

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

**1. Call To Order**

Mayor Piper called the meeting to order. Reminded Council and audience meetings are conducted in strict compliance with Roberts Rule of Order.

**2. Invocation**

Invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson

**3. Roll Call**

Council present: Mayor Larry Piper, Gary Coker, Thomas Lemon, Neal Bess Jr., Rodney Weems, and Linda Diaz.

Also present: Tim Moss, City Manager; Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney. Absent: Homer Toscano, Director of Public Works, and Gary Stroud, Chief of Police

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**5. Presentations by Citizens -**

Visitors: Eran Jones, Doug and Tammy Isaacs.

Mayor Piper complimented Thomas Lemon he was elected to the Brazoria County Appraisal Board.

**6. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes -** December 18, 2007

**B. Approval of Bills-** \$19,341.22

Neal Bess made a motion to approve the consent items. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**7. Public Hearings**

None

**8. Fire Department Report**

Devin Lemon gave the Fire Department report. Total of 20 calls. January 19, 2008 Banquet. Current Roster at 21. Officer elections: Chief – Devin Lemon, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief and treasurer – Tim Webb, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief – Craig King, Captains – Roger Barton, Paul Jordan, and Travis Nelson, Secretary – Cindy King.

**9. Old Business**

**A. Amending the Zoning Ordinance**

Charlie Stevenson read the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Discussion made. Rodney Weems made a motion to accept the amending of the zoning ordinance as prepared. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**B. West of the Brazos Calendar / Betty Lytle**

Mrs. Lytle not present. Rodney Weems made a motion to table until February meeting. Neal Bess seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**10. New Business**

**A. SEDC - Grant to Little League / Frances Jammer**

Ms. Jammer not present. Rodney Weems spoke on behalf of the SEDC. Discussion made. Rodney Weems made a motion to approve the request for SEDC to grant the Little League \$15,000.00. Gary Coker seconded. 4 in favor; 1 opposed - Neal Bess. Motion carried.

**B. Variance to Burn Out Stump in Backyard / Eran Jones**

Eran Jones present - withdrew request. No action.

**C. Request to put “blinking light” on Sycamore Street / Jan Richardson**

Jan Richardson not present – verbal withdrew request. No action.

**11. Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions**

None

**12. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports**

**Gary Coker** – None

**Thomas Lemon** – Thanked Mr. Moss for clean up on West End. Also, thanked Council for their vote for Appraisal Board.

**Neal Bess** – None

**Mayor** – None

**Rodney Weems** – None

**Linda Diaz** – None

**Tim Moss** – Advised to read article on TxDOT enclosed in packet. Also, mentioned new projects with Brazoria County. Discussion was made on pile near high school.

**Chief Stroud** – Not present

**Homer Toscano** – Not present

**13. Announcements**

None

**14. Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov’t Code**

**§ 511.071, § 551.072 and § 551.074. To Discuss:**

**OPEN MEETING:**

**15. Discussion and action on any items discussed in Executive Session**

**16. Adjournment**

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008**

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**Reatta Minshev, City Secretary**