

State of Texas

Brazoria County

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport, met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 3rd, 2008 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: Larry L. McDonald
Clan A. Cameron
Jim Saccomanno
Ron Wise
Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Jeff Pynes, Interim City Manager
Pat Taylor, Asst. City Attorney
Mary Stotler, Main Street Director
John Stanford, Fire Chief
Larry Fansher, Parks Director
Nat Hickey, Property Manager

Visitors: Annette Sanford Carolyn Johnson
Pixie Floyd Edna Allan
Linda Allen Larry Shaefer
Judy Shaefer Joyce Adkins
Wright Gore, III Sandra Leavey
Charlene Moore Brenda Laird
Jim McEntire Lila Lloyd
Dan Tarver

Call to Order.

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

Invocation.

Councilman Saccomanno offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the October 20th, 2008 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the October 20th , 2008 Council Meeting.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

Jim McEntire of 727 West 12th Street, upset that Council spent \$45,000 to fire the City Manager, for “lack of confidence”, was not acceptable. He stated that if Chief Pynes took the City Managers job that it would be a matter of months before he got fired. He asked why Gary Beverly was fired. He suggested having at large councilman representation instead of wards. The Kroger’s grocery store is not re-opening due to damages from Hurricane Ike. He asked Council to attract a store to buy groceries. Waste Management raised prices due to the high price of fuel, asked if anyone was asking if prices would be lowered because fuel prices were way down from six month ago.

Loren Hayes of 1531 West 2nd Street suggested placing a dumpster at the city barn to help clean the city.

Pixie Floyd of 832 Leder Street, Clute Texas, reminded everyone that November 11, 2008 is Veterans Day. She suggested calling a veteran to thank them.

Charlene Moore of 1407 W. 8th Street, wanted to know the Council’s agenda. She had met Chief Pynes and was doing a great job with the Police Department, asked why he moved to a very political job. A grocery store was in demand for the size of Freeport.

Lila Lloyd of 1029 N. Ave. T., remembers the Building Blocks Program. The City looked clean and was looking better. She said that if the City did not clean up, business would not come to Freeport. Many homes are looking like salvage yards. She had seen 18 wheelers in residential areas.

Annette Sanford of 510 W. Broad said that trucks are using Broad Street.

Consideration of the approval of appointing a qualified person to the Board or Adjustment.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council approved Raul Ramirez to the Board of Adjustment.

Consideration of the approval of appointing a qualified person to the Brazosport Water Authority.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Bobby Joe Casale to the Brazosport Water Authority Board. Councilwoman Garcia opposed.

Consideration of the approval of abating liens on Block 25, Lot 5, 6, Freeport Townsite.

Nat Hickey stated that the liens were released in September 9, 1977. No action needed.

Discuss and consider the temporary adjustments of salary of Chief of Police.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, Council approved temporarily adjusting Chief Pynes salary to equal the salary budgeted for the city manager.

Consideration of any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Mayor McDonald closed the formal session and opened the Executive Session at 6:26 p.m.

Mayor McDonald closed the Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. and reconvened the formal session to take action.

- City Manager – no action taken.
- Claim of Gary Beverly for severance pay.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approve Interim Jeff Pynes to negotiate a settlement with Gary Beverly.

Executive Session

Section 551.074, Government Code:

Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, to wit:

A. City Manager

Section 551.071, Government Code:

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

A. Claim of Gary Beverly for severance pay.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor