

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
September 1, 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 **September 1, 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 the Consent Agenda
- * Consent Agenda

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

Pastor "Big Jim" Salles of West End 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. Absent: Tyrone Cooper, City Attorney. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Sharae Reed, Assistant City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

"Collin Cummings Day" - September 1, 2015 - Proclamation read by Mayor Ames; accepted by Collin Cummings and his parents

Presentation

Coach Ray Woodard, Lamar University Football Coach made a presentation to Council for opening of football season

Public Comment: Persons may speak on the Consent Agenda.

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- * Approval of minutes – **August 25, 2015**
- * Confirmation of committee appointments – **Resolution 15 – 182**

Eldon Steward would be appointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee. The term would commence September 1, 2015 and expire August 31, 2017. (Councilmember Claude Guidroz)

Richard James would be appointed to the Convention and Tourism Advisory Board. The term would commence September 1, 2015 and expire August 31, 2017. (Councilmember Claude Guidroz)

- A) Authorize the City Manager to accept the Delaware Street Asphalt Resurface Project Phase - I, approve Change Order No. 1 and release the final payment – **Resolution 15 - 183**
- B) Approve a three year contract for emergency catering services to Novrozsky's of Beaumont, to be used by all departments during an emergency event – **Resolution 15 - 184**

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

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

WORKSESSION

- * Review and discuss a possible Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program

Sherry Ulmer, Public Health Director discussed the Texas Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program that is sponsored by the Health and Human Services Commission of Texas. This program offers Governmental EMS providers in the State of Texas the opportunity to receive additional funds above standard Medicaid reimbursement rates to supplement transport cost for Medicaid patients and for uninsured patients. The City charges for the ambulance responses and for Medicaid patients, the City will only be reimbursed for a certain amount. The Federal Government has taken a pot of money through the 1115 Waiver which will give back to the states to help offset some of those losses with Medicaid reimbursement and with those patients that are uninsured. This funding is outside of the normal reimbursement billing revenue, it's only a percentage of the City's losses and not the whole loss. To be eligible for the program the City must enroll and become approved, due to the City being a Governmental EMS provider, the City would probably be approved. The City would have to develop a Cost Allocation Model, when developing this model the City would take a look at how much it would cost to send out an ambulance, look at the cost of administrative, human resource, finance, dispatch, supplies, repairs and maintenance of the ambulance unit. A Cost Allocation report would have to be prepared and submitted as well. The City has been approached by a company that would help with the creation of this model, there is a fee that would be incurred in amount of

\$5,000.00 to help the City with this task. All revenue that is received will be reimbursement for the City's losses, there will be a 10% cost to the company for that amount. If the City saw a loss of \$1.2 million, the City could see a \$346,000 reimbursement from Medicaid.

- * Review and discuss subdivision regulations within the City of Beaumont's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ)

Chris Boone, Planning and Zoning Director, discussed the subdivision regulations within the City of Beaumont's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). Mr. Boone reviewed the lot sizes, proper streets and lot layout, access to adequate water and sewer, public safety and schools, areas not subject to flooding and adequate improvements. The process for ETJ's were also discussed, such as the plat being submitted to the City and reviewed by all parties and the Planning Commission, any needed changes that would need to be made to the plan, improvements (streets, sidewalks, street lights, etc.) are made by the developer. In the City, improvements are accepted by the City Council, in the County, the developer guarantees improvements for one year and then accepted by County Commissioners Court. The plat is recorded, with any needed changes and lots can then be sold to the public. Current issues were discussed, subdivisions well beyond the City limits and area of probable annexation, maintenance issues for the County. The County proposed that they be allowed to regulate all subdivisions within a five-mile ETJ. The considerations of the proposal would be cost disadvantage to developing within and just outside the City and possible loss of growth, likely future annexations would bring in infrastructure at these reduced standards. The staff recommendation was to identify a "Planning Area" of two miles and continue to apply City standards to this area, while allowing County standards beyond the two-mile "Planning Area", the City would continue to review and approve all subdivisions with the ETF.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- COUNCILMEMBER MOUTON -** STATED THAT SHE ATTENDED A DRAINAGE DISTRICT 6 "NEED MORE FLOOD EXPANSION" MEETING ON AUGUST 31, 2015, IT WAS A GREAT MEETING AND WELL ATTENDED, ANNOUNCED THAT BISHOP MARK SMITH AND THE SOLID ROCK COMMUNITY CHURCH WILL SPONSOR A FREE LABOR DAY PICNIC AT THE BEAUMONT CIVIC CENTER ON LABOR DAY, CONGRATULATED COLIN CUMMINGS ON REPRESENTING BEAUMONT AS THE AIR HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPION, ANNOUNCED THAT HEBERT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975 WILL BE CELEBRATING 40 YEARS THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND, THANKED EVERYONE FOR COMING OUT AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO SERVE
- COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -** NONE
- COUNCILMEMBER PATE -** CONGRATULATED COLIN CUMMINGS AS THE AIR HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPION, ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO GO OUT AND SUPPORT LAMAR UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL, COMMENTED ON ATTENDING THE DEPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE 373RD

ARMY RESERVE UNIT, COMBAT SUPPORT SUSTAINED UNIT OVER THE WEEKEND, EXTENDED CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF HOUSTON'S TEXAS DEPUTY SHERRIFF DARREN GOFORTH, APPRECIATES OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND THE BEAUMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR SERVICE

COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT -

CONGRATULATED AND SALUTED ALL LABORERS, THANKED THEM AND ASKED THAT EVERYONE REMEMBER THEM THIS LABOR DAY, ALSO APPRECIATES LABOR UNIONS TO MAKE SURE THAT WORKERS GET FAIR WAGES

MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ -

REMINDED EVERYONE ABOUT MOVIE NIGHT THIS FRIDAY AT THE JEFFERSON THEATRE, THE BREAKFAST CLUB WILL BE PLAYING

COUNCILMEMBER GUIDROZ -

THANKED MR. ELDON STEWARD WHO HAS AGREED TO SERVE ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, LOVE MEETING CITIZENS LIKE HIM WHO ARE VERY INTERESTED IN IMPROVING OUR CITY, IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A COMMITTEE CHECK WITH YOUR COUNCILMEMBER THERE MAY BE A NEED FOR YOUR SERVICE, STATED THAT ON HIS WAY TO COUNCIL MEETING HE HEARD THAT ANOTHER POLICE OFFICER HAD BEEN SHOT, STATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 3% OF THE POPULATION IS A DANGER TO US AND THE OTHER 3% OF THE POPULATION HAS A SEVERE ILLNESS, THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT NEED PROPER CARE IN A FACILITY AND NOT A PRISON

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY REED - NONE

CITY MANAGER HAYES -

NONE

MAYOR AMES -

ASKED IF ANOTHER CONTRACTOR HAD BEEN HIRED BY TXDOT TO COMPLETE THE CONCORD ROAD PROJECT

Public Comments (Persons are limited to three minutes)

Rodney Denclau

3030 French Rd. #425

Beaumont TX

Made comments in regards to sidewalks for the handicap, stated that sidewalks need to be more in the wheelchair prone areas, would like to take his family with him down the road but they can't due to no sidewalks, also commented on French Road with all the curves, requested that there be a caution light around the curve or one speed bump in the curve

Vernon Durden

2110 Wesbury Rd.

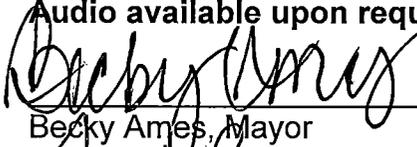
Beaumont TX

Spoke to Council in regards to the policeman that was shot, commended the City of Beaumont Police Chief for all that he does for our police officers, also gave condolences to Judge Ransom "Deuce" Jones who lost his sister Lynette, asked that Council keep him and

his family in their prayers, also commented on the ETJ, stated that Council needs to take a look at Gentrification, that would be a good indication on whether or not the City would need to increase the boundaries or increase services, also stated that Council needs to look at creating a Jr. Council who's voices that Council isn't listening to, these young people will be the voice of the future

With there being no Executive Session, Council adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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



Becky Ames, Mayor



Tina Broussard, City Clerk

