

MINUTES - CITY OF BEAUMONT

W.L. Pate, Jr., At-Large
Claude F. Guidroz, Ward I
Audwin Samuel, Ward III
Tyrone E. Cooper, City Attorney

BECKY AMES, MAYOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 2015
Kyle Hayes, City Manager

Gethrel Wright, At-Large
Michael D. Getz, Mayor Pro Tem
Robin Mouton, Ward IV
Tina Broussard, City Clerk

The City Council of the City of Beaumont, Texas, met in a regular session on **August 18, 2015**, 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.

Pastor Edison Colbert of Paradise Missionary Baptist Church 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 Getz, Councilmembers Guidroz, Wright, Pate, Samuel and Mouton. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Tyrone Cooper, City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

None

Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items 2-3/Consent Agenda.

Bridget M. Johnson

2675 Gulf St.

Beaumont TX

Commented on Item B on the Consent Agenda; the lease agreement with the Beaumont Art League

Councilmember Getz made a statement in regards to Item C on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- * Approval of minutes – **August 11, 2015**
- * Confirmation of committee appointments – **Resolution 15 – 170**

Christina Howard would be appointed to the Library Commission. The term would commence August 18, 2015 and expire August 17, 2017. (Councilmember W. L. Pate, Jr.)

- A) Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary, specifically a Memorandum of Understanding, with the Texas Attorney General's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force – **Resolution 15 – 171**
- B) Authorize the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with the Beaumont Art League – **Resolution 15 - 172**
- C) Approve the appointment of Kellie Colbert as an Assistant City Attorney II and setting her starting compensation – **Resolution 15 - 173**

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

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the 54-Inch Interceptor Rehabilitation Phase II Project for maintenance, approve a change order to the contract with Allco, LLC, and authorize final payment.

The City Council approved a contract with Allco, LLC, of Beaumont on June 12, 2012 in the amount of \$3,491,570.60. The contract was to rehabilitate the existing 54-inch diameter sanitary sewer interceptor that runs along Blanchette Street.

The proposed change order will decrease the contract amount by \$83,072.65 to adjust the estimated quantities to reflect the actual quantities used during the performance of the project. These adjustments are focused on those portions of the project where the designed slip lining rehabilitation had to be replaced by open trench removal and replacement of the existing line.

The project has been inspected by Water Utilities and found to be complete in accordance with the provisions and terms set out in the contract. A final payment will be made to the contractor in the amount of \$170,424.90.

Previous actions include:

Resolution 12-129 in the amount of \$3,491,570.60 was approved by City Council on June 12, 2012.

Capital Program.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Pate moved to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS 54-INCH INTERCEPTOR REHABILITATION PHASE II PROJECT BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY ACCEPTED; AND THAT THE CITY MANAGER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,424.90 TO ALLCO, LTD., OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS. Councilmember Wright seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 - 174

2. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation of Small Diameter Mains Contract XXIII Project for maintenance, approve a change order to the contract with Simco Enterprises, Ltd., and authorize final payment.

The City Council approved a contract with Simco Enterprises, Ltd., of Groves on December 11, 2012 in the amount of \$1,895,761.75. The contract was to replace approximately 36,377 linear feet of sanitary sewer mains.

The proposed change order will decrease the contract amount by \$118,227.65 to adjust the estimated quantities to reflect the actual quantities used during the performance of the project and the purchase of pipe materials on hand.

The project has been inspected by Water Utilities and found to be complete in accordance with the provisions and terms set out in the contract. A final payment will be made to the contractor in the amount of \$33,206.40.

Previous actions include:

Resolution 12-288 in the amount of \$1,895,761.75 was approved by City Council on June 12, 2012.

Capital Program.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Pate moved to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION OF SMALL DIAMETER MAINS CONTRACT XXIII PROJECT BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY ACCEPTED; AND THAT THE CITY MANAGER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,206.40 TO SIMCO ENTERPRISES, LTD., OF GROVES, TEXAS. Councilmember Wright seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 - 175

WORKSESSION

- * Review and discuss water repair procedures and receive a status report

Molly Villarreal, Interim Water Director introduced staff that was present, Operations and Maintenance Manager, Fred Richardson; Administrative Personnel, Chris Catalina; Dress Up General Foreman, Charles Livings; Water Repairs General Forman, Peter Thomas. Ms. Villarreal discussed that the Water Department is changing the way that they track water leaks specifically, stated that on Monday there were twelve water calls to be investigated, twelve inspections were done, confirmed one new leak and completed fourteen repairs, the total leaks and breaks to be completed on the books are one hundred seven (107), forty two (42) are about thirty days old.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT - STATED THAT TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ACT**
- COUNCILMEMBER PATE - ANNOUNCED THE COPS AND KIDS THIS WEEKEND, LAMAR UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM WILL BE SCRIMMAGING AT 6:00 P.M., FORMER COACH OF FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, BOBBY BOWDEN WILL ALSO BE COMING IN ON SUNDAY EVENING TO SPEAK AND RAISE MONEY FOR LAMAR FOOTBALL**
- COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL - THANKED COUNCILMEMBER GETZ FOR HIS EXPLANATION OF HIS FEELINGS AND WHY HE BROUGHT UP THE THINGS THAT HE DID, THANKED HIM FOR HIS COMPLIMENTS AND FOR THE EXAMPLE HE IS SETTING FOR THE CITY, ALSO THANKED HIM FOR BEING HIS INSPIRATION**
- COUNCILMEMBER MOUTON - ANNOUNCED THE TASTE OF THE TRIANGLE THAT WILL BE HELD AT THE BEAUMONT CIVIC CENTER STARTING AT 5:00 P.M.**
- COUNCILMEMBER GUIDROZ - TOUCHED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAMUELS REMARKS, STATED THAT HE AND COUNCILMEMBER MOUTON HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO A TRAINING BY TML FOR NEW COUNCILMEMBERS IN AUSTIN**
- MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ - SPOKE IN REGARDS TO MR. LANDRY ROUNTREE AND HIS CONTINUED REQUEST FOR A NEW HEARING, STATED THAT THERE ARE TWO NEW COUNCILMEMBERS THAT WERE NOT PRESENT WHEN THE FIRST HEARING TOOK PLACE, STATED HE**

IS WILLING TO LISTEN TO A CITIZEN THAT FEELS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN GRIEVED, COUNCILMEMBER GUIDROZ SECONDED THE MOTION THAT COUNCIL GIVE MR. ROUNTREE A REHEARING

CITY ATTORNEY COOPER -

NONE

CITY MANAGER HAYES -

THANKED MOLLY VILLARREAL, INTERIM WATER UTILITIES DIRECTOR AND STAFF FOR BEING PRESENT AT THE MEETING, APOLOGIZED TO COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL FOR BEING DEFENSIVE, STATED IT'S FRUSTRATING WHEN YOU SEE A NEWS STORY THAT THE CITY OF BEAUMONT HAS OVER 300 WATER LEAKS, KNOWING THAT INFORMATION WASN'T TRUE, THERE'S A GOOD STORY AS TO HOW THE CITY HAS INCREASED THE WATER UTILITIES FUND BALANCE BY A MILLION DOLLARS AND THAT HASN'T BEEN REPORTED, THE WATER DEPARTMENT WILL WORK ON GETTING BETTER AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN TEN YEARS THE ADMINISTRATION HASN'T ASKED CITY COUNCIL TO INCREASE WATER AND SEWER RATES THAT AFFECT THE CITIZENS DIRECTLY

MAYOR AMES -

ANNOUNCED THE COPS AND KIDS FESTIVAL THAT IS PUT ON BY THE BEAUMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT, SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015, AT RIVER FRONT PARK AND THE CIVIC CENTER FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M., THE TASTING FOR SOME OTHER PLACE, TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015, AT THE CIVIC CENTER FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M., COST IS \$10.00

Public Comments (Persons are limited to three minutes)

Landry Rountree

1565 S. Major

Beaumont TX

Congratulated his daughter Sarah and her new husband Cody Ballard on their beautiful wedding on Saturday, appreciated the remarks made by Councilmember Wright about women, stated that behind every successful man there's a tired woman, commended Councilmember Getz and Guidroz and if any other Councilmember would like to help him next week he would appreciate any help they can give him

Roberto Flores

2425 Buchanan

Beaumont TX

Stated that on Monday kids will be going back to school, the various communities will be welcoming back the children, commented on the kids in a certain community that will be out at recess, they will have certain people speaking to them around the playground, those people will be prostitutes that will be picked up right near the school, would like something to be done about this, it has been going on for years, something has to be done

With there being no Executive Session, Council adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

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

Becky Ames

Becky Ames, Mayor

Tina Broussard

Tina Broussard, City Clerk

