

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Tuesday, February 19, 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: Mayor Troy Brimage  
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  
Chris Motley, Fire Chief  
Danny Gillchriest, Police Captain  
Kim Townsend, Parks & Recreation Director  
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources Director  
Brian Dybala, Golf Course Director  
David Hoelewyn, Street Department Director  
Billy Shoemaker, Building Department Director

Visitors: Kenny Hayes  
Larry Fansher  
Paul Crow  
Olan Massingill  
Nicole Mireles  
Sam Reyna  
Bob Koole  
Ruben Renobato  
Desiree Pearson  
Melanie Oldham  
Sabrina Brimage  
A R Williams  
Darlene Wier  
Edmeryl Williams  
Margaret McMahan  
Ruth Renobato

Call to order.

Mayor Troy Brimage called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Troy Brimage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Citizen's Comments

Larry Fansher spoke regarding the 25' lots. He stated that Reality World was led to believe the Board of Adjustments would approve. He added that the Economic Development Corporation failed to talk to the residents and the Planning Commission was excluded from the EDC discussions and more transparency is needed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consideration and possible action on the approval of City Council meeting minutes from January 17, 2019 and February 4, 2019. (Tolar)

Consideration of approving Resolution #2019-2573 amending the TexPool authorized representatives

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Consent Agenda.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

Consideration of approving revisions to the personnel policy.

Loni Kershaw stated that Sections 3.03, 3.08 of Chapter Three and Section 5.05 of Chapter Five were proposed to be updated.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved revisions to the personnel policy.

Discuss and consider Ordinance #2019-2567 adopting an ethics ordinance

Tim Kelty stated that these items are common sense and will serve as a basis for discipline. The ordinance is modeled from the ordinance the City of Clute adopted with a few changes and has been reviewed with the city attorney.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance #2019-2567 adopting an ethics ordinance.

Consideration of approving the purchase and financing of a bucket truck for the Parks Department

Kim Townsend informed council that she had researched pricing of larger bucket trucks. A 48' truck would increase the price \$15,200 plus the cost of outriggers. A 50' truck would be \$175,000-\$185,000 and would require a CDL. She stated that a 41' will meet most needs of the City.

Mr. Roy Yates inquired as to the price for rental. Ms. Townsend said \$1,500-\$3,500.

Mayor Troy Brimage stated that the previous truck was purchase from the Parks Department from the beginning.

On a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the purchase and financing of a bucket truck for the Parks Department.

Consideration of contract for demolition of Old City Hall and a contract for asbestos abatement at the same location

Billy Shoemaker discussed the maintenance issues of Old City Hall including items being stored in there and the building is not climate controlled. He said there is a lot of asbestos in the building and he would negotiate the price to match Cherry's price. Contractors will be required to carry insurance.

On a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved a contract with Houston Demolition Services for demolition of Old City Hall and a contract for asbestos abatement at the same location.

Consideration of contract for demolition of the Freeport Community House and a contract for asbestos abatement at the same location

Billy Shoemaker stated that there was very little asbestos at this location and exists on the walkway.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved a contract with Houston Demolition Services for demolition of the Freeport Community House and a contract for asbestos abatement at the same location.

Consideration of approving Resolution 2019-2574 supporting a Emergency Services District #6 in Brazoria County, Texas.

Mayor Troy Brimage stated that this area is in our ETJ and is paid for by the residents in that area. It is recommended by the District Attorney and the County Commissioners.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution 2019-2574 supporting an Emergency Services District #6 in Brazoria County, Texas.

**WORK SESSION:**

Mayor Troy T. Brimage announcements and comments

Mayor Brimage stated he had attended several local meetings and Freeport is being noticed for many positive things. Abigail Arias has been a blessing to Freeport and Chief Garivey has been a great example of community policing. The Daddy Daughter response has been great and many attendees have said that it was the best they had seen.

Councilman Green Ward A announcements and comments

Councilman Green stated 1014 West 10<sup>th</sup> was having sewer issues due to the rain. He also stated some of the homes with recent sewer work in the back yards needed clean dirt.

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

City Manager Tim Kelty reported Stephanie Russell has been hired and will work with the interim finance director to ensure a smooth transition, adding she was the second choice for city manager. He also said that he attended the Lulac meeting that honored Chief Garivey and it was nice.

Open session was closed at 6:52 pm and Council entered into Executive Session.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Executive Session regarding economic development (Projects 2019-2 and 2019-3) in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, 551.087

Executive Session regarding personnel matters (City Attorney Wallace Shaw) in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, 551.074,

**REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Troy Brimage opened regular session at 7:38 pm

Consideration in open session of taking action on any matter discussed in closed executive session

No action taken.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

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Mayor, Troy Brimage  
City of Freeport, Texas

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Assistant City Secretary, Laura Tolar  
City of Freeport, Texas