

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, April 15, 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 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
Brian Dybala, Golf Course Director
David Hoelewyn, Street Department Director
Stephanie Russell, Finance Director
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources Director
Jerry Meeks, Veolia
Mike Praslicka, Freeport Fire Department
Shawn Andel, Freeport Fire Department
Robert Suniga, Freeport Fire Department
Khristopher Viera, Freeport Fire Department
Justin Davidson, Freeport Fire Department

Visitors:	Kenny Hayes	Larry Fansher
	Tommy Pearson	Melanie Oldham
	Olan Massingill	Don Barrott
	Angie Williams	Ivan Rodriguez
	Tammy Massingill	Marisa Rodriguez
	Gabriele Rodriguez	Mario Muraira

Visitors:

Call to order.

Mayor Troy Brimage called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Citizen's Comments

Olan Massingill stated that Avenues Q, R, S & T needed ditch work.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements by Mayor, City Council and/or Staff

Employee of the Month.

REGULAR SESSION

Consideration and possible action on the approval of City Council meeting minutes from April 1, 2019 and April 6, 2019

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the meeting minutes from April 1, 2019 and April 6, 2019.

Update on collection of delinquent taxes and court fine and fees from Mike Darlow with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP.

No action required.

Consider and take action on renewal of delinquent tax collection contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP. (Russell)

Consider and take action on renewal of collection contract for mowing, paving and demolition liens with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved council agenda items #3 and #4 entering into a contract with Perdue Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP for delinquent tax collection and collection for mowing, paving and demolition liens.

Consideration and possible approval of change orders #1 and #2 to contract with Sorrell Construction for 2019 Concrete Road Street Project

City Manager Tim Kelty stated that they change orders are within the allowable amount. Mayor Troy Brimage stated that the material is in stock.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved change orders #1 and #2 to contract with Sorrell Construction for 2019 Concrete Road Street Project.

Consideration and possible action on plumbing bill reimbursement and a request for water and sewer bill adjustments at Freeport RV Park

Mr. Patel made a request to the city to reimburse him money paid to a plumber because his sewer line was stopped up. The owner called the City to report the leak and while the repairs were being made the owner called a plumber.

Mr. Kelty stated that he had contacted TML and was told that the City was not liable. He also added that reimbursing Mr. Patel would be in violation of the Texas Constitution.

Mayor Brimage stated that Mr. Patel told him the past administration would apply a credit to his water account.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously voted to deny the reimbursement request.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2019-2576 suspending for 45 days the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Texas Coast Division (“CenterPoint”) in its application filed on or about March 28, 2019 pursuant to section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act.

Mr. Kelty stated that the City is a member of the TCUC and as a member we can vote for a 45-day moratorium regarding Centerpoint’s request to raise rates. He added that most cities will act on this.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously voted to approve Resolution No. 2019-2576 suspending for 45 days the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Texas Coast Division (“CenterPoint”) in its application filed on or about March 28, 2019 pursuant to section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act.

Consideration of approval of revising Sections 8.02, Appendix A A8.02, A8.03, A12.03, 3.07, 5.06 of the City of Freeport Personnel Policy Handbook

Loni Kershaw presented the proposed changes to the personnel policy handbook.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously voted to approve revising Sections 8.02, Appendix A A8.02, A8.03, A12.03, 3.07, 5.06 of the City of Freeport Personnel Policy Handbook.

Discuss and consider approving the City Manager to seek proposals for legal services

Mr. Kelty stated that council had asked him to seek proposals for legal services. He added that Mr. Shaw had presented him with three proposed contracts. Mr. Kelty stated that we paid approximately \$76,000 to Mr. Shaw last year and approximately \$19,000 to Olson & Olson.

Mr. Kelty said that if we seek proposals, we cannot discuss pricing with those attorneys per state law. He also stated that the process would take about 45 days.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously voted to approve the City Manager to seek proposals for legal services.

WORK SESSION:

Councilman Ken Green stated that the 400 Block of 1st Street had installed a French drain. Street Department Director was told by Billy Shoemaker that it was ok. Mr. Green added that a wheelchair ramp had not been placed downtown and that the street sweeper was doing a great job.

Councilman Brooks Bass encouraged everyone to buy a fish plate from the high school on April 26 from 11:00am to 1:00 pm benefitting project graduation.

Councilwoman Sandra Loeza had nothing to report.

Councilman Yates asked about the status of the Alston warehouse on Hwy 332.

Mayor Troy Brimage stated that Fire Chief Motley had been doing a great job keeping everyone updated with daily weather texts. He added that there had been two demolitions on Sweeny and Broad. He also reminded everyone about the Easter Egg hunt. Mayor Brimage stated that the interviews were being held for the Economic Development Director. New outdoor work out equipment had been added next to the splashpad and overlooking the river.

City Manager Tim Kelty state that the Parks Department will be presenting revised rental rates for our facilities on one of the upcoming agendas. Also, there will be an agreement with BASF for effluent water and an agreement with Bryan Mound Strategic Oil Reserve for sewer services. Mr. Kelty added that there may be a new 380 agreement next month for the Urban Renewal property. Staff reports are in council packets and will be included in the second meeting of each month. Riverfest is coming up.

Golf Course Director Brian Dybala thanked council for allowing him to add the new building at the golf course. He stated that both Phillips and Olin will be having golf tournaments and have rebooked for next year.

Finance Director Stephanie Russell stated that sales tax had gone up 38% and that the new auditors would be starting.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Mayor, Troy Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

Assistant City Secretary, Laura Tolar
City of Freeport, Texas