

REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016 – 5:00 P.M.  
KENNETH T. NUNN COUNCIL ROOM – CITY HALL

A Regular Called Meeting of the City Commission was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 5:00 P.M. in the Kenneth T. Nunn Council Room in City Hall, Texas City, Texas. A quorum having been met, the meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Mayor Matthew T. Doyle.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Matthew T. Doyle, Mayor  
Mike Land, Mayor Pro Tem  
Dee Ann Haney, Commissioner At Large  
Phil Roberts, Commissioner District 2  
Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Commissioner District 3  
Jami Clark, Commissioner District 4

Absent: Thelma Bowie, Commissioner District 1

2. INVOCATION was lead by Dr. Robert Miller.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was lead by Mayor Doyle.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Service Awards

John Glover	Parks & Recreation	01/24/2011	05 years
Raymond Mason	Public Works	01/24/2011	05 years
Ray Batts	Sanitation	01/30/2006	10 years
John Stevenson	Fire	01/09/2006	10 years
Edwin Newton	Fire	01/05/2006	10 years
Linda Turner	Parks & Recreation	01/15/2001	15 years

5. REPORTS

a. Financial Quarterly Report & Investment Report through 12/31/15 (Finance)

Laura Boyd, Finance Director, told the Commission that interest received from the last quarter was \$16,948.00. The benchmark Rate of Return for the City's portfolio was 0.62 and the Weighted Average Maturity of Portfolio was 428.91 days.

b. Annual Golf Report (Golf Course)

Larry Boyle, Golf Course Director, provided a review of the Golf Course activities for the last year. He noted there was historic amounts of rain that resulted in lower rounds of golf. He also noted that there was a major renovation of the Golf Course which closed it for a period of time.

Commissioner Haney asked if the Pitch and Putt was open and how it was doing. Mr. Boyle told her that it was open and was popular with both the public and high school golf team.

- c. New Frisbee Golf Course Presentation. (Management Services)

Justin Martinez, Communications Intern, played a short video of the Disc Golf Course located in Texas City.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve City Commission Minutes for January 6, 2016 meeting. (City Secretary)
- b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 16-004, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Election Services Contract between the County of Galveston and the City of Texas City. (City Secretary)

Commission approved the contract for Election Services.

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 16-005, calling a General Election to be held in Texas City and designating polling locations. (City Secretary)

Commission approved the calling of a General Election for Texas City.

- d. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 16-006, approving and awarding an annual contract for Water and Sewer System Repairs. (Public Works)

Contract awarded to D. Wagner Construction, in Santa Fe Texas, for the unit prices bid.

- e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 16-007, supporting re-establishment of Galveston - Houston Bus Service. (City Engineer)

The Mayor requested this item be pulled from the Consent agenda for further discussion.

John Carra, The Goodman Corporation, explained to the Commission there was a five mile gap between Galveston and the Bay Area Park and Ride. There is a InterCity Bus Fund Grant through TxDot to fund the 5 miles of bus service. Matching grants from the City of Galveston, Galveston County and the City of Texas City in the amount of \$40,000.00 over two years (\$20,000.00 per year) would pay for the route.

Commissioner Johnson asked if any other City had been approached to participate. He was informed that League City and Dickinson had been asked but declined.

Motion by Commissioner At Large Dee Ann Haney, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Land to approve Consent Agenda items A, B,C, and D.

**Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED**

7. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Consider approval of third and final reading of Ordinance No. 15-42, adopting the 2015 International Code Council "family of codes" and the 2014 National Electrical Code as the City's Building Codes. (City Engineer)

Doug Kneupper, City Engineer, told the Commission this is need to bring the building codes up to date.

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner At Large Dee Ann Haney to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 15-42.

**Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED**

- b. Consider approval of third and final reading of Ordinance No 15-43, adopting the 2015 International Fire Code as the Fire Code of the City of Texas City. (Fire Department)

David Zacherl, Fire Chief, stated this is needed to bring the fire code up to date.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Land, Seconded by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 15-43.

**Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED**

- c. Consider and take action on the second reading of Ordinance No. 16-01, amending Code of Ordinances, Chapter 112, Automobile Wreckers. (Police Department)

Corporal Rhone, Police Department, presented to the Commission a review of the proposed Wrecker Ordinance.

Mayor Doyle asked if a wrecker company had a wrecker that was disabled could they add another wrecker. Corporal Rhone stated that they could do so.

Commissioner Roberts asked if the complaint system for the wrecker companies was working. Corporal Rhone stated that it was working and that there were not a lot of complaints.

Angle Hagemeyer, Attorney representing Marty's Towing, stated that Marty's Towing was not happy that no one from the Police Department reached out to inform the local wrecker companies about the changes. She also had some problems in the wording of the ordinance that had some ambiguities like the fees.

Darrell Beene, citizen, stated that he was not happy that no one was notified or asked for input on the wrecker ordinance.

Commissioner Haney responded by stating that she sent out the most current copies.

Motion by Commissioner District 3 Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Seconded by Commissioner At Large Dee Ann Haney to approve second reading of Ordinance 16-01.

**Vote: 5 - 1 CARRIED**

- d. Consider and take action on the second reading of Ordinance No. 16-02, amending Code of Ordinances, Chapter 130, Article 10, Sex Offenders. (Police Department)

Robert Burby, Police Chief, advised the Commission that this change will address some residency issues. Specifically, it will address sex offenders who lived with a relative but did not establish their own residency. The Mayor added this would prevent someone from moving back and claiming they are "grandfathered".

Motion by Commissioner At Large Dee Ann Haney, Seconded by Commissioner District 3 Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr. to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 16-02.

**Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED**

8. STAFF COMMENTS
9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS
10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Roberts encourage everyone to attend the Mainland Mardi Parade on January 23, 2016.

Commissioner Dedrick Johnson announced that he will not be running for re-election.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Commissioner Haney made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 6:40 p.m.; the motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Clark. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

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MIKE LAND, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

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Nicholas J. Finan, City Secretary  
Date Approved: