

A regular meeting and public hearing of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, November 17, 2009.

1. Call To Order

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

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 and led by Al Lindley

5. Presentations by Citizens -

Visitors: Al Lindley, Gloria Harrison, and Holly Romero

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes -October 20, 2009

Neal Bess made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

B. Approval of Bills- \$ 24,340.38

Ray Bailey questioned: TCEQ (yearly fee); Blackboard Connect (citywide call system); Freedom Flags (new flags for downtown); Oil Patch (gas for city trucks)

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the bills. Neal Bess seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

7. Public Hearings

None

8. Fire Department Report

No one present. Councilman Neal Bess gave report. Total of 5 calls, Halloween festivities with Dr. Leal were wonderful. Fire prevention presentation at schools on November 6th. Training in Katy total of 6 attended. Current roster at 30.

9. Old Business

A. Amend Weed and Debris Ordinance #100-07/Tim Moss

Charlie Stevenson read the ordinance. Discussion made. Neal Bess made a motion to accept the ordinance as read. Ray Bailey seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Property Tax Resale at Main Street / Tim Moss

Tim Moss spoke. Neal Bess made a motion to accept the offer in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the property located at Sweeny, Block 52, Lot 7 - NW/5' Lot 8 Main St. Dale Lemon seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

B. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Resolution / Tim Moss

Tim Moss spoke. This resolution is from the State Comptroller; where cities have been offered a \$20,000.00 grant. Funds must be used towards energy conservation in city facilities. Ray Bailey made a motion to accept the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Resolution. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

C. Accept Resignation from Ron Lynn on Zoning Commission and Appoint him to Board of Adjustments / Tim Moss

Neal Bess made a motion to accept the resignation from Ron Lynn regarding the Planning and Zoning Board of Commissioners and to appoint Mr. Lynn to the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments. Dale Lemon seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

D. Sergio Vargas request Variance to burn brush pile in City Limits on CR 332

Mr. Vargas was present and spoke. He has recently purchased property on CR 332. The previous owner cleared the land but has left the brush. Mr. Vargas is requesting a variance to burn inside city limits. The Council also advised Mr. Vargas to contact TCEQ / County for approval after approval from Council. Dale Lemon made a motion to grant a variance to allow Mr. Vargas to burn on his property located on CR 332. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

E. Vote for Brazoria County Appraisal District Board of Directors

Discussion made. Neal Bess made a motion to cast 10 votes for Glenn Salyer for the Brazoria County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Ray Bailey seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

F. Christmas in the Park Walk of Trees

Discussion made. Neal Bess made a motion to give a food basket in the amount of \$50.00 to a needy family instead of a Christmas tree. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

G. Create Assistant City Manager Position / Neal Bess

Neal Bess spoke. He would like to see an Assistant City Manager in the absence of Tim Moss. This person would also help Mr. Moss with some of his job duties. Discussion made. Council asked Tim Moss to have a job description at next Council meeting for discussion.

Neal Bess made a motion to create an Assistant City Manager position. Dale Lemon seconded. 2- in favor (Neal Bess and Dale Lemon); 2 - against (Ray Bailey and Gary Coker). Mayor was tie breaker - voted in favor; making final vote 3 -2. Motion carried.

H. Veteran's Day Proclamation / Mayor Lott

No action taken.

****Addendum****

I. SEDC - Purchase of Property / James Wise

No action taken.

11. Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions

None

12. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports

Mayor Lott – Thanked City employees and Beautification for their hard work to clean up the city in preparation for the Veteran's Day festivities. The festivities were a success.

Gary Coker – None

Dale Lemon – Stated was unhappy with SISD because students were not allowed to attend the Veteran's Day festivities.

Neal Bess – Was in agreement with Mayor for thanking employees and beautification for work. Also thanked Lion's Club for cooking hot dogs for Veteran's Day.

Ray Bailey – None

Linda Diaz – Absent

Tim Moss – None

Chief Stroud – Absent

Homer Toscano – None

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 7:59 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2009

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary