

A regular meeting and public hearing of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

1. Call To Order

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

2. Roll Call

Council present: Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Coker, Ray Bailey, and Linda Diaz.
Absent: Dale Lemon and Neal Bess Jr.

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

3. Invocation

Invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. Presentations by Citizens -

Visitors: Frank Lawrence, Sue Netherly, Ron Lynn, John Jasso, Ruben Jasso, Clay Drake, Vicki Milian, Gloria Harrison, Connie McAda, and Earl Hassell

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes - Dec. 16, 2008 , Jan. 5, 2009 and Jan 13, 2009

B. Approval of Bills- \$24,045.33

Ray Bailey questioned bills : LIC Services (rebuild motor at wastewater facility), City of Lake Jackson (purchase of trash bags)

Gary Coker made a motion to accept the consent items as written. Linda Diaz seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

7. Public Hearings

None

8. Fire Department Report

No one present.

9. Old Business

A. Contact other Entities for Critique and Discussion of Hurricane Ike and Future Events / Neal Bess

Mayor Weems stated he tried to contact nursing home with a certified letter with no response. He has also contacted Hilcorp Energy. Mayor Weems made a request to have Devin Lemon (City fire Marshall) to set a date to meet with the nursing home, Hilcorp, and Conoco Phillips /Chevron Phillips. All in attendance was in agreement.

B. SEDC Oversight / Mayor Weems

Mayor Weems had paperwork for Council to review and to make decision. Gary Coker made a motion to rescind motion regarding requiring City Clerk attending SEDC meeting and making reports to Council. Linda Diaz seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

C. Minute Order from Ave A / Charlie Stevenson

Charlie Stevenson read the Minute Order for stop signs on Ave A. Ray Bailey made a motion to accept the Minute Order as read. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Permission to Subdivide Property / Vicki Milian

Mrs. Milian spoke on her behalf to subdivide her property located at the 1600 block of Milian Circle. Discussion made regarding City property lines, and easements. Gary Coker made a motion to give preliminary approval to Vicki Milian to subdivide property as stated. Ray Bailey seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

B. Year Round Baseball / Larry Cissna

Mr. Cissna was not in attendance.

C. Briefing of Veterans Day / John Jasso

Mr. Jasso spoke in regards to Veteran's Day (November 11, 2009). Host City would have a committee consisting of one member from Council, Police Department, Fire Department, Chamber, School and any other organization they choose. Need a veteran preferable from Sweeny to honor and to be speaker. Mr. Jasso also discussed other requirements they have in regards to the festivities. Ray Bailey made a motion to appoint Frank Lawrence as our Chair Person for the festivities. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

D. Approve Carrie Liserio for Library Board / Mayor Weems

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve Carrie Liserio to the Library Board. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

E. Approve Phyllis Kittinger Resignation / Approve Ronald Lynn for Planning and Zoning Board of Commissioners

Gary Coker made a motion to accept the resignation of Phyllis Kittinger from the Planning and Zoning Board of Commissioners. And to approve Ronald Lynn to replace Ms. Kittinger to the Board.

F. Consider “No Parking” on Lease Property at Chick Anderson Park, City and Railroad Vehicles Only / Tim Moss

Tim Moss spoke. Discussion made. Mayor Weems spoke in regards to an SEDC project to overlay a portion of the parking property. When the overlay is placed they did not want others parking except for railroad and city vehicles. Ray Bailey made a motion to make the property in question a no parking zone other than railroad or city vehicles and to place two signs on the property stating that fact. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

G. Rescind Hurricane Ike Disaster Declaration

Mayor Weems and Tim Moss spoke. Gary Coker made a motion to rescind the Hurricane Ike disaster declaration. Ray Bailey seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

H. Consider Chamber Banquet Tickets

No action taken

I. Nomination for Brazoria County Appraisal District Vacancy

Thomas Lemon was appointed to the Brazoria County Appraisal District and resigned prior to his passing. We need to make a recommendation to the Appraisal District; then the Board will fill the vacancy with the combined recommendations from the area. Gary Coker made a motion to table this item until next month. Linda Diaz seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

11. Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions

SEDC – Ray Bailey – Crust and Crumbs to hopefully open Feb. 19th. Fat Daddy’s closed; but owner has stated she knows she is responsible for monies. Discussion made through Council in regards to Fat Daddy’s.

12. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports

Mayor Weems – Thank you note from the family of Thomas Lemon. Two members of the Boy Scouts (Taylor Hattaway and Robert Mikel) have received Eagle Scout and the Mayor sent a letter of thanks and congratulations to them.

Gary Coker – None

Dale Lemon – Absent

Neal Bess – Absent

Ray Bailey – None

Linda Diaz – None

Tim Moss – Taps complete on FM 1459 and all bores have been completed. Also we have applied for several grants.

Chief Stroud – Absent

Homer Toscano – Public Works has received new back hoe today. They have been working at the Community Center to get it ready for BCCA.

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 8:27 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2009

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary