

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF BRAZORIA**

**CITY OF BRAZORIA**

**The City of Brazoria convened in a Regular Meeting on May 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. with the following to-witt:**

BobbyJo Newell	Mayor
Marcus Rabren	Council Position #1
Gail Logsdon	Council Position #2
Gary Kersh	Mayor Pro-Tem
Irv Eddy	Council Position #5

City Personnel:	
Teresa Borders	City Manager
Sheila Williams	City Secretary
David Jordan	Public Works Director
R.C. Stevenson	City Attorney
Duane Stahl	Fire Chief
Neal Longbotham	Police Chief

**A. CALL TO ORDER.**

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

**B. INVOCATION TO BE GIVEN BY PASTOR JAMIE HILL OF VICTORY FELLOWSHIP & COWBOY CHURCH AND THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAGS BY ALL.**

Invocation was given by Pastor Jamie Hill of Victory Fellowship and Cowboy Church and the pledge to the American & Texas flags was led by Mayor Newell.

**C. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS; REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 11, 2017.**

Motion was made by Gail Logsdon to approve the minutes of the following meetings; Regular Meeting, April 11, 2017. A second was made by Gary Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE GARBAGE CONTRACT WITH WASTE CONNECTIONS.**

Motion was made by Gary Kersh to approve garbage contract with Waste Connections. A second was made by Irv Eddy. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION.**

Citizens Communication was moved by Mayor. No comments.

**F. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #17-003 APPROVING 20 MPH SPEED ZONE ON MARION STREET.**

Motion was made by Gary Kersh to adopt Ordinance #17-003 approving 20 MPH speed zone on Marion Street. A second was made by Gail Logsdon. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-003**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRAZORIA, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING 20 MPH SPEED ZONES ON MARION STREET IN THE CITY OF BRAZORIA AND AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS TO INDICATE THE SPEED ZONES; PROVIDING THAT SUCH SIGNS BE INDICATED UPON THE OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGN INVENTORY OF THE CITY OF BRAZORIA, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING THAT ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION VIOLATING SUCH SIGNS SO ESTABLISHED SHALL BE PUNISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRAZORIA, TEXAS.**

**G. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #17-004 APPROVING A “NO THROUGH TRUCKS ROUTE” ON MARION STREET.**

Motion was made by Gail Logsdon to adopt Ordinance #17-004 approving a “No Through Trucks Route” on Marion Street. A second was made by Irv Eddy. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-004**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRAZORIA, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A NO THROUGH TRUCK ROUTE ON MARION STREET IN THE CITY OF BRAZORIA AND AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF NO THROUGH TRUCK SIGNS; PROVIDING THAT SUCH SIGNS BE INDICATED UPON THE OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGN INVENTORY OF THE CITY OF BRAZORIA, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING THAT ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION VIOLATING SUCH SIGNS SO ESTABLISHED SHALL BE PUNISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRAZORIA, TEXAS.**

**H. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE TEXAS ENERGY ENGINEERING SERVICES INC. FOR FREE ENGINEERING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES.**

Motion was made by Gail Logsdon to not approve Texas Energy Engineering Services Inc. for free engineering technical assistance services. A second was made by Gary Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

**I. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #17-005 AMENDING THE 2016/2017 BUDGET.**

Teresa Borders explained why we amended this budget to add the tractor, Magnolia Gardens sewer project, the school the Chief of Police Neal Longbotham attended and the school Emergency Management Coordinator David Jordan and Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator Rodney Newell will be attending, sewer loan, the purchase of gas meters, motor vehicle repair & increase in insurance for auto in street department. Gary Kersh asked why we are changing Emergency Management Coordinator and spending money to send to school when we had one that was qualified. Gail Logsdon asked why she didn't get notified of the change. Mayor Newell said when she was elected she was told it was her decision and she did not change until a couple months ago. Mayor Newell explained that Marcus Rabren is going out. Gary Kersh said he doesn't have to be on council for Emergency Management Coordinator. Irv Eddy said we have been talking about transparency and he never received a phone call or e-mail about this decision. He felt he got left out. Gary Kersh said he felt like David Jordan being Public Works Director had enough to do with that job. Mayor Newell said that is the only decision that she has made all year. Mayor Newell said there was a quorum present so why did we table the trash rates last month. Motion was made by Gary Kersh to approve Ordinance #17-005 amending the 2016/2017 budget. A second was made by Gail Logsdon. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE #17-005**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRAZORIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2016/17 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, AND REGULATING THE PAYMENT OF MONEY OUT OF THE CITY TREASURY.**

**J. CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT.**

1. COURT DEPARTMENT – Report in packet.
2. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Longbotham explained report in packet. Gail Logsdon said she noticed they are keeping them slow around school. Gary Kersh & Mayor Newell said they are seeing more people run stop signs in Garden Acres and by Subway.
3. PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT – David Jordan explained report in packet. Restrooms in Legion Hall are complete except for a couple handrails and mirrors. Demo complete on another structure, City wide cleanup was not as slow as thought. There were about 70 tires brought in and other things he was surprised at. After 3 months of accepting applications they have 1 gentleman they are meeting with tomorrow to negotiate salary. Public Works will be at full staff if he starts work. He has some training on code enforcement but not any on animal control. Gail Logsdon asked if there has been any complaints about the gas and billing. David Jordan said not that he knows of.
4. Fire Department – report in packet. Fire Chief Duane Stahl asked if anyone had questions on the report. Gail Logsdon said she liked the report and it was very pretty.

**K. CITY MANAGERS REPORT.**

Teresa Borders explained she enclosed a letter on FEMA for Brazos River Flooding reimbursement, Information on the meeting with Cheryl Evans about the 15.78% increase next year, sales tax sheet and project update from Brazosport Water Authority. The San Bernard River has a 45 day comment period for projects they have proposed.

**L. REPORTS FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY ATTORNEY.**

Gary Kersh thanked everyone for coming. It's a new election and he is looking forward to working together even with ones that didn't support him. He would like to see everyone move forward and work as a team. Marcus Rabren appreciates support he has had over these 17 years. Gail Logsdon piggy backed what Gary Kersh said and she wished Marcus Rabren back his Tuesday night.

**M. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING.**

Mayor Newell adjourned regular meeting at 6:54 p.m.

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BobbyJo Newell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheila Williams, City Secretary