

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, August 19, 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, and Gary Stroud, Chief of Police, and Homer Toscano, Director of Public Works

3. Invocation

Invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. Presentations by Citizens

Visitors: Bill Hatchett, Danny Sheffield, Al Lindley, Leo Finley, Phyllis Kittinger, Frank Lawrence, Louanne Lowrie, Toinette Pierce, Donna and George Harding, Doug and Tammy Isaacs, Gloria Harrison, and Rita McMillan

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes - July 15, and Aug 7, 2008 ; Budget Workshops July 8, 14, and 29, 2008

B. Approval of Bills- \$ 59,699.10

Ray Bailey questioned bills – Mercer Construction (gas line repairs FM 524 and Ashley Wilson), Unique (water supplies), Brazoria County Lighting (lamp posts), Kennermer Masters (auditing fees split between general and enterprise funds)

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

7. Public Hearings

None

8. Fire Department Report

Devin Lemon gave fire department report. Total 11 calls; CPR training 8-23-08 8:00 am. We will also be hosting the County meeting on September 3, 2008. Sweeny Fire and Rescue is also hosting a Rookie School twice a week; with 12 students. Current Roster 20 members.

9. Old Business

A. Discuss Video - Taping Council Meetings / Neal Bess

Agenda item with drawn. No action taken.

B. Assistant City Manager / Neal Bess

Neal Bess spoke. Discussion made. Neal Bess made a motion to go into Exec. Session to identify a person and to adjust the job scope of said person. Motion died lack of second.

10. New Business

A. Discuss Re-Route of FM 524 / John W. Damon

No action taken.

B. Subdivision of Property / George Harding

No action taken.

C. Consider \$1.00 Voluntary Donation on City Bill for Infrastructure Support / Ray Bailey

Ray Bailey spoke. Ray Bailey made a motion to add on our City bills' a \$1.00 voluntary donation for infrastructure support. Neal Bess seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

D. Consider Amending Animal Control Ordinance / Gary Coker

No action taken.

E. Consider Juvenile Case Manager Ordinance / Tammy Odom

Tammy Odom spoke on behalf of the Municipal Court. Charlie Stevenson read the Ordinance. Gary Coker made a motion to accept the Juvenile Case Manager Ordinance as read. Neal Bess seconded. Three in favor; Ray Bailey abstained. Motion carried.

F. Resolution to Approve SEDC Budget for Fiscal Year 08 / 09

Frances Jammer spoke on behalf of SEDC. Discussion made. Gary Coker made a motion to approve the SEDC budget for fiscal year 08-09. Ray Bailey seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

G. Consider Proposed SEDC Project for Crust and Crumbs Sandwich Shop

Louanne Lowrie and Toinette Pierce spoke on behalf of Crust and Crumbs. Neal Bess made a motion to approve SEDC project for Crust and Crumbs in the amount of \$18,750.00. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

H. Resolution to Approve Certified Tax Roll

Charlie Stevenson read the Resolution. Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the Certified Tax Roll Resolution. Neal Bess seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

I. Set Dates for Public Hearing on Proposed Budget

Neal Bess made a motion to set date for Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for

September 2, 2008 7:00PM. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

J. Kennermer -Masters Engagement Letter

Gary Coker made a motion to accept the engagement letter from Kennermer - Masters. Linda Diaz seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

K. Consider SEDC Money for New Utility Construction / Neal Bess

No action taken.

L. Approval To Go Out for Bids on 2 Surplus Vehicles for Sale / Tim Moss

Tim Moss spoke about the two surplus vehicles. Ray Bailey made a motion to allow Tim Moss to sell the two surplus vehicles thru the bid process. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

M. Consider Money from Special Funds for Infrastructure Support / Ray Bailey

No action taken.

N. Consider Bill Hatchett for Vacancy on Planning and Zoning Board of Commissioners

There were two applicants for the vacancy; Bill Hatchett and Ronald Lynn. Neal Bess made a motion to appoint Bill Hatchett for the vacancy for the Planning and Zoning Board of Commissioners. Ray Bailey seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

O. Discuss and/or approve Joint Meeting Council / SEDC with Consultant for EDC

No action taken.

P. Discuss Crosswalk at Ashley Wilson Rd. and Texas Ave. / Neal Bess

No action taken.

11. Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions

12. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports

Mayor Weems – None

Gary Coker – None

Thomas Lemon – Absent

Neal Bess – None

Ray Bailey – None

Linda Diaz – None

Tim Moss – None

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 8:50 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary