

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF BRAZORIA**

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The City of Brazoria convened in Workshop & Special Meeting January 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. with the following to-witt:

BobbyJo Newell	Mayor
Marcus Rabren	Councilman Position #1
Gail Logsdon	Councilwoman Position #2
Gary Kersh	Mayor Pro-Tem
Roger Shugart	Councilman Position #4
Irv Eddy	Councilman Position #5

City Personnel Present:

Teresa Borders	City Manager
Sheila Williams	City Secretary
Neal Longbotham	Police Chief
David Jordan	Public Works Director

Other Present:

Edith Ray	Citizen
Tim Fox	Citizen
Sharon Fox	Citizen
Kirby Jordan	Citizen
Bill Lott	Citizen

**A. CALL TO ORDER WORKSHOP.**

Mayor BobbyJo Newell called the Workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO AMERICAN AND STATE FLAG.**

Mayor Newell gave the invocation and led the pledge to the American and State Flag.

**C. HEAR AND DISCUSS THE QUARTERLY UPDATE ON 2016/17 BUDGET.**

City Manager Teresa Borders gave the Mayor and council a breakdown of the departments and where they stand in the budget. The water department is in the red by \$40,000 because of the roof not getting finished until this budget year. She explained the sales tax from last year is down about \$60,000. Teresa Borders explained on the budget the longevity pay was miscalculated, dispatch in Police Dept. is up on overtime pay due to not having a part time dispatcher. Teresa wants to look into seeing if it would be feasible to hire a full time dispatch to offset the overtime. The uniform expense is up and investigation is up because of getting everything needed for Detective Moore when Detective Green left. Police Dept. also had problems with their generator and had to change out the modulator and circuit board.

Teresa explained the training has gone up for court personnel and transmission on Animal Control truck went out. The budget will be amended in February due to the sewer cave in with the \$100,000 being moved from the emergency fund. The TNRRCC fees were higher than expected. Mayor Newell asked about the \$200,000 being moved along with another \$100,000 from emergency fund. Gary Kersh asked to have clarified at February meeting where extra money went after loan was paid in full. Teresa Borders explained the auditor found that the

money we were paying into the emergency fund was being paid on what billed and not collected. Teresa explained that money will be less since we are changing the way we do this. Councilman Gary Kersh wants to look into raising the over 65 exemption on property tax to give a little relief to our senior citizens since the gas rates went up. Teresa Borders said she was meeting with Garbage Company because our contract will be coming up for renewal. David Jordan said he would like to see them go back rear load truck from rapid rail. These trucks are tearing up the road because they have to go back and forth on the street. Bill Lott asked if the city had an ordinance on single axle trucks. David Jordan said no.

**D. ADJOURN WORKSHOP AND CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING.**

Mayor Newell adjourned workshop and called to order special meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**E. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #17-001 TO CALL THE MAY 6, 2017 GENERAL ELECTION WITH THE COUNTY CONDUCTING THE ELECTION.**

Motion was made by Gail Logsdon to approve Ordinance #17-001 to call the May 6, 2017 General Election with the county conducting the election. A second was made by Roger Shugart. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT WITH BRAZORIA COUNTY FOR ELECTION SERVICES.**

Motion was made by Gary Kersh to approve joint election agreement and contract with Brazoria County for election services. A second was made by Gail Logsdon. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING.**

Mayor Newell adjourned Special Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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BobbyJo Newell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheila Williams, City Secretary