

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 27, 2009 - 6:30 P.M.

HELD AT CITY HALL, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor D. G. McMannes, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tempore Bill Conner
Councilmember Merle Aaron
Councilmember Andy Curry
Councilmember Allen Lee
Councilmember Allan Steagall
City Manager Darrell Boeske
City Secretary Sue Daniel

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Mark Martin
Finance Director Dixie Kellum
Director of Public Works Barry Brock
Chief Gary Outlaw
Assistant Chief Mike Legoudes
Chief Gary Warman

VISITORS PRESENT: Levi Mason, Boy Scout
Dave Mason
Shirley Conner
Juanita Steagall
Suzanne West
Corey Turner
Kathy Parks
Arliss Bentley
Michael Joseph
Denise Clark-Zopfi
Chris Poston
Daniela Montes

Mayor McMannes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all members present.

1. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant City Manager Mark Martin gave the invocation and Boy Scout Levi Mason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MINUTES - JULY 9 AND 23, 2009

Minutes of the council meetings held July 9th and 23rd, 2009 were presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Councilmember Allen Lee moved to approve the minutes of July 9th and 23rd as printed and circulated.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement for the month of July was presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Councilmember Andy Curry moved to approve the financial statement for informational purposes.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

4. CURRENT INVOICES

Invoices were presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval of payment.

<u>Accounts Payable:</u>	
General Fund	\$ 344,373.37
W/S Operating Fund	95,552.00
Special Revenue Fund	18,919.67
C.O., Series 2005A	716,739.90
Red Light Camera Fund	<u>66,430.21</u>
Total	\$ 1,242,015.15

<u>Purchase Cards:</u>	
General Fund	\$ 90,867.68
W/S Operating Fund	20,895.70
Special Revenue Fund	4,287.53
Red Light Camera Fund	<u>6,394.99</u>
Total	\$ 122,445.90

Councilmember Lee moved to pay the invoices.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

5. REAPPOINTMENT OF NORTHEAST HOSPITAL BOARD OF AUTHORITY MEMBERS NORMAN FUNDERBURK, LARRY PEARSON, GUY SCONZO, PHD., AND BARBARA REISCHMANN, M.D.

City Manager Darrell Boeske informed the mayor and councilmembers that Norman Funderburk, Larry Pearson, Guy Sconzo and Barbara Reischmann were up for reappointment to the hospital board and recommended approval of the reappointments. Councilmember Merle Aaron moved to approve the reappointment of Northeast Hospital Board of Authority Members - agenda item #5.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

6. **OATH OF OFFICE TO REAPPOINTED MEMBERS OF NORTHEAST HOSPITAL BOARD OF AUTHORITY: NORMAN FUNDERBURK, LARRY PEARSON, GUY SCONZO, PHD., AND BARBARA REISCHMANN**

No board members were in attendance to take the oath.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 09-688 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW IN PROCEEDINGS AFFECTING THE RATES OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE CITY OF HUMBLE**

City Manager Boeske presented Resolution No. 09-688 to the mayor and councilmembers and recommended approval. He stated this resolution would allow the city to join a coalition with the City of Houston in response to CenterPoint Energy Entex's proposed rate increase and recommended approval of the resolution. Councilmember Bill Conner moved to approve Resolution No. 09-688.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 09-672 SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF REVISED RATE SCHEDULES FILED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX FOR ALL CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS; CONTAINING FINDINGS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY**

City Manager Boeske presented Ordinance No. 09-672 to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. He informed them this ordinance was also part of the reaction to CenterPoint Energy Entex's proposed rate increase. Councilmember Allan Steagall moved to approve Ordinance 09-672.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 09-678 ADJUSTING THE CITY OF HUMBLE WATER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS AND CLARIFICATION OF THE RESIDENTIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS SEWER RATE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

City Manager Boeske presented Resolution No. 09-689 to the mayor and council members and recommended approval.

RESOLUTION

NO. 09-689

A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE CITY OF HUMBLE WATER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS AND CLARIFICATION OF THE RESIDENTIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS SEWER RATE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, as the governing body of the City of Humble, Texas deems it a necessity to increase

the current water rates, the following rates shall be charged:

Section 1. Water Rates

Residential and Multi-Family Dwellings - Water

\$ 10.40 - for the first 3,000 gallons used per unit and \$ 1.70 per additional 1,000 gallons used thereafter

Residential Senior Citizens - Water

\$ 4.00 - for first 5,000 gallons used per unit and \$ 1.40 per additional 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons and \$ 1.70 per additional 1,000 gallons used thereafter

Commercial Small - Water

\$ 16.50 - for the first 3,000 gallons and \$ 2.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons used thereafter. (Examples of Customers - individual retail stores, churches without food preparation, offices and convenience stores without food preparation or restaurants, service stations without carwashes and/or food preparations, commercial irrigation)

Commercial Medium - Water

\$ 39.50 - for the first 3,000 gallons and \$ 2.60 for each additional 1,000 gallons used thereafter. (Examples of Customers - schools without food preparation, day care centers, senior living facilities without food preparation, medical/dental clinics, theaters without food preparation, hair salons, clubs or bars without food preparation, hotels and motels without food preparation, car wash businesses with recyclable water systems, retail centers without food preparation or restaurants)

Commercial Large - Water

\$ 57.50 - for the first 3,000 gallons and \$ 2.70 for each additional 1,000 gallons used thereafter. (Examples of Customers - restaurants, fast food centers, retail centers with food courts or restaurants, senior living facilities with food preparation, clubs or bars with food preparation, laundries, car wash businesses without recyclable water systems, grocery stores with meat market and/or produce section and/or food preparation, meat markets, industrial process, hotels and motels with food preparation, convenience stores with food preparation or restaurants, service stations with car washes and/or food preparation, and all other commercial establishments that require grease traps per the City of Humble plumbing ordinance)

Bulk Water Rate

\$ 55.00 - for the first 3,000 gallons used and \$ 4.50 per additional 1,000 gallons used thereafter

WHEREAS, to clarify the rate charged to residential and multi-family dwellings for sewer service, the rate will be:

Section 2. Sewer Rates

Residential and Multi-Family Dwellings - Sewer

\$ 26.00 - for the first 3,000 gallons used per unit and \$ 1.20 per additional 1,000 used thereafter based on an average of 3 months of winter bills - Dec., Jan. and Feb. New customers, with no historical usage, are billed for wastewater usage based on adopted average Standard Sanitary Wastewater Usage for residential customers during the months of Dec., Jan. and Feb. - currently 6,000 gallons

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Humble, Texas that the aforementioned adjusted water and sewer rates shall be charged and shall be effective as of October 1, 2009.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of August, 2009.

He stated the increase in water rates were necessary due to the mandates the city has to comply with on obtaining surface water. Councilmember Curry moved to approve Resolution No. 09-689 to increase water rates.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

10. PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FROM 1993 G. O. BOND FUNDS FOR CIVIC CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

City Manager Boeske presented a proposal from the Civic Center to expend surplus funds from the 1993 G.O. Bond account to make repairs and modifications to the building. The proposal would include the purchase and installation of new carpet in the ballroom and in the special events room; the purchase of new chairs for the center; the purchase of new sidewalk lighting; the purchase of an electronic sign insert for the Marquis; the recovering of the air walls; the replacement of damaged gutter down spouts; and the replacement of the stove and oven in the kitchen at a cost of approximately \$ 183,000.00. Councilmember Lee moved to approve agenda item #10.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

11. RESOLUTION 09-690 AMENDING CITY OF HUMBLE PERSONNEL POLICIES, SECTION 6 ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE POLICY, SUBSECTION 6.02 HOLIDAYS AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Manager Boeske presented Resolution No. 09-689 and recommended approval. He stated this resolution was necessary due to legislation passed in the 81st Session of the Texas Legislature dealing with designating a 9-11 holiday for firefighters. The resolution would designate the firefighters 9-11 holiday as their floating holiday. Councilmember Steagall moved to approve Resolution No. 09-690.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

12. AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE PARTIAL PARCEL OF LAND (TRACT 17 U/R/RP BOWER SECTION 1 ABSTRACT 484 J B JONES) FROM FIROOZ POSHTKOOHI FOR \$7,500.00 FOR BOWER ROAD PROJECT

City Manager Boeske asked the mayor and councilmembers to agree to purchase a partial parcel of land on Bower Road from Firooz Poshtkoohi for \$ 7,500.00 for the Bower Road Project. The purchase of the parcel would allow improvements to be made to the drainage ditch for storm water. Councilmember Steagall moved to purchase the Bower Road parcel of land.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

13. CORRESPONDENCE: TML LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mayor McMannes stated the correspondence was for information only.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transpire, Mayor McMannes moved the meeting be adjourned. Meeting Adjourned. 6:43 p.m.

D. G. McMannes
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Daniel, City Secretary