

A regular meeting and public hearing of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, May 19, 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, Dale Lemon, Neal Bess Jr, Ray Bailey and Linda Diaz.

Also present Mayor-Elect Kenneth Lott.

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: Constance Cook, Rhonda Slay, John Courtney, Allen Schoppe, Kevin Cadenhead, H.K. Brooks, Gloria Harrison, Doug and Tammy Isaacs, Audrey Bess, Andrea Bass, and Sara Jo Lott.

Gloria Harrison spoke on behalf of Beautification in thanking the City employees and residents in helping and attending Pride Day to make this the most successful Pride Day to date.

Mayor Rodney Weems thanked the citizens of Sweeny for allowing him to serve two years on Council and one year as Mayor.

**6. CANVASS THE VOTE FOR MAY 9, 2009 ELECTION / Charlie Stevenson**

Charlie Stevenson read the May 9, 2009, election results. The results:

Mayor: Kenneth Lott with 246 votes; Rodney Weems with 176 votes.

Council position #2: Dale Lemon 316 votes - this position was unopposed.

Council position #4: Neal Bess 303 votes - this position was unopposed.

Neal Bess made a motion to approve the minutes of the canvass as read. Ray Bailey seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**7. OATH OF OFFICES / Reatta Minshew**

City Secretary Reatta Minshew had Mayor Lott, Council Position #2 Dale Lemon, and Council Position #4 Neal Bess state their Oath of Office. Each of the above also took the statement of elected officer.

Rodney Weems handed over the gavel to Kenneth Lott as new Mayor. Mr. Lott presented Mr. Weems with a plaque from the City and thanked him for his service to the community.

Mayor Lott made a small speech to the Council and attending citizens. Mayor Lott also thanked his spouse.

**8. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes - April 21, 2009**

Neal Bess made a motion to approve the minutes of 4-21-09 as read. Linda Diaz seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**B. Approval of Bills- \$ 29,358.27**

Ray Bailey questioned bills: Sherwin Williams (paint for water wells) and City of Lake Jackson (trash bags). Gary Coker made a motion to accept the bills in the amount of \$29,358.27. Dale Lemon seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**9. Public Hearings**

None

**10. Fire Department Report**

Devin Lemon gave report - 13 total calls. 9 students attended Richmond and Beaumont for training. Auxiliary hosted Pride Day pageant on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Fill the Boot for MDA 6-27-09. Total of 26 members. The members have been working hard on the fire field; if you have not attended please come by. Hurricane Preparedness Seminar (first time in Sweeny) was a big success; plan on another one next year.

**11. Old Business**

**A. Consider Portion of Hackberry Street to be "One Way"/ Neal Bess**

Neal Bess asked for this agenda item to be withdrawn. No action taken.

**12. New Business**

**A. 2007 -08 Audit /Kennermer Masters/Tom Masters**

Kevin Cadenhead spoke on behalf of Kennermer Masters. He gave the audit report for fiscal year 2007-08. Discussion made. Ray Bailey made a motion to accept the 2007-08 Audit from Kennermer Masters. Dale Lemon seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**B. Request Variance to Place Mobile Home on Another lot in the City/Constance Cook**

Ms. Cook spoke; her landlord has asked her to move by July 1, 2009. Ms. Cook has found

property on Sixth St. between Hackberry and Fig. However; needs a variance because we have an ordinance that states she cannot move her trailer to another location within the City. Discussion made. Neal Bess made a motion to allow Ms. Cook to move her mobile home to the property on Sixth Street between Hackberry and Fig; upon written approval from landowner and written approval from neighbors. Linda Diaz seconded. 3 in favor; 2 opposed (Gary Coker and Ray Bailey) Motion passed.

**C. Request the City of Sweeny to Extend Water Service to 9391 FM 524/H.K. Brooks**  
H.K. Brooks spoke. He would like to have city services extended to 9391 FM 524. He understands that services will be extended only when we are extending in that direction already. It will take time. Neal Bess made a motion to extend water service to 9391 FM 524 only when we are already extending services to that area. Gary Coker seconded. 4 in favor; 1 abstained. Motion passed.

**D. Permission to Hire 5 School Boys for Summer Help/Tim Moss.**

Tim Moss stated that it is in the budget and we usually hire 5 high school boys to work full time during the summer. Dale Lemon added that he would like to see us also offer employment for part-time for students going to college over the summer; so these students could work and still go to school. Mr. Lemon also added he would like the City to hire a female to work part -time in the City Hall during the Summer. Dale Lemon made a motion to approve hiring 5 full time or the equivalent thereof boys for summer help and 1 part time female to help in City Hall. The above employment is up to the City Managers discretion. Neal Bess seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**E. Agreement to Remain as a Participating Jurisdiction in Brazoria County CDBG and HOME Program for FY 2010 - 2012/Tim Moss**

Tim Moss spoke and discussed the funding monies and benefits we receive participating with these programs. Dale Lemon made a motion to remain as a participating jurisdiction in Brazoria County CDBG and Home Programs for the FY 2010-2012. Ray Bailey seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**F. Discuss Planning and Zoning Board Members/Tim Moss**

Tim Moss spoke; this agenda item required no action. Mr. Moss stated to Council that we have openings for the Planning and Zoning Board and would like them to ask and see if anyone would like to be on the Board. We will do advertising and table until next meeting.

**G. Discuss Park and Recreation Board Members/Tim Moss**

Tim Moss spoke; this agenda item required no action. Mr. Moss stated to Council that we have openings for the Park and Recreation Board and would like them to ask and see if anyone would like to be on the Board. We will do advertising and table until next meeting.

**H. Consider and/or Take Action on Terminating Contract for Redemption Tax Deed at 510 Martin Luther King/Tim Moss**

Tim Moss spoke; the structure on this property has been demolished and we have a possible buyer for this property. Neal Bess made a motion to terminate the contract for redemption tax deed at 510 Martin Luther King. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**I. Recognition of Sweeny Scholars**

Mayor Lott spoke; and City Secretary Reatta Minshew read the names of each student in recognition.

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

None

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

**Mayor Lott** – None

**Gary Coker** – None

**Dale Lemon** – None

**Neal Bess** – None

**Ray Bailey** – Congratulation to Mayor Lott

**Linda Diaz** – None

**Tim Moss** – Drainage District and Mr. Finley have done a lot of work on the Slough off of Old Main St. Brazoria County has agreed to help with the resurfacing of the streets. The City has been receiving our Hurricane Ike monies; and we have been working on another grant for a generator for the water system for approximately \$200,00.00

**Chief Stroud** – None

**Homer Toscano** – None

**15. Announcements** – Special Meeting / Public Hearing May 28, 2009 7:00 pm.

**16. Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071, § 551.072 and § 551.074.**

**OPEN MEETING:**

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

**18. Adjournment**

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2009**

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**Reatta Minshew, City Secretary**