

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Freeport City Council met on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council:

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
Councilman Larry L. McDonald
Councilman Fred Bolton
Councilwoman Sandra Barbree
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza

Staff:

Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Chris Motley, Fire Marshal & Building Official
Bob Welch, Finance Director
Brian Davis, Fire Chief

Visitors:

Annette Sanford	Kevin Cadenhead
Moby Burrige	Evelyn Burrige
Ariel Cardona	Jerry Masters
Karetta Lux	Larry Fansher
Mark Havran	Alfred Herrera
Raymond Garivey	Eric Hayes
Lila Lloyd	Darlene Wier
Wayne Berkenmeier	

Call to order.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the July 27, 2015 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the July 27, 2015 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

There were none.

Presentation: Financial audit report ending September 30, 2014 by Kennemer Masters & Lundford, Certified Public Accountants.

Kevin Cadenhead with Kennemer Masters & Lundford, Certified Public Accountants presented a summary of a very comprehensive financial statement for the City of Freeport for the year ending September 30, 2014.

Reconsideration of approving Ordinance No. 2015-2092 denying proposed rate increase of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas ("CenterPoint") and approving a settlement that includes an increase that is \$2.3 million less than proposed by Centerpoint.

Reconvened from Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting 3 to 2, Ordinance No. 2015-2092 was approved denying proposed rate increase of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas ("CenterPoint") and approving a settlement that includes an increase that is \$2.3 million less than proposed by Centerpoint. Councilman Bolton and Councilman McDonald opposed.

Reconsideration of awarding the bid for the "Emergency Power and Monitoring Systems" authorizing the City Manager or his designee to negotiate a contract with the successful bidder and authorizing the Mayor and the City Secretary, respectively to executive and attest such contract.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting 3 to 2, to approve Mark Havran's from LJA Engineering, Inc., recommendation to award the bid to C.F. Donald Electric, Inc. and the use of cell phones for the "Emergency Power and Monitoring Systems" authorizing the City Manager or his designee to negotiate a contract with the successful bidder and authorizing the Mayor and the City Secretary, respectively to executive and attest such contract.

Councilman McDonald stated that there would be heavy reoccurring charges on cell phone usage and requested this project rebidded. Councilman McDonald and Councilman Bolton opposed.

Consideration of advertising and setting a bid date for reconstructing of boat ramp, and piers located on the Old Brazos River behind the Freeport Community House.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved advertising and setting a bid date for September 8, 2015 for reconstructing of boat ramp, and piers located on the Old Brazos River behind the Freeport Community House.

Consideration of the approval of any action to be taken as a result of closed executive session.

Motion made on Number 7 on the agenda.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia opened the Work Session at 6:21 p.m.

Work Session:

Community budget input workshop.

Eric Hayes asked if the City was planning to purchase a gradall for cutting the ditches and what are the plans for repairing the Service Center.

Jerry Masters asked about the plans for rehabilitating Cedar Street.

Darlene Wier asked if 2nd street was going to be repaired.

Annette Sanford stated the 2nd street rain gutters need attention.

Scheduling August 11 & 12, 2015 budget workshop dates.

Mr. Pynes announced that department level reviews will be held on August 11 & 12, 2015.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia closed the Work Session and opened the Executive Session at 6:24 p.m.

Executive Session:

Section 551.071, Government Code

Consultation with City Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or other matter in which his duty to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the state Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551, Government Code, to wit:

- Veolia Contract
- Centerpoint Entex
- Club, 127 W. 2nd Street

Mayor Norma Garcia closed the Executive Session to motion on number 7.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Norma M. Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

Delia Munoz, City Secretary
City of Freeport, Texas