

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
April 8, 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 **April 8, 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 No. 1/Consent Agenda
- * Consent Agenda

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

Pastor Jim Fuller of Calder Baptist Church gave the invocation. Councilmember Samuel 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 Coleman, Getz, Pate, Samuel and Smith. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Tyrone Cooper, City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

"National Crime Victims' Rights Week" - April 6-12, 2014 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Coleman; accepted by Darla Daigle with Jefferson County Victims Assistance Center

"National Safe Digging Month" - April, 2014 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Getz; accepted by Gary Chalk with Center Point Energy

"Fair Housing Month" - April, 2014 - Proclamation read by Mayor Pro Tem Wright; accepted by Chris Boone, Director of Community Development for the City of Beaumont

"Global Youth Service Days" - April 11-13, 2014 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Pate; accepted by Annie Bell, IEA- Inspire, Encourage, Achieve

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

Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda item No. 1/Consent Agenda.

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- * Approval of minutes – April 1, 2014
- * Confirmation of committee appointments - **None**
- A) Approve a resolution authorizing the settlement of the lawsuit styled Robert Louis Patillo vs. The City of Beaumont; Case No. A-194,989 – **Resolution 14 - 075**

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

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consider a resolution approving a change order to the contract with Allco, LLC, related to the Grit Pump Replacement – Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

The City Council approved a contract with Allco, LLC, on August 16, 2011, in the amount of \$1,111,359.00. The contract will furnish all labor, materials, and equipment to remove and replace the existing belt press pumps at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 4900 Lafin Road.

The proposed change order will increase the contract amount by \$168,098.00 to replace the existing 10" Secondary Sludge Force Main. This 1,200 LF force main will consist of four (4) independent discharge lines made of 6" diameter PVC pipe for a total of 4,800 LF. The price includes the valves and fittings to connect the new secondary sludge pump station to the existing cyclonic degritter units. The work is to be performed on a time and material basis. The work is complicated by the presence of at least one duct bank of unknown size and depth and clusters of piping that are buried underground near the sludge pumps and the cyclonic degritter units. This system will allow each of the new secondary sludge pumps to run independently and provide better flow control based on the levels and viscosity of the sludge while reducing the pump losses caused by pumping through the existing common header.

The sludge pumps for the belt press and clarifiers have been in operation for more than 20 years. Sludge is generated from the sanitary sewer collection system and the solids from biological treatment. The sludge regularly varies in composition and thus requires pumps that can maintain continual operation. These deteriorated pumps are in need of replacement and the improvements to the sludge transportation system will greatly improve the efficiency of wastewater treatment. The proposed new canopies will provide protection for the exposed belt press and the secondary sludge pump station.

Rev. Lowell D. Case **3390 Sarah St.** **Beaumont TX**

Spoke on the behalf of Our Mother of Mercy Summer Food Program

Lloyd Hebert **995 San Jacinto** **Beaumont TX**

Spoke on behalf of TASTE – Teaching Agriculture Sustainability

Paula O’Neal **590 Center** **Beaumont TX**

Spoke on behalf of Henry’s Place/Some Other Place

Heather Finley **855 S. 8th St.** **Beaumont TX**

Spoke on behalf of R. L. Shorkey Center

Annie Bell/Angeliquea Avery **20 N. 11th St.** **Beaumont TX**

Spoke on behalf of IEA – Inspire, Encourage, Achieve

Stephanie Lartigue Pearson **4680 Roberts Ave.** **Beaumont TX**

Spoke on behalf of AARP/Experience Corp

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER SMITH -

THANKED ALL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE COME FORWARD TO ASK FOR ASSISTANCE FOR ALL THAT THEY DO IN THE COMMUNITY, STATED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE TEXAS TRASH OFF, HAD A PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT TO ATTEND THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY GOLF TOURNAMENT

COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -

THANKED ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PROGRAMS THAT THEY PRESENTED TO THE COMMUNITY ON TODAY, AND THE HELP THEY GIVE THOSE THAT ARE UNABLE TO HELP THEMSELVES, THANKED EVERYONE THAT CAME OUT AND VOLUNTEERED FOR THE TEXAS TRASH OFF TO MAKE BEAUMONT A CLEANER PLACE, ASKED THAT THE COMMUNITY NOT WAIT FOR ONE DAY A YEAR BUT TO DO THIS EVERY DAY

COUNCILMEMBER PATE -

STATED THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAKES THIS CITY SPECIAL IS THE PEOPLE, THANKED EVERYONE FOR MAKING BEAUMONT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, COMMENTED ON THE TEXAS TRASH OFF AND THE NECHES RIVER PARADE, ANNOUNCED THAT ON THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M., THERE WILL BE A FUND RAISER FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE AT THE HARLEY DAVIDSON DEALERSHIP, ALSO THERE WILL BE A BOOK SIGNING FOR A NEW BOOK ABOUT BABE ZAHARIAS AT THE BABE ZAHARIAS MUSEUM, SANDRA WALLACE AND HER

HUSBAND WROTE THIS BOOK TITLED **BABE CONQUERS THE WORLD**, THEY WILL BE AT THE MUSEUM FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT -

WANTED TO THANK ALL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAME FORWARD TO SPEAK, SORRY THAT THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH FUNDS TO GO AROUND FOR ALL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS, IT'S FORTUNATE THAT WE DO HAVE ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP THE UNFORTUNATE

COUNCILMEMBER GETZ -

COMMENTED ON ALL OF THE EVENTS THAT OCCURRED ON SATURDAY, SPOKE REGARDING THE 7TH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH AND THEIR 5TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL, HOPED THAT THEY WOULD EXPAND THIS FESTIVAL TO BE A CITY WIDE EVENT, ALSO COMMENTED ON THE SOUTH EAST TEXAS SYMPHONY, STATED THAT HE NOTICED THERE ARE OAK TREES THAT ARE IN THE EASEMENT THAT ARE VERY OLD AND CONTRACTORS ARE CUTTING THEM DOWN, WELCOMED ANY OTHER COUNCILMEMBER THAT WOULD DESIRE TO JOIN WITH HIM TO REQUEST A WORKSHOP TO MAYBE HAVE AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD DETER THE CUTTING OF OLDER OAK TREES UNTIL THEY HAVE COME TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN -

COMMENTED ON THE NECHES RIVER PARADE, STATED THAT THE CORONATION FOR THE NEW QUEEN WILL BE SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014, ALSO COMMENTED ON THE TEXAS TRASH OFF, ANNOUNCED THE GIFT OF LIFE FUNDRAISER, CHAMPAGNE AND RIBS ON THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014, THE PRESERVATION BASH FOR THE OAKS HISTORIC DISTRICT WILL BE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014

CITY ATTORNEY COOPER -

NONE

CITY MANAGER HAYES -

NONE

MAYOR AMES -

COMMENTED ON THE TEXAS TRASH OFF, THANKED DANIELLE UNDERFERTH FOR HER HARD WORK AND MAKING THE TRASH OFF A SUCCESS, STATED THAT 9,222 POUNDS OF TRASH WAS PICKED UP, IN ADDITION TO THAT THERE WAS OVER 600 VOLUNTEERS, THANKED THE VOLUNTEERS AND CITY STAFF FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK, MENTIONED SEVERAL EVENTS SHE ATTENDED ON SATURDAY, THE NECHES RIVER PARADE, BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP, THE 7TH DAY ADVENTIST INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL, AND THE BEAUMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY VOLUNTEER WEEK, THANKED THE YMBL FOR THE TEXAS STATE FAIR WHICH HAD RECORD NUMBERS, GLAD THAT COUNCILMEMBER SMITH WAS ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY GOLF TOURNAMENT, ALSO ANNOUNCED UPCOMING EVENTS, THE

MOONLIGHT MADNESS BICYCLE RIDE, SPINDLETOP SPIN BICYCLE RIDE, CALDER RUN, OAKS HISTORIC DISTRICT PRESERVATION BASH, AND MANY MORE IN THE MONTHS TO COME

Public Comments (Persons are limited to three minutes)

Ida Bailey & Tongela Stephens 1300 Joe Louis #2802 Port Arthur TX

Presented Mayor Pro Tem Wright with a gift, discussed the incident that occurred in Port Arthur with her nephew who was killed on Hwy 69 while crossing the highway

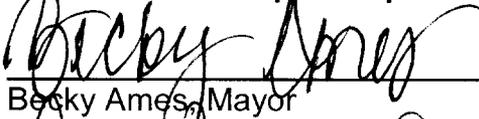
Open session of meeting recessed at 2:57 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- * As authorized by Section 551.087 of the Government Code, to discuss and deliberate economic development negotiations regarding a business entity proposing a Ford Park Convention Hotel and Water Park

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

