

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF BRAZORIA**

**CITY OF BRAZORIA**

The City of Brazoria convened in a Regular Council Meeting on May 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following to-witt:

Philip Ray	Mayor
Bill Lott	Councilman Position #1
Perry Morris	Councilman Position #2
Gary Kersh	Mayor Pro-Tem
Tina Watts	Councilwoman Position #4
Susan Parker	Councilwoman Position #5

City Personnel Present:

Sheila Williams	City Manager
Clissa Mills	City Secretary
John Trevino	Public Works Director
R. C. Stevenson	City Attorney
Neal Longbotham	Chief of Police
David Kocurek	Project Manager
Marcus Rabren	Emergency Management
Elizabeth Rigall	Dispatcher
Lt. Dawn Moore	Police Department
Tabetha Watson	Animal Control Officer
Joshua Morris	Public Works

A. Call to Order Regular Meeting.

*Mayor Ray called the meeting to order at 6pm.*

B. Invocation and the pledge to the American and Texas flags by all.

*Mayor Ray gave the invocation and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags.*

C. Consideration/Action to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

1. Regular Meeting, April 11, 2023
2. Special Meeting, April 25, 2023

*Mayor Pro Tem Kersh motioned to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2023 regular council meeting and the April 25, 2023 special council meeting. A second was made by Councilwoman Parker. Motion passed unanimously.*

D. Citizens Communication.

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*Police Chief Longbotham introduced Elizabeth Rigall, a new dispatcher.*

E. Adjourn Regular Meeting and Call to Order Public Hearing.

*Mayor Ray adjourned the regular meeting at 6:03 pm.*

F. Discussion an Application for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit for the Cradle Corner Store located at 1238 FM 521 in Brazoria.

*An owner of the Cradle Corner Store said they hope to be open for business in about one month and will have a food truck and outdoor seating area.*

G. Adjourn public hearing and reconvene the Regular Council Meeting.

*Mayor Ray adjourned the public hearing at 6:06 pm.*

H. Consideration/Action to approve the Application for Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit for the Cradle Corner Store located at 1238 FM 521 in Brazoria.

*Councilman Morris motioned to approve the Application for Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit for the Cradle Corner Store located at 1238 FM 521 in Brazoria. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Kersh, Councilmember Morris, Councilmember Watts, and Councilmember Parker voted Yes. Councilmember Lott voted No. Motion Passed 4-1.*

I. Presentation/Update of current and future area surface water supply and storage by Brazosport Water Supply Corporation.

*Tim Finley and Ronnie Woodruff discussed a possible reservoir expansion and the need to have 6 months of water supply stored by Brazosport Water Supply Corporation.*

J. Consideration/Action to award the bid for the Landfill to H. Dengler for \$5,000.00.

*Councilman Morris motioned to award the \$5,000.00 bid for the Landfill to H. Dengler in accordance with TCEQ guidelines. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh, Motion passed unanimously.*

- K. Consideration/Action to adopt Resolution 23-003 Denying the Distribution cost Recovery Factor Rate Request of Texas-New Mexico Power Company made on or about April 5, 2023.

*Councilwoman Watts motioned to adopt Resolution 23-003 as stated. A second was made by Councilman Morris. Motion passed unanimously.*

- L. Consideration/Action to adopt Ordinance 2023-006 providing for regulations to Motor Vehicle Repair Businesses and amending Ordinance 2018-003.

*Councilwoman Parker motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-006 with the changes that council discussed. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh. Motion passed unanimously.*

- M. Discuss future plans for A.W. Davis Tire and Auto Center – Bubba Davis

*Bubba Davis updated council about plans for his business including the removal of some vehicles, building a fence for controlled storage, and possibly purchasing the Lion's Club building.*

- N. Consideration/Action to approve Ordinance 2023–007 amending and adopting various codes, including 2018 International Building Code, 2018 International Energy Conservation Code, 2018 International Plumbing Code and 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code, 2020 National Electrical Code, 2018 International Fuel Gas Code, 2018 International Mechanical Code, 2018 International Property Maintenance Code, 2018 International Existing Building Code, 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2018 International Fire Code, 2018 International Life Safety Code and 2012 Texas Accessibility Standards.

*Councilwoman Parker motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-007 as stated. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh. Motion passed unanimously.*

- O. Adjourn Regular Council meeting and Call to Order Council Workshop.

*Mayor Ray adjourned the meeting and called to order a workshop at 7:16 pm.*

P. Consideration/Discussion on the Sick Bank Policy for the City of Brazoria.

*Council agreed to amend the Sick Bank Policy to allow new employees to participate and that employees will be required to deplete all accumulated sick leave, compensatory time, personal holiday, and half of vacation leave from their personal accounts to apply for sick bank benefits.*

Q. Adjourn Council Workshop and reconvene the Regular Council Meeting.

*Mayor Ray adjourned the workshop at 7:25 pm.*

R. Consideration/Action to amend the Sick Bank Policy for the City of Brazoria.

*Councilwoman Parker motioned to amend the Sick Bank Policy to allow new employees to participate and that employees will be required to deplete all accumulated sick leave, compensatory time, personal holiday, and half of vacation leave from their personal accounts to apply for sick bank benefits. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh. Motion passed unanimously.*

S. Review of bills paid in April 2023.

*Council discussed bills paid in April 2023.*

T. City Department Heads Report.

1. Court Department – *Councilman Lott said that he spoke to Cody Vasut and that the state fees collected are for victims of crimes.*
2. Police Department – *Chief Longbotham reviewed his monthly report with Council.*
3. Public Service Department – *Public Works Director Trevino reviewed his monthly report with council and also responded to the recent concerns about the smell of gas in town. He said that they added a new odorant in the gas system that was stronger than anticipated but they have adjusted it. The smell of gas should go away in a few days.*
4. Fire Department - *none*
5. BWA Report - *none*
6. Brazoria Library – *report included in packet*
7. Project Manager – *Project Manager Kocurek reviewed his monthly report with council and discussed having a special meeting on May 23, 2023.*

U. City Managers Report.

*City Manager Williams discussed her report with council. She also told them that the gas company is no longer interested in purchasing our gas system.*

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

*Councilman Lott said that we had a good election and he wishes that more people would vote. He enjoyed his 2 years on council. Councilman Morris said that we should work with Bubba Davis if he is showing progress cleaning up his business. Mayor Pro Tem Kersh thanked Councilman Lott for his 2 year term as a councilmember. He invited everyone to the ribbon cutting at Lions Club Park on May 16<sup>th</sup> at noon. Mayor Ray said that he attended the Chamber breakfast with Councilwoman Watts and Project Manager Kocurek. He also thank Councilman Lott for his 2 year term as a councilmember.*

W. Adjourn Regular Meeting.

*Mayor Ray adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.*

ATTEST:

*Clissa Mills*  
Clissa Mills, City Secretary



*Philip Ray*  
Philip Ray, Mayor