

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, December 20, 2005.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Piper called the meeting to order.

2. PUBLIC HEARING/ CURFEW ORDINANCE

No comments from Council on curfew ordinance. Public hearing closed by Mayor Piper.

3. ROLL CALL

Council present: Mayor Larry Piper, Rita McMillan, Ken McConnell, Donna Bailey, Gary Coker and Larry Borders.

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

4. INVOCATION

Invocation was given.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

6. WELCOME OF VISITORS

Visitors present: Frank Lawrence

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Borders made a motion to approve the minutes as recorded. Donna Bailey seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Rita McMillan made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$20,734.71. Gary Coker seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Roger Barton gave report, 17 calls for the month; 5 auto, 2 car fires, 1 mobile home fire, 1 life flight asst. with Old Ocean, Union Pacific train out of water, gas leaks, and tree in road. Several false alarms, and 1 life flight at high school. In March will start working

out at the fire field once again. Invites to Mayor, City Manager, City Secretary, and Council to Installation Banquet Saturday, January 7, 2006, 6:30 P.M.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Curfew Ordinance

Mayor Piper made a motion to approve the amendments and renew the curfew ordinance. Rita McMillan moved to adopt the curfew ordinance with the amendments that have been added. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resale Property

Tim Moss stated that since we had several bids for the property per Jerry Shiever; they decided to go with sealed bids. Highest bid was from Lyndon Mayberry in the amount of \$1,565.00. Charlie Stevenson stated that since the bid is for less than the amount owed it has to be approved by other tax amenities. Larry Borders made a motion to accept Lyndon Mayberry's bid of \$1,565.00. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

B. Four Way Stop Sign at Meador and Brockman

Tim Moss reported that there have been fast vehicles going thru that intersection. Tim and Chief Stroud have discussed that location, agreed that a four way stop sign would be a way to go. Tim had public works place a four way stop already in place in hopes that it would help control traffic. Rita McMillan moved to add the four way stop at Meador and Brockman and to our city traffic control map. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

C. Longevity Pay

Larry Borders mentioned that he has spoke with other council members, and with other cities about longevity pay for their employees. Mr. Borders has spoke with Tim Moss and suggested that we give \$4.00 for every month employed. Mr. Borders also suggested that we give employees under one year get a minimum of one year (\$48.00). Mr. Borders also suggested that we add this to our city budget in the future. Mr. Borders mentioned that Brazoria gets \$4.00 per month, and West Columbia gives each employee a crisp one hundred dollar bill. It was also mentioned that some employees sell back their vacation time at Christmas time for extra money. Larry Borders made a motion to pay each employee \$4.00 for every month of service, and a minimum of \$48.00 (one year) for the employees in service under one year. Rita McMillan seconded. Since Gary Coker's spouse is employed with the City, he was asked to abstain from voting. Voting was done by role call. Rita McMillan was for, Ken McConnell was for, Donna Bailey was for,

Larry Borders was for. Motion carried. Checks would be made at next pay period 12-22-05.

D. Garbage Bags

Tim Moss mentioned that the cost of garbage bags have gone up to more than what we sell them for. He suggested to Council to increase the cost of our garbage bags. We are selling our bags for \$5.50 (tax included). Rita McMillan moved that we raise the price of garbage bags to \$7.75 (tax included) each, when the new order arrives. Donna Bailey seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

E. Holiday Schedule

Tim Moss stated that this is the same holiday schedule in years past. This is also the same holiday schedule as Brazoria County. Larry Borders made a motion to approve the holiday schedule for 2006. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

F. Approval of SEDC Project

Mayor Piper mentioned of the SEDC Board of Directors approving a grant for \$15,000.00 to the Sweeny Little League for repairs and restoration of Bennet- Outlar Baseball Park Mayor Piper stated that SEDC has the funds, and that they have had a public hearing on this matter. Larry Borders elaborated that the funds would be used for new dug-outs, and a new concrete slab for batting cage. The baseball field is used for numerous children. Gary Copeland is in charge of the repairs. Gary Coker moved to make a motion to approve the SEDC project for \$15,000.00. Rita McMillan seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

12. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports

Mayor Piper reported that the Rail Road Commission commended us with the pipeline safety evaluation. Merry Christmas. Senior Citizen's Building, they are laying brick on one side. They have not had a chance to speak with anyone regarding the Pharmacy, however, the surveyors were out during the past week, and construction to begin first of year.

Larry Borders thanked all City Council members for the longevity pay.

Donna Bailey stated they have the plants ready for the Senior's building just waiting on a word for when.

Rita McMillan wished all a Merry Christmas and thanked all for a job well done.

Charlie Stevenson wished all a Merry Christmas.

Tim Moss wished all a Merry Christmas.

Chief Gary Stroud mentioned several books he has that show UCI reports, and asked for Council to review them.

Homer Toscano thanked Council for the longevity pay on behalf of his crew.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2005.

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary