

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, January 7, 2019 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: Councilman Brooks Bass
Councilman Ken Green
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza
Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff: Tim Kelty, City Manager
Laura Tolar, Asst. City Secretary/Special Projects Coordinator
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Ray Garivey, Police Chief
Kim Townsend, Parks Director
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources Director
Brian Dybala, Golf Course Director
David Hoelewyn, Street Department Director
Jerry Meeks, Veolia Water
Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Director
Billy Shoemaker, Building Department Director

Visitors: Christina Travis Kenny Hayes
Manning Rollerson Desiree Pearson
Tommy Pearson Paul Crow
Andrew Dill Edmeryl Williams
Louie Jones Larry Fansher

Call to order.

Mayor Pro Tem Brooks Bass called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Brooks Bass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen's Comments

Manning Rollerson spoke regarding when homes will be built in Freeport.

REGULAR SESSION

Consideration and possible action on the approval of City Council meeting minutes from December 17, 2018, December 18, 2018, December 26, 2018

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the City Council meeting minutes from December 17, 2018, December 18, 2018, December 26, 2018.

Consideration of approving the Mayor and City Secretary to sign and attest a Real Estate Lease with Gulf LNG Services for 1,068 square feet of space on the second floor of the Freeport City Hall

Economic Development Director Jennifer Hawkins reported to council that Gulf LNG services provide tow services to Freeport LNG and have a 25-year contract. Mr. Rick Stephano of Gulf LNG has requested a two-year lease at City Hall. The rate will be \$0.79 per square foot plus utilities.

City Manager Tim Kelty stated that improvements to the office space will be made.

Parks Director Kim Townsend stated that the overall improvements will cost approximately \$4,650.00

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the Real Estate Lease with Gulf LNG Services for 1,068 square feet of space on the second floor of the Freeport City Hall.

Consideration of approving the City Manager to negotiate extensions on all Industrial District Contracts

City Manager Tim Kelty informed council that he had been meeting with City Manager Yenne from Lake Jackson and City Manager Snipes from Clute regarding the industrial agreements.

Mr. Kelty stated that he would like to renegotiate the industrial agreements until 2033 to ensure the city receives that guaranteed revenue. The current agreement would expire in 2026.

On a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the City Manager to negotiate extensions on all Industrial District Contracts.

Consideration of rescheduling the 2nd regular meeting in January

On a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved moving the 2nd regular meeting in January to January 22, 2019.

WORK SESSION:

Councilman Green Ward A announcements and comments

Councilman Green discussed drainage issues with the recent rains.

Councilman Bass Ward B announcements and comments

Councilman Bass said Holly would need to be lowered when resurfaced and added that the alley behind On the River needed to be looked at. He added that he had received a lot of compliments on how good the parks look.

Councilwoman Loeza Ward C announcements and comments

Councilwoman Loeza had nothing to report.

Councilman Yates Ward D announcements and comments

Councilman Yates had nothing to report.

City Manager Tim Kelty announcements and comments

Mr. Kelty stated that the interim finance director would start on January 21, 2019. Also, that Wednesday and Thursday they would be in Dallas at a retail recruitment convention and will report on it at the next meeting.

Mr. Kelty stated that the Daddy/Daughter dance has been cancelled for this year.

Mr. Kelty said that staff has begun strategic planning with the departments and should hold a workshop in early April.

Mr. Kelty passed out to council an ethics ordinance from another city and asked council to review it and make any edits they feel necessary and return it to him. He said that there should be a draft ordinance ready for them at the first meeting in February.

Update on reports / concerns from Department heads.

David Hoelewyn – Street Department

Mr. Hoelewyn stated they were working on the following projects:

- Gutter cleaning
- 1,000' of 8th Street
- Drainage
- Tractor/Sweeper received – getting insurance on it before using it

City Manager Tim Kelty added that the city would soon begin the fire bay expansion for the new fire truck.

Mayor Pro Tem Brooks Bass closed regular session at 6:37 pm

CLOSED SESSION:

Executive Session regarding economic development matters (Economic Development Corporation Project #2019-2), Chapter 551, 551.087

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Brooks Bass opened regular session at 7:06 pm

Mr. Bass called for a joint meeting with the Economic Development Corporation.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Mayor Pro Tem Bass adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem, Brooks Bass
City of Freeport, Texas

Assistant City Secretary, Laura Tolar
City of Freeport, Texas