

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF BRAZORIA

The City of Brazoria convened in a Regular Meeting on July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following to-witt:

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

City Personnel Present:

Mike Collard	City Manager
Sheila Williams	City Secretary
Neal Longbotham	Police Chief
R.C. Stevenson	City Attorney
Bill James	City Judge
Jacob Vick	ACO Officer

Others Present:

Marcus Rabren	Citizen
Sheila James	Citizen
Tina Watts	Citizen
Danny Keen	Citizen
Jesse Knight	Citizen
Becky Vernor	Citizen
David White	Citizen
Toni White	Citizen
Edith Ray	Citizen
John Elkins	Citizen
Sissy Moffett	Citizen

A. Call to order Regular Meeting.

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

B. Invocation to be given by Pastor John Elkins of Sovereign Grace Church and the pledge to the American and Texas flags by all.

Invocation was given by Pastor John Elkins of Sovereign Grace Church and the ledge was led by Councilwoman Logsdon.

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

1. Regular Meeting, June 8, 2021
2. Special Meeting, June 28, 2021

Motion was made by Councilwoman Parker to approve minutes of the following meetings, Regular Meeting, June 8, 2021 and Special Meeting, June 28, 2021 as corrected. A second was made by Councilman Lott. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Citizens Communication.

Tina Watts explained we have had a lot of rain but she wants to update council that she can't flush. She couldn't flush until Saturday so the issues are still happening.

Becky Vernor said she has had 12 years of drainage issues. They can't flush after one hour of rain. She doesn't see anything being done.

Edith Ray said at 2:00 a.m. on Monday morning that the rain was getting close to her house. The ditches all the way to CR 244 were very high in the out flow. The ditches are growing up and if we have a hurricane we will be flooded. They pushed out basket balls from the culverts during Hurricane Harvey. The city needs to clean the culverts.

E. Consideration/Action to hear from Mary Anderson on her opinion on why the City is mis-managed on obtaining information for City 911 addresses.

Mary Anderson was not in attendance.

F. Consideration/Action to approve Resolution #21-003 authorizing Professional Service provider with American Rescue Plan.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Logsdon approving Resolution #21-003 authorizing Grantworks as the Professional Service Provider with American Rescue Plan. A second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Consideration/Action to discuss and take action on Ordinance 96-007 establishing regulations for unsafe buildings.

Councilwoman Parker asked if the Weems property, old hotel south end of town and old savings and loan building could have something done to bring them up to code. City Attorney Stevenson said that you can go and clean up or mow and then put a lien on the property. Police Chief Longbotham explained the Weldon Jones property that burned is being cleaned up. There is

someone hired by Mr. Jones to clean it up. Mayor Shugart said we need to put some money in the budget to be able to do the cleanup. The citizen s need to call the Police Dept. and go through the chain of command. Councilwoman Parker asked who the building inspector is. Police Chief Longbotham said the City Manager is.

H. Review of bills paid in June 2021.

Councilwoman Parker asked why we have Cherry Crushed Concrete since we didn't do streets. Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh said we did some streets but not what we have done the last few years. Councilwoman Parker asked if we found out about the Waste Connections bill. City Secretary explained the account is a wash account where the money goes in and then out to pay for the trash service and the left over amount goes into the garbage fees account. She also asked if All American is our drug testing. City Secretary explained yes that is where we do random and new employee drug testing.

City Department Heads Report.

1. Court Department – City Judge James explained his report in council packet. He said the money has come down to \$35,000. We did a zoom meeting and had pre-trials. There were around 60 people on the docket.
2. Police Department – Chief Longbotham explained his report in council packet for Police, Animal Control and Code Enforcement.
3. Public Service Department – City Manager explained report in council packet. He said there were 71 work orders and explained the American Legion Hall had a leak during the winter storm and has caused mold. We have an adjuster with TML coming next week to look at all the buildings that had problems.
4. Fire Department – Marcus Rabren explained they have 5 new fireman that are in training. They have had a car fire and a structural fire.
5. BWA Report – Jesse Knight explained the increase in water rates are to meet BWA budget. He explained with Rosenberg becoming one of the member cities the rates are cheaper than what they would have been if Rosenberg had not been added. It has saved member cities and they want to make sure they can meet the needs of the member cities. He explained Angleton and Clute have requested to increase their water intake. Angleton will is asking for 2 million and Clute is asking for 1 million more in water supply. He also explained BWA will be looking to increase their infrastructure due to the demands for continuing pumping water. Money will be coming from contracted sales and they won't have to raise the rates.
6. Brazoria Library – Tina Watts explained the AC is needing a part, they have the first half of the Fire Safety System installed and waiting on an electrician. This is being paid by a grant. They are having a roof gutter issue and she shared the library budget with the City Manager. On October 2nd will be the Library Bash. They are grateful for whomever cleaned the flower beds. They want people to know they have a compost pile at the back of the library where you can bring or take from the pile. It is being taken care of by Dennis & Ellis Smith.

7. City Secretary – City Secretary Williams explained the gas from the winter freeze has been paid down to \$30,130.68. She explained when the bill comes in we run a report showing how much we have collected in gas contracts and pay that amount along with the current bill.

J. City Managers Report.

City Manager Collard reported on the C/O's funds remaining and the sales tax collected.

1. He gave a report on the generator grant, we are waiting on status to be able to move forward.
2. Grant Status of the CDBG \$225K agreement has been signed, \$4,311,537 GLO MIT is waiting on paperwork, \$3,176,375 2016 FLOOD MIT is waiting on paperwork, \$666K American Rescue Plan is waiting on paperwork.
3. Generator Replacement at water plant has been ordered.
4. 2021 Paving Plan - roads are ready for pavement and American Legion Hall starts Monday.
5. WBCDD#11 – Inter-local agreement has been completed.
6. CL2 conversion to fee CL2 – went well with minimal interruptions.
7. Engineering & Construction is active as of 7-13-2021 on the Trunk Sewer Line replacement, EST/GST Rehabilitation, 2021 GLO WWTP Rehabilitation & Sanitary Sewer Improvements, 2021 CDBG Force Main Extension and 2021 GLO drainage Improvements.

Action Items are the F.O.G. Program where they are developing a system/process to get information to public and inspections started.

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

Councilwoman Parker thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Quinty thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh thanked the Lions Club for the Celebrate America. He congratulated Jacob Vick for his new position. He would be pissed if he couldn't flush his commode so he hopes that the problem gets fixed.

Councilwoman Logsdon thanked the Police Dept. and Fire Dept. She welcomed Jacob Vick. She didn't get to go to the Celebrate American but heard it was great.

Councilman Lott thanked Chief Longbotham and Jacob Vick for a good job. He and City Manager was at Mr. Losack house on Sunday due to flushing problems. He is new kid on the block and he has a lot to learn. He appreciated everyone coming.

Mayor Shugart said he is the worst about fretting not getting the job done. He knows the grants will get here and then the drainage will improve. He is solve the problem guy and not a data guy. He wished Jacob and Chief Longbotham good luck.

L. Adjourn Regular Meeting and Call to order Executive Session.

Mayor Shugart adjourned the regular meeting at 7:13 p.m. and called to order the Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

M. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** the council may enter into closed door to discuss the following:

A. PERSONNEL UNDER GOV. CODE SECTION 551.074:

1. One Year Progress Review of City Manager's Performance

N. Reconvene in Regular Session and take any action needed on items discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Shugart reconvened into Regular meeting at 8:54 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh said council took no action at this time.

O. Adjourn Regular Meeting.

Mayor Shugart adjourned Regular Meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Roger Shugart, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheila Williams, City Secretary