

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, October 21, 2008.

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, Neal Bess Jr., Ray Bailey, and Linda Diaz.
Absent: Thomas Lemon

Also present: Tim Moss, City Manager; Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney, Homer Toscano, Director of Public Works; and 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: Sue Netherly, Doug and Tammy Isaacs, Laura Morales, and Julie Fleet

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes - September 23, 2008 and October 1, 2008

B. Approval of Bills- \$28,623.64

Ray Bailey questioned bills – Penny’s Electric (generator at FD and post hurricane work), and Brazoria PD (jail services)

Gary Coker made a motion to accept the consent items. Ray Bailey seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

7. Public Hearings

None

8. Fire Department Report

Devin Lemon gave fire department report. Total of 18 calls. Updates on upcoming training; and haunted house this Saturday. Current roster 20.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

A. Award Bids FM 1459 Utility Extension Phase 1 / Craig Kankel w/ O’Mally Eng.
Craig Kankel spoke on behalf of O’Mally Engineers. Discussion made. Neal Bess made a motion to accept the alternate bid from Uticon Ltd. in the amount of \$75,212.00 for the FM 1459 Utility Extension Phase 1. Ray Bailey seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

B. Texas New-Mexico Power Company Rate Increase / Jim Boyle
Mr. Boyle spoke on behalf of his law firm. Discussion was made. Neal Bess made a motion to accept the resolution on Texas New-Mexico Power Co. Rate Increase; and to hire Mr. Boyle and his law firm. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

C. Discuss Projects for Brazoria County / Mayor Weems
Mayor Weems requested a couple members of Council to work with Mr. Moss to look for street projects where we could use Brazoria County’s assistance with the interlocal agreement. Neal Bess and Gary Coker stated they would work with Mr. Moss. No action taken.

D. Proclamations: Change your Clock, Chamber of Commerce Week, Municipal Court Week.
Proclamations read by Mayor Weems. No action taken.

E. SEDC - New Members / Members to resign
Jay “Brian” Hayes was appointed last month is unable to fulfill his position. Pam Scantlin turned in resignation. Five names submitted; voting secret ballot. Kelly Stroud, and Joyce Clark received majority votes. Linda Diaz made a motion to appoint Kelly Stroud and Joyce Clark to the SEDC board. Neal Bess seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

F. Property Tax Resale at 102 Martin Luther King / Lyndon Mayberry
Discussion made. Neal Bess made a motion to accept the bid from Lyndon Mayberry for 102 MLK in the amount of \$1,970.00. Ray Bailey seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

G. Discuss Speed Control on Ave A. / Neal Bess
Discussion made. Mr. Moss will look into and see what can be done. Neal Bess made a motion to table this agenda item. Ray Bailey seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

H. Contact other Entities for Critique & Discussion of Hurricane Ike and Future Events / Neal Bess
Neal Bess spoke; he would like to have a meeting with SISD, Sweeny Hospital, Sweeny House, PD, FD, etc. For a post-Hurricane Ike critique and discuss future events. Mayor Weems will try to contact entities. Ray Bailey made a motion to table this agenda item. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

11. Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions
None

12. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports

Mayor Weems – Closure of FM 524; meetings on 10-22-08 at 6-8pm at Sweeny Elementary School. Also TX DOT meeting on 10-30-08 at 6-8pm also at Sweeny Elementary School.

Early voting has begun; please get out and vote.

Condolence – Linda Diaz, Family of Matthew Ordonez, and Judge Phillips.

Gary Coker – None

Thomas Lemon – Absent

Neal Bess – Questioned the closure of Fat Daddy’s; requested SEDC quarterly reports in Council packets.

Ray Bailey – None

Linda Diaz – Thanks to Public Works for their help at the Library.

Tim Moss – Debris removal is almost complete and should be reimbursed from FEMA at 100%. Public Works has been working on the Sixth barricade.

Chief Stroud – None

Homer Toscano – None

13. Announcements

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 8:15 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary