

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 22, 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 22, 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 1-3/Consent Agenda
- * Consent Agenda

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

Rabbi Joshua Taub of Temple Emanuel gave the invocation. Mayor Ames 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 and Samuel. Absent: Councilmember Smith. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Tyrone Cooper, City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Councilmember Smith was absent due to work.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

"Day of Remembrance" - April 27 – May 4, 2014 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Getz; accepted by Rabbi Joshua Taub

Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items 1-3/Consent Agenda.

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- * Approval of minutes - **April 15, 2014**
- * Confirmation of committee appointments - **Resolution 14 – 081 and Resolution 14 - 082**

Pablo Zuniga will fill the unexpired term of Charles Watts on the Convention and Tourism Advisory Board. The current term would commence April 22, 2014 and expire June 17, 2014. (Mayor Becky Ames)

Molly J. Dahm would be reappointed to the Convention and Tourism Advisory Board. The current term would expire October 23, 2014. (Councilmember Audwin M. Samuel)

Marty Craig would be reappointed to the Historic Landmark Commission. The current term would expire April 7, 2016. (Mayor Becky Ames)

Charles E. Heare would be reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. The current term would expire February 11, 2016. (Councilmember Alan B. Coleman)

Larue Smith would be reappointed to the Library Commission. The current term would expire February 15, 2016. (Councilmember Jamie D. Smith)

Martha Hicks would be reappointed to the Library Commission. The current term would expire March 1, 2016. (Mayor Becky Ames)

Pamela Wise would be reappointed to the Small Business Revolving Loan Fund Board. The current term would expire February 25, 2016. (Mayor Becky Ames)

- A) Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase six traffic signal controller systems from Trafficware Group Inc. for the construction of Washington Boulevard Phase-I – **Resolution 14 - 083**
- B) Approve a resolution approving a contract with Frazer, Ltd. of Houston for the purchase and installation of a new ambulance body – **Resolution 14 - 084**
- C) Approve a resolution approving the award of a contact to Frazer, Ltd. of Houston for refurbishing and remounting two ambulance bodies – **Resolution 14 - 085**
- D) Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve a change order to the contract with Brystar Contracting, Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation of Small Diameter Mains Contract XXI Project – **Resolution 14 - 086**
- E) Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with Fort Bend County- **Resolution 14 - 087**
- F) Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase one traffic signal controller system from Trafficware Group, Inc. – **Resolution 14 - 088**
- G) Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary, specifically a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the Lamar University Police Department – **Resolution 14 - 089**
- H) Approve a resolution approving an application for, and acceptance of, new funding for the Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force – **Resolution 14 - 090**

Councilmember Samuel moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consider a resolution approving the award of a bid to N & T Construction Company, Inc. of Beaumont, for the construction of a new Fire Station No. 11.

The construction of a new Fire Station No. 11, designed by Architectural Alliance, Inc., will be constructed at 525 Royal Street. The relocation of Fire Station No. 11 was recommended in the 2005 Pietsch study (ISO) to replace the existing facility located at 2185 Sabine Pass built in 1931.

On March 27, 2014, the City received nine (9) bids for this Project, as shown on the attached tabulation. Alternate bids were requested for the construction of a training tower, stainless steel lockers in lieu of painted lockers and an epoxy finish on the bay floor, all of which are recommended for approval.

The new station features individual sleeping rooms with an open kitchen and dining room. The 38 ft. training tower will provide firefighters a facility for training in confined spaces with full hoses and wet stairs.

The station will be fenced and gated for fire equipment and personal vehicles.

A total of 330 calendar days were allocated for the completion of project. N & T Construction Co., Inc. is a Certified MBE/HUB company.

Capital Program.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Pate moved to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE BID SUBMITTED BY N & T CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,780,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION NO. 11 BE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY OF BEAUMONT AND THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH N & T CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 14 - 091

2. Consider a resolution approving the emergency purchase of repair materials for the 72-inch water line at the water production facility from Hanson Pipe & Products, Inc., of Houston.

The 72-inch pipe that transfers water within the water production facility from the inlet filters to the ground storage tank is leaking. The line cannot be taken out of service for more than 4 hours without impacting the water supply to the City. Therefore, a bypass must be built to transfer water from the filters to the ground storage tanks before the leaking pipe can be isolated to repair it. In order to expedite the process, the City has purchased all the materials required for the bypass line.

Hanson Pipe & Products, Inc., is the sole source vendor for the materials needed to make these repairs.

Capital Program.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Coleman moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF REPAIR MATERIALS FROM HANSON PIPE & PRODUCTS, INC., OF HOUSTON, TEXS, THE SOLE SOURCE VENDOR FOR THE MATERIALS NEEDED TO AFFECT THE REPAIRS, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$112,696 FOR 72 INCH WATER LINE AT THE WATER PRODUCTION FACILITY.** Mayor Pro Tem Wright seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 14 - 092

3. Consider an ordinance authorizing the suspension of the effective date of CenterPoint Energy's proposed rate increase until July 14, 2014.

On March 31, 2014, CenterPoint Entergy ("CenterPoint") filed with the City of Beaumont an annual Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) interim rate adjustment notice to increase gas rates in the Beaumont/East Texas Division Service Area. The City of Beaumont maintains exclusive original jurisdiction over the rates, operations and services of CenterPoint as a gas utility operating in the City of Beaumont.

The requested increase would ordinarily go into effect sixty (60) days after giving notice of the intent to increase rates. This ordinance is a request to suspend the effective date of CenterPoint's proposed rate increase for a period of forty-five (45) days until July 14, 2014, in order to review base rate case. The review of the company's GRIP filing is limited to a ministerial review of the filings for compliance with the Act.

All reasonable expenses associated with rate cases are reimbursable by the company.

Councilmember Getz moved to ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE RATES PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT'S GRIP FILING MADE WITH THE CITY ON MARCH 31, 2014; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mayor Pro Tem Wright seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 14 – 017

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER SMITH -

ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -

IT'S ANOTHER GREAT DAY IN BEAUMONT, HAD A WONDERFUL EASTER HOLIDAY, WISHED EVERYONE A WONDERFUL WEEK, GAVE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF COACH JAMES WHITE

COUNCILMEMBER PATE -

IT'S ANOTHER GREAT DAY IN BEAUMONT, ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO GO OUT TO EAT LUNCH ON THE LAKE, WHICH IS EVERY MONDAY, CONGRATULATED JIM THOMPSON ON HIS RETIREMENT WITH 40 YEARS OF SERVICE, A CELEBRATION OF HIS RETIREMENT WILL BE AT 4:00 P.M., TODAY AT THE EVENT CENTRE, COMMENTED ON ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT DAY ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014, THANKED STEPHANIE MOLINA, WITH THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU FOR ORGANIZING THE BOOK SIGNING OF THE BOOK WRITTEN ABOUT BABE ZAHARIAS CALLED BABE CONQUERS THE WORLD

MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT -

ASKED THAT EVERYONE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS RESURRECTION SEASON, WE CAN ALL ENTER INTO NEW BIRTH IN OUR SPIRIT, GAVE CONDOLENCES TO THE BROOKS FAMILY ON THE LOSS OF CHARLOTTE BROOKS

COUNCILMEMBER GETZ -

ANNOUNCED THE WOODEN RACQUET TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT THE BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TENNIS COURT ON THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 26-27, 2014

COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN -

CONDOLENCES TO THE BROOKS FAMILY, ANNOUNCED THE YOUTH TRIATHLON, MAY 31, 2014, AT CHRISTUS WELLNESS CENTER, CITIZENS MAY CALL 899-7777 TO ENTER A CHILD AGES 6 TO 18, TODAY IS EARTH DAY, THE CVB IS CELEBRATING AT CATTAIL MARSH WITH BIRD

WATCHING, THANKED THE CITY MANAGER, THE PARKS AND WATER DEPARTMENT FOR ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS TO CATTAIL MARSH, CONGRATULATED JIM THOMPSON, ANNOUNCED THE MOONLIGHT MADNESS BICYCLE RIDE MAY 9, 2014, AT ROGERS PARK AT 10:00 P.M., CITIZENS CAN CALL 781-1298 FOR MORE INFORMATION, REGISTRATION IS FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 9:45P.M.

CITY ATTORNEY COOPER -

NONE

CITY MANAGER HAYES -

NONE

MAYOR AMES -

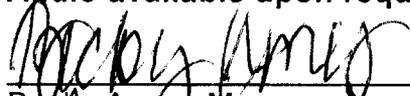
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DAY IS TOMORROW ASKED THAT EVERYONE REMEMBER THOSE THAT HELP EVERY DAY, CONGRATULATED THE ARC OF GREATER BEAUMONT, THEY HAD A RIBBON CUTTING FOR A NEW FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHILDREN THAT SUFFER FROM NEUROLOGICAL DISABILITIES, CONGRATULATED JIM THOMPSON ON HIS RETIREMENT

Public Comments (Persons are limited to three minutes)

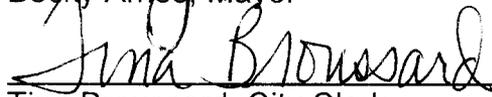
None

There being no Executive Session, Council adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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



Becky Ames, Mayor



Tina Broussard, City Clerk

