

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF BRAZORIA**

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The City of Brazoria convened in Regular Meeting, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following to-witt:

Roger Shugart	Mayor
Marcus Rabren	Councilman Position #1
Gail Logsdon	Councilwoman Position #2
Gary Kersh	Mayor Pro-Tem
Frank Quinty Jr.	Councilman Position #4
Susan Parker	Councilwoman Position #5

City Personnel Present:

Mike Collard	City Manager
Sheila Williams	City Secretary
Neal Longbotham	Police Chief

Others Present:

Pastor Juan Tobar	Nueva Creacion Church
Jesse Knight	BWA Representative

A. Call to order Regular Meeting.

Mayor Shugart called to order the Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Pastor Juan Tobar of Nueva Creacion Church and the pledge to the American and Texas flags by all.

Invocation was given by Pastor Juan Tobar of Nueva Creacion Church and Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh led the pledges to the American and Texas Flags.

C. Consideration/Action to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 12, 2021.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2021. A second was made by Councilman Rabren. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Citizens Communication.

No comments

E. Consideration/Action to approve Ordinance #21-002 calling the May 1, 2021 General Election.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh to approve Ordinance #21-002 calling the May 1, 2021 election. A second was made by Councilwoman Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Consideration/Action to approve joint election agreement and contract with Brazoria County for election services.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh to approve Joint Election agreement and contract with Brazoria County for election services. A second was made by Councilwoman Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Consideration/action to approve payment to Barclays Premier Utility Services in the amount of \$133,356.84 for Trunk Line Sewer Replacement.

City Manager Collard explained this payment is for stored materials. Motion was made by Councilwoman Parker to approve payment to Barclays Premier Utility Services in the amount of \$133,356.84 for Trunk Line Sewer Replacement. A second was made by Councilman Quinty. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Consideration/Action to approve payment to Cherokee Painting & Sandblasting in the amount of \$19,617.50 for EST and GST Rehabilitation. Payment is to be held until Strand Engineers is satisfied all requested documents have been received and approved.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Logsdon to approve payment to Cherokee Painting & Sandblasting in the amount of \$19,617.50 for EST and GST Rehabilitation. Payment is to be held until Strand Engineers is satisfied all requested documents have been received and approved. A second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Consideration/Action to discuss with Frank Quinty Jr. about tethering law in the City of Brazoria.

Councilman Quinty explained in the Animal Control Ordinance that he thought the tethering of an animal was in the ordinance and now he doesn't find it. He does know the state had passed a no tethering law and now are trying to remove it. He explained he knows of two dogs that are on a tether for the last four months. City Attorney Stevenson explained in the City of Brazoria Ordinance it has ways to restrain your animal and tethering is not one. He feels that meets the no tethering of an animal. Motion was made by Councilman Rabren to take no action on tethering law in the City of Brazoria. A second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

- J. Consideration/Action to approve Inter-local agreement with Brazoria County for providing labor and equipment to mill, overlay and rebuild of, one or all, roads as listed on Exhibit B of said inter-local, as will be directed by the City Manager once Brazoria County gives notice to the City Manager of their intended schedule of work.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Logsdon to approve Inter-Local Agreement with Brazoria County for providing labor and equipment to mill, overlay and rebuild of, one or all, roads as listed on Exhibit B of said Inter-Local, as will be directed by the City Manager once Brazoria County gives notice to the City Manager of their intended schedule of work.

A second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

- K. Consideration/Action to discuss and approve billing procedures.

City Manager Collard explained this is from our workshop held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are trying to clean up the language. The red highlighted words will be changed in our Ordinance. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh to approve the language in the billing procedures. A second was made by Councilwoman Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

- L. Review of bills paid in January 2021.

Councilwoman Logsdon said she is glad to not see Amazon billing.

- M. City Department Heads Report.

1. Court Department – Judge James explained report in packet and said we have 148 cases for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> docket. He said we are having to use Zoom for arraignments but it won't work unless we have e-mails.
2. Police Department – Police Chief Longbotham explained report in packet. He said the Patrol Officers are fully staffed now. The person that broke into First Baptist Church has been apprehended in Pennsylvania. We are waiting for extra diction to see if he fight the charges. His case will be heard for extra diction on February 19<sup>th</sup>.
3. Public Service Department – City Manager Collard explained the log task, code report and Animal Control report in packet.
4. Fire Department – Councilman Rabren explained the grass fires are up. The Fire Dept. is now having to make changes into electronic documents. Hot spots are in every truck. It is a learning phase they are going through.
5. BWA Report – BWA Rep. Jesse Knight explained the water line on County Road 400 will be relocated starting in March and will be completed in 45 days. Mercer & Mercer will be boring under the road and moving to the other side.

- N. City Managers Report.

City Manager Collard explained his report in packet.

Certificate of Obligation report is revised and we have 2.2 million obligated.

Sales Tax Revenue will be modified and will put in the average for everyone to see.

Notice of Intent to introduce a bill – He received a letter for Gulf Coast Protection Bill if anyone wants to read it he will have available.

Generator at Police Dept. is installed. He is looking to get a quote for a replacement generator at Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Audit should be presented at the April council meeting.

Workshop on February 23<sup>rd</sup> will be on procedures for shut offs. He would like council comments turned into him by Friday.

TCEQ has sent another letter for an extension to Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Pipeline is moving slow. They don't have the capability to meet the contract deadline. Ground Storage Tank is behind schedule. They should have been done by December 15<sup>th</sup> and started on the Elevated Storage Tank by March 15<sup>th</sup>. There are going to be some big decisions made with contract.

O. Reports from Mayor, City Council and City Attorney.

Councilwoman Logsdon said it was a good meeting and she read in the paper about the Wild Peach dump being discussed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh said to save May 15<sup>th</sup> for the American Legion Post fundraiser.

Councilman Quinty said he appreciates everybody's discussion with the dog tethering.

Mayor Shugart said he feels the city will get one of the \$3.2 million grants and it will spent on the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

City Secretary Williams explained the letter received from FEMA showing the Hurricane Harvey grant is officially closed.

P. Adjourn Regular Meeting.

Mayor Shugart adjourned Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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Roger Shugart, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheila Williams, City Secretary