

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF BRAZORIA

The City of Brazoria convened in a Regular Council Meeting on August 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following to-witt:

Philip Ray	Mayor
Bill Lott	Councilman Position #1
Gary Kersh	Mayor Pro-Tem
Tina Watts	Councilwoman Position #4
Susan Parker	Councilwoman Position #5

City Personnel Present:

Sheila Williams	City Manager
Clissa Mills	City Secretary
John Trevino	Public Works Superintendent
R. C. Stevenson	City Attorney
Neal Longbotham	Chief of Police
Bill James	Municipal Court Judge
David Kocurek	Project Manager
Jason Ellison	Building Inspector
Jacob Vick	Animal Control
Duane Stahl	Fire Chief
Marcus Rabren	Emergency Management

Others Present:

Jesse Knight	BWA
Kent Holle	The Facts
Frank Quinty Jr.	Citizen
Amber Ornelas	Citizen
Mary Henneberg	Citizen
Tim Jordan	Citizen
Roschelle Hicks	Business Owner
Dwight Stahl	Citizen
Janice Stahl	Citizen
H.K, Jordan	Citizen
Daniel Keen	Citizen
Darrell Johnson	Citizen
Cheryl Dent	Citizen
Steve Steigerwald	St. Joseph Catholic Church, Brazoria

- A. Call to order Regular Meeting.
Mayor Ray called the meeting to order at 6 pm.
- B. Invocation to be given by Steve Steigerwald with St. Joseph Catholic Church, Brazoria and the pledge to the American and Texas flags by all.

Invocation was given by Steve Steigerwald with St. Joseph Catholic Church, Brazoria and the pledges were led by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh.

- C. Consideration/Action to approve the minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1. Regular Meeting, July 12, 2022
 - 2. Budget Workshop August 2, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem Kersh motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 12, 2022, and Budget Workshop on August 2, 2022. A second was made by Councilman Lott. Motion carried unanimously

- D. Citizens Communication.

There was no citizen communication.

- E. Mayor Ray to present a Life Saving Award for outstanding performance and successful effort in saving a human life which involved exceptional courage and performance.

Mayor Ray presented the award to Chief of Police, Neal Longbotham.

- F. Consideration/Action to approve a variance to temporarily park an RV at 106 W. Marion Street, Brazoria.

Mayor Pro Tem Kersh motioned to approve a variance to temporarily park an RV at 106 W. Marion Street, Brazoria for 90 days. A second was made by Councilman Lott. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Consideration/Action to approve a payment in the amount of \$79,619.21 to ISJ Underground Utilities, LLC for the 2021 CDBG Force Main Extension Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Kersh motioned to approve a payment in the amount of \$79,619.21 to ISJ Underground. A second was made by Councilwoman Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

- H. Consideration/Action to approve a payment in the amount of \$195,300.00 to CFG Industries, LLC for the EST Rehab Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Kersh motioned to approve a payment in the amount of \$195,300.00 to CFG Industries. A second was made by Councilman Lott. Motion carried unanimously.

- I. Consideration/Action to appoint Jesse Knight to serve as a representative for the Brazosport Water Authority for a two (2) year term (9/2022-9/2024).

Councilwoman Parker motioned to appoint Jesse Knight to serve as a representative for the Brazosport Water Authority. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

- J. Consideration/Action to approve a letter from Mayor Ray to the residents about their gas bill increase during Winter Storm Uri.

Mayor Pro Tem Kersh motioned to approve a letter from Mayor Ray to the residents about their gas bill. A second was made by Councilwoman Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

- K. Consideration/Action to appoint a representative to the Library Board.

Councilwoman Watts motioned to appoint Roschelle Hicks as a representative to the Library Board. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

- L. Consideration/Action to rescind Resolution #22-009.

Councilwoman Watts motioned to rescind Resolution #22-009. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

- M. Consideration/Action to adopt Resolution #22-010 committing the city to provide local matching funds to secure and complete the FEMA mitigation grant.

Councilwoman Parker motioned to adopt Resolution #22-010. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

- N. Consideration/Action to adopt Ordinance 22-007, amending the animal control ordinance regarding fowl.

Mayor Pro Tem Kersh motioned to table this item. A second was made by Councilwoman Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

- O. Consideration/Action to adopt Ordinance 22-008, amending the mobile home ordinance regarding special use permit provisions.

Councilwoman Parker motioned to table this item. A second was made by Councilwoman Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

- P. Consideration/Action to create a new category to permit fees for residential new construction titled "Accessory Buildings" (garages, sheds, barns, etc.) at 15 cents per square foot.

Councilman Lott motioned to create a new category in permit fees as stated. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

- Q. Consideration/Action to discuss the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget and announce the public hearing date on August 23, 2022 at 6pm.

City Manager Williams said the proposed budget will be posted on the city's website and copies will be available for the public at City Hall. She reviewed the proposed budget by each department and announced the date of a public hearing to discuss the proposed budget will be August 23, 2022 at 6pm at City Hall.

- R. Consideration/Action to approve an interlocal agreement with Brazoria County for street maintenance.

Councilwoman Watts motioned to approve the interlocal agreement as stated. A second was made by Councilwoman Parker. Mayor Pro Tem Kersh abstained from voting. Motion carried.

- S. Consideration/Action to adopt Resolution 22-011 amending the City of Brazoria Investment Policy.

Mayor Pro Tem Kersh motioned to adopt Resolution 22-011. A second was made by Councilwoman Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

T. Review of bills paid in July 2022.

There were no questions or comments.

U. City Department Heads Report.

1. Court Department – Judge James reported that court has been busy even though tickets and revenue are down. There is a jury trial tomorrow and everyone is welcome to observe the trial. He also said that he thinks speeding in town is getting out of control.
2. Police Department – Chief Longbotham summarized his report to council. He also said that citations have been lower because we have had an increase in theft and burglaries lately.
3. Public Service Department – Public Works Director Trevino reviewed his monthly report and also said that our meters need to be reprogrammed. He also said that it might be a good idea to post the water test results on our website monthly just to let citizens know the water is safe to drink.
4. Fire Department – Duane Stahl reminded everyone that this weekend is the Fire Department's 75th anniversary celebration and invited everyone to join.
5. BWA Report - None
6. Brazoria Library - None
7. Project Manager – Project Manager Kocurek updated Council on the status of all projects.
8. Building Inspector – Inspector Ellison reviewed his report of permits, inspections, and code enforcement. He also included a list of his job functions.

V. City Managers Report.

City Manager Williams said that Mayor Ray, Public Works Director Trevino, and herself had a meeting with the Surety Attorneys and Strand for Trunk Line. The Surety chose Matula and Matula to finish the work already started. We still need a police officer and dispatcher, the Chief has some prospects. CyberSecurity training needs to be completed by next week. Streets have been completed and the county did a good job. Renee Bennlee with TXDOT will be speaking on the 332 bridge at the September meeting. Austin Colony Subdivision meeting went well, they still want to develop the front with 60 homes and do the PID/TIRZ. NIMS training needs to be completed. Mayor Ray and City Manager Williams met with Ashley from the Chamber. They are starting back up quarterly lunches, the city being involved with the parade. We need to have a traffic count to show new businesses that we have high traffic in our city. Teacher convocations is August 12, 2022 in the gym at 10:30. Council is asked to participate if they can. Sales Tax Revenues and C/O report are included in packets.

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

Mayor – We need to discuss interest rates for TXPool. He appreciates everyone's hard work.

Councilwoman Parker – It was a good meeting and she appreciates everyone for coming.

Councilwoman Watts – She agreed that we have a good crowd.

Mayor Pro Tem Kersh – Reminded everyone about the Lion's Club gun raffle tickets and thank them for coming

Councilman Lott – Appreciates everyone for coming

City Attorney Stevenson – Received the lab report for the oil and sent a letter to Gulf Coast, he will have another update next month.

X. Adjourn Regular Meeting

Mayor Ray motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.



Philip Ray, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clissa Mills, City Secretary