

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, May 15, 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, Ken McConnell, and 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–Thomas Lemon

**6. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes** - April 17, 2007; and May 8, 2007

**B. Approval of Bills-** \$ 23,542.87

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

**7. Public Hearings**

**A. Annexation FM 1459 and FM 524**

Discussion made. Meeting closed.

**8. Fire Department Report**

Craig King gave the Fire Department report. 11 total calls. 4- auto accidents, 3- false alarms at the High School, 2 - car fires, 1 - gas leak, 1 - grass fire. Fire Field underway; road access, pond, etc. have all be in place. Three firefighters attending training classes in Pearland. Two new members rosters total 22.

**9. Old Business**

**A. Approve Zoning Ordinance**

Charlie Stevenson read the Ordinance. Ken McConnell made a suggestion to take the Ordinance to the citizens for a vote. Rita McMillan made a motion to accept the Zoning

Ordinance of the City of Sweeny as read. Gary Coker seconded. Voting by roll call. Gary Coker – For; Rita McMillan – For; Ken McConnell- For; Rodney Weems - For; Larry Borders – Against. Motion carried.

**B. Consider Increase on Employee Deposit Rate from 5% to 7% to TMRS**

Reatta Minshew spoke on behalf of the employees. Larry Borders made a motion to increase employee deposit rate from 5% to 7% effective immediately. Rita McMillan seconded. All in favor; motion carried. Charlie Stevenson read the Ordinance to increase the Employee Deposit Rate to 7%. Rita McMillan made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as read to increase the Employee Deposit Rate to 7% beginning June 1, 2007. Rodney Weems seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**C. Kathy Holloman/ Final Approval**

Larry Borders made a motion to table until June 19, 2007. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**D. Review 408 Holly**

Tim Moss spoke on behalf of 408 Holly. Mrs. Jones stated demolition to begin May 23, 2007. Rodney Weems made a motion to extend time frame for demo till June 19, 2007. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor motion carried.

**E. Review 1012 Alice**

Mrs. Ordonez spoke on behalf of 1012 Alice. They have started demo; but will take more time. Larry Borders made a motion extend time frame for demo until June 19, 2007. Ken McConnell seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**F. Ambulance Ordinance**

David Phillip spoke on behalf of the Sweeny EMS. Charlie Stevenson read the Ambulance Ordinance. Larry Borders made a motion to accept the Ambulance Ordinance as read. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**G. Consider Pay Increase for Mayor Position / Red Goodrum**

Red Goodrum spoke. Rodney Weems made a motion to take no action on this item. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**10. New Business**

**A. Kennermer - Masters 2006 Audit / Dan Schaefer**

Dan Schaefer spoke on behalf of our auditors; Kennermer - Masters. Larry Borders made a motion to accept the audit report for the 2005 - 2006 physical year from Kennermer - Masters. Ken McConnell seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**B. Revise Date to Canvass Vote for May 12 Election**

According to Brazoria County Elections; the earliest date to canvass the votes would be May 21, 2007. Gary Coker made a motion to canvass the votes May 21, 2007 at 4:30 PM. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

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

None

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

**Tim Moss** – Grant from Brazoria County for about \$117, 800.00; would like to put towards FM 1459 and FM 524 extension project. Brazoria County Drainage District has advised they would like to help with drainage problems; suggested project along Avenue C. Emergency Management going to have some meetings and drills in future. Police Department new building open and they have received their two cars. Public Works trucks should be in first of June.

**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: Personnel**

Closed Executive Session began 8:37 PM

**OPEN MEETING:**

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

Meeting reopened at 9:07 PM. No action taken.

**16. Adjournment**

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:07PM

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2007**

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**Reatta Minshew, City Secretary**