

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF BRAZORIA

The City of Brazoria convened in a Regular Meeting on October 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. with the following to-witt:

BobbyJo Newell	Mayor
Stephanie Cribbs	Council Position #1
Gail Logsdon	Council Position #2
Gary Kersh	Mayor Pro-Tem
Roger Shugart	Council Position #4
Susan Swanner Parker	Council Position #5

City Personnel:	
Teresa Borders	City Manager
Sheila Williams	City Secretary
David Jordan	Public Works Director
R.C. Stevenson	City Attorney
Neal Longbotham	Police Chief
Duane Stahl	Fire Chief
Bill James	City Judge
Derrell Travis	Wastewater Treatment Operator

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 MELVIN JOHNSON OF HEART OF CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH AND THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAGS BY ALL.

Due to Pastor Johnson not being in attendance invocation was given by Irv Eddy 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 & BUDGET WORKSHOP, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017, SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Logsdon to approve the minutes of the following meetings; Regular Meeting & Budget Workshop, September 12, 2017, Special Meeting, September 19, 2017. A second was made by Councilman Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

D. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION.

Maria Yracheta of 305 E. Marion explained a utility pole is on 200 block of Highway 36. It is unsightly and looks stored. She contacted Texas New Mexico Power Company and they said it was not theirs. She is planning on contacting the Brazoria Telephone Company to see if it is theirs. For information only she explained the County and State does not allow anything to be placed on their right-of-way.

John Corder of 313 CR 912 explained topic 1 is about state public escape law. The EXIT sign above exit door is non-existing, manual personnel door Breaker Bar handle to exit non-existing, exiting egress space outside of building non-existing, vehicle parking. Item 2 is for your personal safety and increase the capacity seating of by for the people.

E. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO PRESENT PROCLAMATION TO ALPHA DELTA KAPPA PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2017 AS ALPHS DELTA KAPPA MONTH.

Mayor Newell read the proclamation proclaiming October as Alpha Delta Kappa month.

F. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE CURTIS T. CRAIG CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT TO PREPARE FINANCIAL AUDIT.

Councilwoman Cribbs asked if we had to go out for bids. City Attorney Stevenson explained that we did not have to. Motion was made by Councilman Shugart to approve Curtis T. Craig as certified Public Accountant to prepare financial audit. A second was made by Councilman Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

G. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO HEAR PRESENTATION FROM JOHN CORDER ON CITIZENSHIP WITH A PLAQUE.

John Corder read a speech about Making Brazoria Being the City of Your Choice. He presented to Mayor Newell a plaque that read I Believe that a man should be proud of the city in which he lives, and that he should so live that his city will be proud that he lives in it. Abraham Lincoln

H. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO HEAR FROM IRV EDDY ON AVENUE I DITCH AND OUTFALL.

Mr. Eddy explained he is concerned about the Ave I outfall ditch. The Brazos water didn't get in his house. The grass needs to be mowed around the culverts. He called them grass then weeds and now trees. He showed a picture of the grass growing around the culverts. Where Magnolia Gardens mowed the water will be coming from and fast. It looks like they have a water leak since water is standing at Ave H and Lazy Lane. You can tell where the water is going down since they have worked on the fire hydrant. The city purchased a lawn mower where you can back up and mow. You can only mow so much without bogging down. That is where those culverts are. Coming down Lazy Lane you can't hardly see the culverts. Going south the tractor will get stuck if you can't see the ground. There is ruts all around in the ditch. He said he walked the Ave I

ditch and saw that part of it was mowed. Job well done on mowed area. He would just like to see that area overseen before getting the culverts in and rains. Councilman Shugart asked if they still have a partial metal fence where they used to have cattle. Mr. Eddy said they have hog wire and two PVC pipes with worm clamps. Councilman Kersh said after meeting with him yesterday he talked to Public Works Supervisor Jordan and agreed he would spray that tall grass. That way he can see if they still have a leak. Mayor Newell asked if it needed mowing all the way down the ditch. He said just where those culverts are is where it needs mowed. Councilman Kersh said since the Fire Hydrant was leaking it holds water under the box culverts. City Manager Borders said they found some small leaks today and are working on them. Public Works Director said they have to reconfigure the intersection itself with piping and hydrant. The way the fittings are you can't get parts for them anymore.

I. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE RE-PLAT FOR DELORES MCMAHON OF LOTS 2, 3 & 4 IN BLOCK 58 OF BRAZORIA LAND & TOWNSITE.

Motion was made by Councilman Kersh to approve re-plat for Delores McMahan of lots 2, 3 & 4 in block 58 of Brazoria Land & Townsite. A second was made by Councilwoman Cribbs. Motion carried unanimously.

J. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE MOBILE HOME PERMIT FOR ETHEL TURNER AT 113 AVE H.

Councilman Kersh asked David Jordan where this was. David Jordan told him it was in acreage adjacent to Garden Acres. Ethel Turner said her grandson wants to put trailer there so when they need help he is right there. Councilman Kersh asked if they will have their own utilities and tap or tie into the same one. David Jordan said they will have their own. The only signature missing is the RV Park that did not accept the letter when mailed. Mrs. Turner asked how long she had till need to be done. Councilman Kersh said if one of the land owners changed then there may be a problem. He asked her also how much time needed. She said 6 months to a year maybe. City Attorney Stevenson said if they take action tonight it is approved. Councilman Kersh said it looks like she has met all the requirements of the city. Motion was made by Councilman Kersh to approve mobile home permit for Ethel Turner at 113 Ave H. A second was made by Councilwoman Logsdon. Motion carried unanimously.

K. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #17-013 SUPPORTING LIMITS ON SEX OFFENDERS.

Mayor Newell read the first paragraph of Ordinance #17-013. Police Chief Longbotham wanted council to know we have 6 registered sex offenders in the city that are child molesters. Councilwoman Parker asked if we have a way of checking to know where they are. Chief Longbotham explained yes they have to check in with the Police Dept. City Attorney Stevenson said that something new the legislation added is now they can ask the council for a discretionary exemption to the ordinance. Motion was made by Councilman Kersh to adopt Ordinance #17-013

supporting limits on sex offenders. A second was made by Councilwoman Logsdon. Motion carried unanimously.

L. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE H-GAC 2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Logsdon to appoint Susan Parker as Representative and Roger Shugart as alternate to the H-GAC 2018 General Assembly. A second was made by Councilman Kersh. Motion carried unanimously.

M. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO HEAR FROM EACH DEPARTMENT ABOUT LESSONS LEARNED DURING HURRICANE HARVEY.

Police Chief Longbotham presented council with a report on what the Police Dept. learned.

1. Communications between county and city EOC and PD dispatch
2. Food for Police Dept. employees (long term)
3. Fuel for Police Dept. cars (long term)
4. Vehicle break downs (4 out of 6 vehicles had problems)

Councilwoman Cribbs said MRE's would be a good option. Her office starts collecting early for Hurricane season. Fire Chief Stahl said Fire Dept. did very well. They had multiple rescues. He suggests better ICS. It was harder communication wise. Military truck was an asset. County Roads 510, 244 & 314 were very bad. We went down Carlton Lake Road & County Road 400 and knocked on every door to evacuate. Councilman Kersh said there were about 1,300 homes last year flooded and 10,000 homes this year. We are going to have 250,000 cubic yards of trash. He said the trash hauling is a bigger deal than the flooding. People aren't patient. Councilwoman Parker asked about having a fuel truck hauled in. City Manager explained we used to get the gas from the school and we paid them back. Councilwoman Cribbs asked about the sewer plant. Public Works Director Jordan said it was 100% operational. We are getting our first set of testing back.

N. CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT.

1. COURT DEPT. – Judge James explained report in packet. Lions Club gave \$10,000 to flood victims by handing out \$100 gift cards to people who needed them.
2. POLICE DEPT. – Chief Longbotham explained report in packet. He also explained we had an accident at Walnut & Marion. Councilwoman Cribbs said there are lots of accidents at that intersection. She wanted to know if Chief Longbotham had any suggestions of what can be done. She said it is always a t-bone. He said he would have to look and see how many accidents are happening there. Officer Adank backed into a tree on Washington Street. We had 1 burglary after storm at RV Resort. \$50,000 in guns were stolen after he left trailer unlocked. The lightning strike knocked out the UHF system, computers, channel 2. It was around \$40,000 to \$50,000 that is reported to insurance.
3. PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. – Public Works Director Jordan explained report in packet. Water leaks are increasing. Lots of ground movement is the problem. Larger and smaller leaks are

what we are finding. Smaller leaks are harder to find. Gas leaks have increased due to metal piping. Mayor Newell asked if we had passed our water usage for the year. David Jordan said yes and it is around \$14,000. He explained if we go over it is added to our contract bill. If we go under it doesn't matter because we have to pay our contracted amount. Most of that is attributed to the many leaks we have had this year. Utility connects and disconnects are up due to storm with people moving. We are back into Jones Creek with ACO. We have a new program that a couple women are working with us for a rescue group. We have 5 animals being shipped out this week and SPCA shipped out 368 animals from their shelter.

Councilwoman Cribbs asked if there is a place on report that shows how many calls are for an accident. We don't dispatch to accidents. I and Derrell Travis will go to accidents or fires during the day if any of the volunteer fire dept. is not available. She was just wanting to know how much time that takes away from your actual duties if it is a lot. He said not really.

4. FIRE DEPT. – Chief Stahl thanked Bill & Sheila James for hosting National Night Out.

O. CITY MANAGERS REPORT.

City Manager Teresa Borders explained the speakers were in but waiting on the microphones stands yet. She feels the EOC should have been in council room. WE have to pay 10% on storm debri removal. We need to talk to EMS since they didn't give a warning they were evacuating. The total cost so far for storm is \$102,569.00 with \$92,000.00 being payroll. FEMA will cover donated services now.

P. REPORTS FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY ATTORNEY.

Mayor Newell explained there are no budget stuff. City Secretary Sheila Williams took from a template and accidently left this budget info on when should have been removed.

Councilman Kersh asked everyone to be patient with removing the storm debris.

Councilwoman Logsdon thanked everyone for coming.

Q. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Newell adjourned regular meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Kersh

ATTEST:

Sheila Williams, City Secretary