businessmen would like to buy businesses here. When members move from other states they ask where is the prayer center and purchase properties close to the center. This will increase property values. Members who have businesses will also have businesses here. The last time we met, most of the complaints of the neighbors were against the noise and construction of the Prayer Room. When they are reading the gospel says "the son shall not bear iniquities of the father neither shall the father bear iniquities of the son". I believe this congregation should not be blamed for the activity or inactivity of the Prayer Room. We should be looked at as a different group coming with different ideas and with different activities.

The following speakers were in opposition of the Special Use Permit:

Lannie Forbes, 2724 Whispering Trail Circle, Pantego, Texas, I have lived here since 1967 and have seen a lot of changes. I am disappointed with what is going on up and down Park Row Drive with the

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Bakery that is not a bakery and the Prayer Room. The Prayer Room and the Bakery, I do not think they ever cut their grass. Mayor Paradise brought her back on point. I am also disappointed in what is going on between Bowen and Norwood. I would like to see office buildings at this location and feels this interferes with the property values of the residents homes. I don't think it is right what they have allowed to go in there. I ask Council to reconsider this decision.

Benjamin Rhodes, 2726 Whispering Trail Circle, Pantego, Texas, I have an issue with this due to the zoning of this location is a C-2 and we are here for a SUP. If it is zoned a C-2 then there should be a C-2 occupant. I am not questioning the nobility of their efforts but we have heard from people who are from Houston, Grand Prairie, McKinney, Granbury, and Fort Worth none of them are residents. I am a resident of Pantego and I think it is incumbent upon this Council to address or be concerned with the citizens of Pantego and what they think. In looking at the SUP considerations there are thirteen of them and they will have a hard time convincing him that Council can meet seven of them. I am concerned with property values and property taxes. You lose tax base somewhere else. I realize this is not a concern of Council because they have the power to tax but they are going to have to make the truck fall somewhere. The traffic is as bad as I have ever seen it. You cannot turn left onto Park Row you sit and wait and wait. I feel this will make it worse. The owner who spoke, I understand his situation and he has a vested interest, so do I. I do not want to see my property values go down. There are two churches across the street there is another one in the recreation center, there an illegal one there and the Prayer Room and now a third one in that shopping Center. I am opposed because I don't think it serves the community. I appreciate the opportunity to speak.

Jason Williams, 2729 Whispering Trail Circle, Pantego, Texas, believes eleven of them were notified and ten of them were at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting to oppose it. I understand it is difficult for people to stand up here and say things against something. I think it is about more than just these folks here tonight. They can tell us what they have done and its great but I do not want my church to move in here. It is not about what they are doing it is about yet another SUP going in behind these houses. There are six houses that will have four SUP's behind them, if you approve this one and then approve the next one in December. It is important to think about the others in the area. We have to hear the noise and deal with the traffic. We have been doing it for a long time. There were other people who spoke against the Prayer Room and the bakery and there will be more people here to speak in December against the church that has already moved in. We have spent our time suffering through this. We are fine with churches in Pantego. We certainly approved many SUP for churches while I served, but we never approved any that adjoined neighborhoods, so find places for churches in a retail area. There are a lot of retail areas that have places closed on Saturday and Sunday. This a perfect place for them. They share parking places. It is not about the church but about the location. There are several SUP's we have lived through and are now gone. We purchased our homes based on a plan, the plan was those properties are C-2 and we have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars collectively on our homes. We feel like changing this plan will negatively affect the value of our homes. I completely understand Mr. Kramer has 475,000 reasons to be for this. He does not live near it, none of the folks that support it lives near it, and I am pretty sure none of Council lives near a church. It has nothing to do with being for or against churches, but it has to do with being for churches in the right location. I think some of the questions being addressed tonight by the candidate lead me to speak, some of you were not here at the P & Z Meeting, the application, I believe, is 20-25 folks, that night it went to 25-30, then it was 50, and tonight it was 25-30 and then 50. Of course they are moving from Allen because they have had such great growth. The application I believe states Friday and Saturday; at the P & Z it went to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; at the P & Z it went to Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and every morning at 5:00 a.m. and tonight we added dinner parties. There are things that continue to change. We do not feel like we have the full picture and we are just not interested in having so much traffic behind our homes again. I know Mr. Cramer talked about having one complaint. We do not call the police to complain about every fence picket or when someone is being loud so I am sure not every complaint has been recorded; so certainly not about one specific church in my mind but yet about another SUP. I feel will decrease the value of my home and I believe my neighbors feel the same.

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Colburn Tucker, the amount of traffic they are concerned about; if something is zoned commercial and there were 35 people previously at a business on an every day, daily basis Monday thru Friday then we are not expected to have any more than that, especially not immediately. It will only be three days a week versus five days a week so in terms of traffic we do not expect there to be any more than a commercially zoned property would be.

Mayor Paradise closed the Public Hearing at 8:22 p.m.

Mr. Fielder confirmed there was a typing error that should reference Section 3. In answering Council's inquiries, he informed them the reason staff is approving the SUP after a denial from the Planning & Zoning Commission is a church is allowed in an R-2 through R-5 zoned area only commercial zoning requires an SUP process. Council inquired on the Illinois Tax Certificate and confirmed with Mr. Jeffrey's they do not have to incorporate in Texas to be a legal business in Texas.

Council inquired on the economic benefit the town will receive with the Church. Mr. Antwi informed Council the congregation likes to live and work close to their place of worship. They will purchase property in the community for residence and businesses. The demand for property increases the prices with a typical example being the City of Allen and gave some examples. Mr. Fielder informed Council the lighting standards of the parking lot and the parking requirements will be addressed with the Building Code and not the Zoning Code. Mr. Tucker confirmed the congregation only plans to perform less than 20% of renovations and none of it will be structural. At this time they will address the lighting of the parking lot if needed. Mr. Antwi stated they had looked in other areas of Pantego, Arlington, and Fort Worth but mostly areas in Pantego. Mr. Rasheed, a member of the church, stated the property was reasonably priced and the best feasible for their needs in terms of the budget and the structure. Mr. Antwi answered Council concerns on the use of the building, times of the use, and traffic resulting from the number of times they meet and stated everyone will be at the mosque, maybe five people at a time praying. Mr. Antwi informed them they pray five times a day; Dawn, Noon, Around 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and bedtime around 8:00 p.m. Due to their work schedules, they pray at their work and/or homes during the day, if they can come to the mosque they will. There will not be any restrictions and the building will be accessible all the time. He went on to explain Friday is their Sunday and the day they meet and pray together like most people do on Sunday. On Saturday the women have an organization that meets and on Sunday the men have an organization that meets; therefore not everyone is there all the time. Women are not required to pray at the mosque like the men are. According to Mr. Antwi, during Ramadan it is very intensive and they meet in the evening to share meals every Saturday and Sunday at dusk.

There was discussion on limiting the size of the congregation. Mr. Fielder informed Council the SUP has an occupancy limit of 280 people based on the allowable parking; 1 vehicle for every 5 persons. There was discussion on the occupancy limit based on square footage and all the variables that are taken into consideration to configure the limit. Mr. Tucker confirmed the maximum limit of the congregation before splitting the congregation as they did in Allen is 100 members.

Council explained there is a two year limitation on the SUP that would require them to come back and perform the SUP process over after two years and there is no guarantee of the outcome. Mr. Tucker advised their service is not like other church services it is to meditate; no music, no band, just silent prayer and it takes approximately 10-15 minutes. Only on Friday at Noon is there a sermon.

Council inquired on the current location and how long the congregation has been there. Mr. Tucker informed Council they have been at their current location for a few years and it is open 24 hours a day seven days a week. The weekend activities are once a year for a month during Ramadan where there is dinner every Saturday and Sunday evening and confirmed none of the activities will be conducted outside. They have classes for passage explanations and meaning; as well as elections once a year and it is all indoors.

Mr. Jeffrey's requested an executive session to conduct an attorney client privilege discussion. Mayor Paradise recessed the regular meeting to convene into executive session at 8:54 p.m.

Mayor Paradise reconvened the regular session at 9:21 p.m.

SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- The Council will convene in the City Manager's Office pursuant to the Texas Government Code for an executive session on the following items:
 1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071 Litigation Matters, to discuss pending or contemplating litigation, settlement offers, and other legal matters that implicates the attorney-client privilege – Zoning Case Z-215.

Mayor Paradise announced there was no action taken during the executive session.

Mayor Paradise continued the discussion. Council inquired on the current Arlington location in relation to residential property. Mr. Tucker informed Council they are located in the area of Davis St. and W. Pioneer Parkway with apartments and churches nearby. Council inquired on the amount and type of remodeling that is planned and if any plans have been submitted for review. Mr. Tucker stated the plans have not been submitted they were waiting on approval of the SUP and they are not planning any exterior remodeling only 20-25% interior remodeling. He reconfirmed for Council during Ramadan the everyday prayers are conducted at home or at work and expect to be at the Mosque only two days a week. Council inquired on how long it took to expand in Allen to reach the maximum membership requiring a split in the district. Mr. Antwi informed them the Allen location was first opened in 1990 and reach 110 people after twelve years.

Council ensured the congregation was aware that the two year approval meant they would need to re-apply and conduct the SUP process again in two years and that during this time the zoning ordinance will have several changes added due to the ordinance is currently under review and in the process of changing. Mr. Tucker inquired if this time limit requirement is on other SUP's and was assured it was. Mr. Fielder clarified the entire SUP process due to some confusion of the audience. The congregation agreed to the 180 maximum occupancy outlined by Council.

Councilmember Funderlic made a motion to approve Ordinance 15-772 with the additional condition that the maximum occupancy does not exceed 180 persons and with a two year time limit. Councilmember Adair seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Funderlic, Barrett, and Adair.

Nays: Surratt and Brewster.

Abstentions: None.

Councilmember Funderlic commented he voted against the last SUP but the situation is different and believes that precedence has been set.

Mayor Paradise declared the motion failed due to a lack of a supermajority vote as required for a Special Use Permit. She asked for the applicant to see if there are any other locations or facilities that are available in Pantego advising they are welcome to the community.

OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION, REVIEW, APPROVAL, AND/OR DIRECT STAFF.

7. **Discussion on the status of the potential revisions and/or updates to Ordinance 11-664 referred to as the Boat and RV Ordinance.**

Mayor Paradise announced Council and staff discussed this item during work session. Since none of the staff members who worked on this original ordinance are still employed with the Town, Council has supplied their intentions for the ordinance and discussed some unintended consequences. Staff will review the ordinance and discuss recommended changes with the City Manager and Council. An update will be given in January.

RESOLUTION

6. Discuss, direct, and consider action on Resolution 15-34 a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Pantego, Texas, approving the ballot submission for the Board of Directors to the Tarrant Appraisal District.

Councilmember Funderlic recused himself from this agenda item.

Councilmember Surratt made a motion to approve Resolution 15-34 with two votes for Don Funderlic. Councilmember Barrett second the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Surratt, Barrett, Adair, and Brewster.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: Funderlic

Mayor Paradise declared this motion passed with four votes and one abstention.

COUNCIL INQUIRY

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Paradise adjourned the regular session at 9:39 p.m.

APPROVED:


Melody Paradise, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Arrington, City Secretary

