

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, April 17, 2007

1. Call To Order

Mayor Piper called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

Invocation was given

3. Roll Call

Council present: Mayor Larry Piper, Rodney Weems, Larry Borders, Rita McMillan.
Absent: Ken McConnell, Gary Coker

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

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. Presentations by Citizens -

Visitors– Al Lindley, Shep Poland, John Taylor, Jim Alford, Loyce Hutson, Darlene Jones, Dicky Jones, Marchelle Ordonez.

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes - March 20, 2007

B. Approval of Bills- \$ 23,015.91

Rodney Weems made a motion to approve the above consent items. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

7. Public Hearings

A. Zoning

No one present; hearing closed.

B. 408 N Holly

Mrs. Jones spoke on behalf of the property and stated they have began proceedings to tear down the house. Hearing closed.

C. 1012 Alice

Mrs. Ordonez spoke on behalf of the property and stated they have began proceedings to tear down the garage. Hearing closed.

8. Fire Department Report

Devin Lemon gave report. 4- Auto accidents; 2- False alarms; 2- Car fires; 1- Gas spill; 1- Smell of gas; 1- Small fire; 5 - Misc. Auxiliary held Easter Egg Hunt at Fire Station due to weather; still had a good turn out. Sent 6 firefighters and 1 instructor to Texas Motor Speedway. 1 new member and another one pending in May; current roster 19.

9. Old Business

A. John Taylor / Final Approval

Rita McMillan made a motion to approve final plan to sub-divide 401 E. Third St; re-plat lots 7-10 block 27 Sweeny Townsite to lots 7 and 8. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

B. Kathy Holloman/ Final Approval

Rodney Weems made a motion to table until May 15, 2007. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

C. Award Financing of Vehicles

Discussion made; bids reviewed. Rita McMillan made a motion to accept the bid with First State Bank, Clute at 4.39% for financing of pick-ups and police cars; and to give permission to City Manager to sign the necessary and appropriate documents. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

D. Action Public Hearing - Zoning

Discussion made. Rita McMillan made a motion to accept the Zoning plan with the follow change: page 54; Section 110-161, item 27– from: street width of 48 feet; to read street width of 16 feet. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Loyce Hutson / Sub-Divide Property: 401 Ashley Wilson Rd.

Loyce Hutson spoke on behalf of Mrs. Bledsoe; they wish to sub-divide property from total of 9 acres; to a 1 acre tract and a 8 acre tract. Discussion made. Larry Borders made a motion to give preliminary approval to sub-divide property at 401 Ashley Wilson Rd. Rita McMillan seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

B. Consider Increase for the Mayor’s Salary – Red Goodrum

Rita McMillan made a motion to take no action on this item. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

C. Consider Increase on Employee Deposit Rate from 5% to 7% with TMRS

Discussion made. Tim Moss stated we were waiting on figures for next years rates; and

advised to table until May. Larry Borders made a motion to table Increase in Employee Deposit Rate from 5% to 7% until next Council meeting May 15, 2007; when we have the new rates. Rodney Weems seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

D. Resolution Joining TCCFUI

Discussion made. Larry Borders made a motion as the City to join TCCFUI. Rita McMillan seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

E. Verizon Wireless Cell Tower / Keith Brzymialkiewicz

Discussion made; no action taken.

F. Permission to Hire 5 School Students for Summer

Rodney Weems made a motion to authorize Mr. Moss hire 5 students for summer work. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor motion carried.

G. Action – Public Hearing - 408 N. Holly

No action taken; Rodney Weems made a motion to table action on 408 N. Holly until next Council meeting May 15, 2007. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

H. Action – Public Hearing – 1012 Alice

No action taken; Larry Borders made a motion to table action on 1012 Alice St. until next Council meeting May 15, 2007. Rita McMillan seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

I. Review – (Ambulance Ordinance No. 00-21)

Discussion made. Larry Borders made a motion to table the Ambulance Ordinance No. 00-21 until next Council meeting May 15, 2007. Rodney Weems seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

J. Set Special Meeting to Canvass Votes

Larry Borders made a motion to canvass the votes from the May elections to Council meeting May 15, 2007. Rita McMillan seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

K. Set Public Hearing on Annexation

Larry Borders made a motion to set the first public hearing on annexation for May 8, 2007, 7:00 p.m. Rodney Weems seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

11. Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions

None

12. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports

Rodney Weems – Noted improvement on warrants served; and collections received.

Larry Borders – Benefit for Joe Sturdivant – Police Officer with Brazoria; Sunday April 22, 2007.

Tim Moss – CDBG meeting – Governmental funds to the City have decreased from in the past years \$150,000.00 to this year to \$117,820.00. Will be starting a sewer line replacement project on Shady and Kent Streets. Possibility of doing street repairs in the future. Police Department repairs are all complete; waiting on phone service prior to moving.

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.

OPEN MEETING:

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

16. Adjournment

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2007

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary