

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, June 17, 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
- Chris Motley, Fire Chief
- Ray Garivey, Police Chief
- Danny Gillchriest, Police Captain
- Stephanie Russell, Finance Director
- Loni Kershaw, Human Resources Director
- Betty Wells, Accounts Payable
- Courtland Holman, Economic Development Director
- Billy Shoemaker, Building Department Director
- Jerry Meeks, Veolia

Visitors:

Kenny Hayes	Nicole Mireles
Sam Reyna	Sabrina Brimage
Manning Rollerson	Melanie Oldham
Desiree Pearson	Tommy Pearson
Keith Stumbaugh	Jennifer Hawkins
Ruben Arias	Ilene Arias
Abigail Arias	Ethan Arias
Larry Fansher	Mario Murira
Kyle Hammonds	Angie Williams

Call to order.

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

Citizen's Comments

Manning Rollerson addressed council concerning a call to the police department that his wife made and racial slurs he said was made by a city employee.

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

Recognition of Department Head for outstanding lifesaving effort.

Police Chief Ray Garivey was presented with a certificate recognizing his lifesaving efforts of performing CPR on a gentleman having a heart attack and credited with helping to save his life.

Employee of the Month

City employee Betty Wells was presented with a certificate recognizing her as Employee of the Month for May 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration and possible action on the approval of City Council meeting minutes from June 3, 2019.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2019- 2591 reappointing qualified person to the Charter Review Board of said City; Rita Cundieff.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

REGULAR SESSION

Consideration and possible action on approval of an agreement with Bryan Mound Strategic Petroleum Reserve for the provision, operation, and maintenance of a sanitary sewer force main serving the facility

City Manager Tim Kelty stated that Bryan Mound Strategic Petroleum Reserve had approached the City. They will be responsible for engineering and construction.

Councilman Brooks Bass asked if we could handle the increase.

Jerry Meeks with Veolia Water stated that it would be no problem.

Councilman Bass asked if Bryan Mound was aware that their cost would go up as our costs go up.

Mr. Kelty replied yes.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved an agreement with Bryan Mound Strategic Petroleum Reserve for the provision, operation, and maintenance of a sanitary sewer force main serving the facility.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2019-2592 approving the conveyance of property owned by the City of Freeport on Bryan Beach conveyed from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department back to Texas Parks & Wildlife and re-conveying a portion back to the City

This item was tabled.

Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 2019-2593 authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the City of Surfside Beach for the sale of potable water

Mr. Kelty stated that Surfside will be responsible for design and construction.

There will be a ten percent surcharge.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved an agreement with the City of Surfside Beach for the sale of potable water.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 2019-2575 adopting an amendment to the budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Finance Director Stephanie Russell stated that there were additions of revenue and expenditures in this budget amendment.

Larry Fansher asked the amount of sponsorship for the Billfish Classic.

Mayor Brimage stated that this tournament is a great event for the City. Approximately \$40,000 of fuel will be purchased specifically for this tournament taking place July 16-21.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2019-2575 adopting an amendment to the budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Discuss and consider approving Ordinance No. 2019-2576 authorizing a rate increase for solid waste

Stephanie Russell told council that our costs for solid waste has increased but the increase had not been extended to residents.

Customers would need to be billed \$25.25 to cover the cost of the City. Currently residents are paying \$22.78. She said that the contract expires in 2021.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2019-2576 authorizing a rate increase for solid waste.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2019-2590 authorizing the submission of a Community Block Grant Disaster Recovery application to the Texas General Land Office and authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's Participation in the CDBG-DR Program

Fire Chief Chris Motley stated that the proposed project is on Slaughter Road because it was underwater during Hurricane Harvey.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2019-2590 authorizing the submission of a Community Block Grant Disaster Recovery application to the Texas General Land Office and authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's Participation in the CDBG-DR Program.

Consideration and Possible Action Authorizing the City Manager to Execute any and All Documents Necessary to Effectuate an Agreement for Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75 actuarial valuation under the Shared Services arrangement provided by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Co (GRS) and North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)

Finance Director Stephanie Russell stated that GASB requires post-employment benefits. GRS is very familiar with the requirements. She added that the city will not be compliant in the audit regarding this.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved authorizing the City Manager to Execute any and All Documents Necessary to Effectuate an Agreement for Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75 actuarial valuation under the Shared Services arrangement provided by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Co (GRS) and North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG).

Consideration of and action on a Resolution No. 2019-2594 requesting to participate in the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Cooperative Purchasing Program

Stephanie Russell stated that this is another Cooperative Purchasing program that we are not in. She would like it to become part of it.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2019-2594 requesting to participate in the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Consideration and Possible Action Authorizing the City Manager to Execute any and All Documents Necessary to Effectuate an Agreement for Municipal Advisor Services with Masterson Advisors LLC

Mr. Kelty said that financial advisors would recommendations on how to structure debt.

Stephanie Russell stated that they work with many cities and also work with the Port Freeport.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved authorizing the City Manager to Execute any and All Documents Necessary to Effectuate an Agreement for Municipal Advisor Services with Masterson Advisors LLC.

Discuss and consider approving a general services agreement with Freese & Nichols

Mr. Kelty stated that we would have reasonable rates and we have a lot of projects needing to be completed. The contract will expire in June 2020.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved a general services agreement with Freese & Nichols.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Brimage said that the Parks Department is doing a great job. There are lots of people enjoying the FCH Pavilion Park with the new additions. He added that he we had demolished the Freeport Community House because of the poor condition it was in but that we will be building a state of the art building in it's place. He would also like a legislative update.

Councilman Ken Green asked staff to monitor the waterfront in Ward A. He said people are fishing and leaving a lot of trash behind.

Councilman Brooks Bass announced he was excited about the new engineers. He stated that there are some alleys that are creating dams and not allowing water to flow. He added that he was curious about the timeline for the interlocal street work.

Councilwoman Sandra Loeza had nothing to report.

Councilman Yates requested an update on the Urban Renewal Area.

City Manager Tim Kelty announced that he would be bringing in mid July information regarding the insurance bids.

Update on reports / concerns from Department heads

Golf Course Director Brian Dybala thanked council again for the new pavilion. He stated they are getting more tournaments.

Building Department Director said that Waste Connections were working on getting caught up. He added that we had seven new house permits.

Finance Director Stephanie Russell stated the auditors are finishing up the audit.

EDC Director Courtland Holman announced that he was speaking to three medical facilities, working on a new EDC website and working with two firms to market in the US and Europe.

Fire Chief Chris Motley reminded everyone that we are going into hurricane season and that there is an upcoming expo at the fair grounds.

There was no executive session.

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

The executive session item was discussed in open session.

Mr. Kelty said that he had interviewed the top two firms per councils direction. Mr. Kelty suggested we use Chris Duncan for our legal services. His retainer will be \$5,500 per month and will cover everything except lawsuits. The agreement will be for one year and will auto renew.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved an agreement with Chris Duncan for legal services.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.

Mayor, Troy Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

Assistant City Secretary, Laura Tolar
City of Freeport, Texas