

MINUTES - CITY OF BEAUMONT

W.L. Pate, Jr., At-Large
Dr. Alan B. Coleman, Ward I
Audwin Samuel, Ward III
Tyrone E. Cooper, City Attorney

BECKY AMES, MAYOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 2014
Kyle Hayes, City Manager

Gethrel Wright, Mayor Pro Tem
Michael D. Getz, Ward II
Jamie Smith, Ward IV
Tina Broussard, City Clerk

The City Council of the City of Beaumont, Texas, met in a regular session on **January 21, 2014**, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 801 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas, at 1:30 p.m. to consider the following:

OPENING

- * Invocation Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call
- * Presentations and Recognition
- * Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items 1-2/Consent Agenda
- * Consent Agenda

Mayor Ames called the council meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Reverend Harland Merriam of St. Andres Presbyterian Church gave the invocation. The Vietnam Veterans led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was made by Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ames, Mayor Pro Tem Wright, Councilmembers Getz, Pate and Samuel. Absent: Councilmembers Coleman and Smith. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Tyrone Cooper, City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Councilmember Coleman was absent due to a mission trip to Honduras.

Councilmember Smith was absent due to his moving, stemming from the fire sustained at his home several weeks ago.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

"Crime Stoppers Month" - January, 2014 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Pate; accepted by Chairman, Roy West along with other members of the Crime Stoppers Board

Presentation – Ronnie Stockman, Owner of Indian Springs Camp, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Mayor. The City of Beaumont, Vietnam Veterans Chapters 292 and 348, along with the Marine Corps Leagues hosted the Texas Vietnam Heroes Exhibit (dog tags) in Beaumont, and Indian Springs Camp was the recipient of the donations raised from the exhibit

Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items 1-2/Consent Agenda.

None

CONSENT AGENDA

* Approval of minutes - **January 14, 2014**

Confirmation of committee appointments - **Resolution 14 – 013 and Resolution 14 - 014**

Kelli Maness would fill the unexpired term of Bob Harris on the Board of Adjustment (Zoning). The term would commence January 21, 2014 and expire July 22, 2014. (Mayor Becky Ames)

Jon Reaud would be reappointed as Chairman of the Community Development Advisory Committee. The current term would expire January 19, 2015. (Mayor Becky Ames)

Muhammad Tahir Javed would be appointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee. The term would commence January 21, 2014 and expire January 20, 2016 (Mayor Pro Tem Gethrel Williams-Wright)

David Mulcahy would be reappointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee. The current term would expire December 21, 2015. (Councilmember W.L. Pate, Jr.)

Judy Linsley would be reappointed to the Historic Landmark Commission. The current term would expire September 10, 2015. (Mayor Becky Ames)

Dohn LaBiche would be reappointed to the Historic Landmark Commission. The current term would expire October 29, 2015. (Mayor Becky Ames)

Jef Russell, III would be reappointed to the Historic Landmark Commission. The current term would expire January 15, 2016. (Mayor Becky Ames)

Mercy Cook would be reappointed to the Library Commission. The current term would expire September 12, 2015. (Mayor Pro Tem Gethrel Williams-Wright)

Marty Craig would be reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The current term would expire December 13, 2016. (Mayor Becky Ames)

Lauren Williams-Mason would be reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The current term would expire December 17, 2016. (Councilmember Alan B. Coleman)

Jane Parker would be reappointed to the Small Business Revolving Loan Fund Board. The current term would expire October 3, 2015. (Councilmember Alan B. Coleman)

- A) Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to accept funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the amendment of the Regional and Local Services System/Local Public Health Services Grant awarded to the Beaumont Public Health Department – **Resolution 14 - 015**
- B) Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and receive funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant program – **Resolution 14 -016**

Councilmember Samuel moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Wright seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT, COUNCILMEMBERS GETZ, PATE AND SAMUEL

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consider a resolution approving the award of a bid to GADV Inc. dba L&L General Contractors of Beaumont for the construction of an equipment storage building at the Henry Homberg Golf Course located in Tyrrell Park.

Ten (10) bids were received on Thursday, January 9, 2014 for the construction of a 10,000 sq. ft. equipment storage building. The building will replace the 3,000 sq. ft. storage barn that is currently onsite. The proposed building will provide space for storing 60 golf carts, tractors and mowing equipment. It also includes a small staff break room and restroom.

The proposed pre-engineered metal building will be equipped with numerous electrical outlets for charging golf cart batteries. The new building will be secured unlike the present building which end walls consist of chain link fence materials. The building will be positioned on the south side of the Golf Pro Shop and the existing storage barn will be demolished.

L&L General Contractors plans to subcontract less than 1% of the work to certified MBE companies.

The project is expected to be completed in 140 days.

This project will be paid out of the Tyrrell Park Oil and Gas Revenues. To date, the City has received \$863,834.18 in mineral revenues. These revenues are divided 75% to Tyrrell Park and 25% to Tyrrell Library.

Mayor Pro Tem Wright moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH GADV, INC. D/B/A L & L GENERAL CONTRACTORS, OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$597,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EQUIPMENT STORAGE BUILDING AT THE HENRY HOMBERG GOLF COURSE LOCATED IN TYRRELL PARK.** Councilmember Samuel seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT, COUNCILMEMBERS GETZ, PATE AND SAMUEL

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 14 – 017

2. Consider a resolution authorizing the acquisition of property described as a 3.2632 acre parcel of land in the 300 block of Neches Street from Tidelands Specialty, Ltd.

Beginning in 2008, the City began purchasing property in downtown for the construction of the Event Centre, Great Lawn, and the Beautiful Mountain Skate Plaza. The 3.2632 tract is situated between the Event Centre and the Beautiful Mountain Skate Plaza. The City plans to construct a new senior center on the property to replace the Best Year's Center, presently located on 4th Street.

Tidelands Specialty, Ltd. has agreed to sell the smaller property for its appraised value of \$462,000 with a donation to the City of \$62,000 reducing the purchase price to \$400,000.

The property is described below:

Owner: Tidelands Specialty, Ltd.
Description: 3.2632 acre parcel of land in the 300 block of Neches Street described as being part of the Noah Tevis League, Abstract No. 52
Location: 300 block of Neches Street to its east with the newly constructed Magnolia Street to its west.
Value: \$462,000

Councilmember Pate moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 BE, AND THE SAME IS, HEREBY APPROVED.** Councilmember Samuel seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT, COUNCILMEMBERS GETZ, PATE AND SAMUEL

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 14 - 018

WORK SESSION - Tabled

- * Review and discuss senior citizen rates at the Henry Homberg Golf Course

Mayor Ames read the announcement regarding Executive Session being held at the conclusion of the General Business portion of the meeting

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN - ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER GETZ - STATED THERE WAS A DANGEROUS SITUATION IN THE DOWLEN WEST AREA, THE CITY WENT OUT AND ASSESSED THE PROBLEM, STAFF TOOK CARE OF THE SITUATION IMMEDIATELY, THANK THE CITY MANAGER AND STAFF FOR TAKING CARE OF THE SITUATION IN THE QUICK MANNER THAT

THEY DID, IT IS MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE CITIZENS IN THAT AREA

MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT -

STATED THAT THE CITY TOOK PART IN THE MLK PARADE ON MONDAY, WAS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED THAT THE MLK PARK WASN'T UTILIZED DURING THE MLK DAY CELEBRATION, HAS NOTICE THAT THE PARK IS UNDERUTILIZED, ENCOURAGED ALL CITIZENS TO UTILIZE THE PARK AS WELL AS ALL PARKS IN THE CITY

COUNCILMEMBER PATE -

COMMENTED ON THE MLK PARADE ON MONDAY AND HOW GREAT IT WAS, ALSO COMMENTED ON THE PASSING OF BEAUMONT PHYSICIAN DR. JIM KING

COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -

ANOTHER GREAT AND BEAUTIFUL DAY IN BEAUMONT, THANKED ALL CITY EMPLOYEES, THEY MAKE THE COUNCIL'S JOBS EASIER, IN THE WAY THAT THEY RESPOND TO CITIZENS' CONCERNS, ALSO THANKED THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF FOR ALL THAT THEY DO

COUNCILMEMBER SMITH -

ABSENT

CITY ATTORNEY COOPER -

NONE

CITY MANAGER HAYES -

NONE

MAYOR AMES -

ANNOUNCED THAT IF CITIZENS WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TOWARDS THE INDIAN SPRINGS CAMP FACILITY FOR PARALYZED VETERANS IN REGARDS TO THE PRESENTATION EARLIER IN THE MEETING THEY MAY DO SO BY VISITING THEIR WEBSITE AT WWW.ACTS2REMEMBER.NET

Public Comments (Persons are limited to three minutes)

Pastor Mildred Robinson

6678 Morris Rd.

Beaumont TX

Informed Council that she has opened a new church called The Power House in Beaumont, this church is to help the homeless and to help citizens that want to get a job, stated she wants to make Beaumont a better place

Open session of meeting recessed at 2:01p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

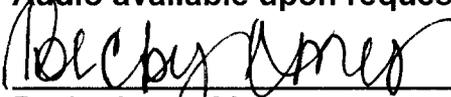
- * Consider matters related to contemplated or pending litigation in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Government Code:

Housing Discrimination Complaints of:
Laura Odom v. City of Beaumont, HUD No. 06-11-1437-8
Todd Hicks v. City of Beaumont, HUD No. 06-11-1434-8

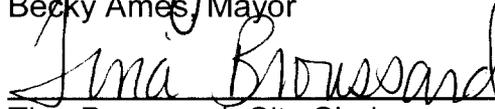
Allyssa Humphrey v. City of Beaumont, HUD No. 06-13-0992-8
Disability Rights Texas v. City of Beaumont, HUD No. 06-13-0991-8

There being no action taken in Executive Session, Council adjourned.

Audio available upon request in the City Clerk's Office.



Becky Ames, Mayor



Tina Broussard, City Clerk

