

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF BRAZORIA

The City of Brazoria convened in a Regular Council Meeting on September 22, 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 Parker	Councilwoman Position #5

City Personnel Present:

Mike Collard	City Manager
Neal Longbotham	Police Chief
Sheila Williams	City Secretary
RC Stevenson	City Attorney
Duane Stahl	Fire Chief

Others Present:

Marcus Rabren	Citizen
Jesse Knight	Citizen
Tina Watts	Citizen
Brandon Losack	Citizen
Greg Harvey	Citizen
Raven Wuebker	The Facts
Cynthia Erickson	Brazoria County Historical Commission

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 Greg Harvey of Brazoria Assembly of God Church and the pledge to the American and Texas flags by all.

Pastor Greg Harvey gave the invocation and Councilman Lott led the pledge to the American & State flags.

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

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh to approve the following meetings, Regular Meeting, September 22, 2021 and Special Meeting, Public Hearing on Tax Rate September 29, 2021. A second was made by Councilwoman Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Citizens Communication.

Brandon Losack explained he has raw sewage in his back yard. When it rains he can't flush his commode. When he lived on Carlton Street and it rained he could flush in 3-4 hours. After Hurricane Harvey he couldn't flush for 6 days. He had the City Manager and Councilman Lott at his house. When Councilman Lott suggested something the City Manager would say we can't do that. It is very frustrating. He knows he has called thirty times to city hall and he was told only one work order has ever been done. Plumbers have told all the people around him it is on the city side. It has rotted out his fence and his back yard smells like sewage.

E. Consideration/Action to discuss and take action with Scott Leopold for Masonic Oak Park Burn Permit.

Mayor Shugart explained the burn permit is not what they wanted to talk about right now since Mr. Leopold is not in attendance.

Cynthia Erickson with the Brazoria County Historical Commission explained they are creating a plan to move the John Austin marker to the Mason's Park. They are working on the plot of land where it will go. It needs to be confirmed if the property is in the city right-of-way. They will need to work with the adjacent property owners. They will need to make sure there are not any utility lines also. She feels it will bring in more tourism also.

F. Consideration/Action to approve Ordinance #21-012 amending the adopted 2021 tax rate of .680476/\$100.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Logsdon to approve Ordinance #21-012 amending the adopted 2021 tax rate of .680476/\$100. A second was made by Councilman Quinty. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Consideration/Action to approve Depository and Banking Services contract.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh said he would like to see us stay with First National Bank because they help when we need loans. City Manager Collard explained he would like to see a shorter term or a clause that says we can terminate early. Motion was made by Councilwoman Logsdon to approve City Manager to negotiate with First National Bank for a shorter term, fees charged and charges for deposit slips and then bring back to council. A second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Review 2021/2022 Budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh said he asked for this item to be here and then asked for it to be taken off and it wasn't. He would like to have a workshop with Gary Gratzner to help him and others understand the budget. Marcus Rabren used to help but now he is not on council. He would just like another set of eyes. Councilman Quinty asked about a line item #12 on the budget. City Manager said he would get back with him on that.

I. Review of bills paid in September 2021.

Councilman Lott asked about the check to Barrera Sand. City Manager explained it was drainage work being done at the end of Texas and Erwin Streets. They are putting in new culverts. Councilman Quinty asked who is ETC Marketing. City Secretary Williams explained the gas company that we purchase our gas from.

J. City Department Heads Report.

1. Court Department – report in packet.
2. Police Department – Police Chief Longbotham explained report in packet.
3. Public Service Department – City Manager Collard explained report in packet.
4. Fire Department – Fire Chief Stahl explained for burn permits they go through the city. If it is the big trees from storm he suggested digging a trench. City Manager Collard said that storm debris is regulated by TCEQ.
5. BWA Report – Jesse Knight said plant is running fine. Progress on new building is going fine. Councilman Quinty asked if anyone was getting calls about odor. The water pressure is low and then after a few minutes kicks back on. City Manager Collard said that could be the Sulphur smell as it stirs up when kicks back on.
6. Brazoria Library – Tina Watts explained the report in packet.
7. City Secretary – City Secretary Williams explained that she and her husband Don were appointed on the Port Advisory Committee. With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching plans are underway with hopefully able to do things this year. She wished Councilwoman Logsdon a Happy Birthday.

K. City Managers Report.

City Manager Collard explained the C/O's report showing he added the obligated funds, He also showed the tax report for this month. He explained the difference in the ACO/Code compliant Officer and the new Building/Code Inspector. Councilwoman Logsdon asked about what is happening with the houses that are falling in. Police Chief Longbotham explained we are sending out letters. Councilman Lott said he likes a 5 day work week because he has citizens calling him needing the city hall open on Fridays. He said even if it is open till noon. He asked for that to be on next month's agenda.

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

Councilman Quinty said he appreciated everyone coming. Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh thanked City Manager for getting stuff picked up at the ball Park. He wants to make sure we keep our money in the fund that we are paying the trash with. We need to continue putting money in there.

Councilman Lott appreciate Mr. Losack for coming. He doesn't know what it is going to take but we need to do something.

Councilwoman Logsdon said it is disturbing to hear that every time it rains he has sewer in his yard. We need to get to the bottom of this. She felt it was a good meeting. She appreciates everyone coming. She is glad all the debris is getting picked up.

Mayor Shugart said he feels for Mr. Losack. He thanked the folks for coming

M. Adjourn Regular Meeting.

Mayor Shugart adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Roger Shugart, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheila Williams, City Secretary