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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2023
6:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Sharon Bower called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following Council Members were present:

Mayor Sharon Bower
Mayor Pro Tem Gil Madrey
Alderman Lorraine Jones
Alderman Russell Rupertus
Alderman David Welch

The following Council Members were absent:

Alderman Sherwood Green

The following staff were present:

Director of Operations – Robert Quintero
Finance Clerk – Ester Abrego
Water Clerk – Tina Sifuentes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: No special presentations

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING:

Robert Quintero, Director of Operations stated that a Public Hearing was held prior to the current meeting. Two items were on the agenda for replats. Items were not spoken for or against.

Item 1: Abstract 121 of the Hall and Jones Survey, Lot 8, and Lot 9 of Jamaica Beach Section 19, also known as 16544 Anchor Way. All statutory requirements have been met and there was a unanimous vote by the Planning and Zoning Committee to approve.

Motion made by Alderman Jones to **approve**, seconded by Alderman Welch

VOTE

4 AYES (Jones, Madrey, Rupertus, Welch)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Item 2: Abstract 121 of the Hall and Jones Survey, Lot 15, and Lot 16 of Jamaica Beach Section 25, also known as 4400 Bob Smith. All statutory requirements have been met and there was a unanimous vote by the Planning and Zoning Committee to approve.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem to **approve**, seconded by Alderman Welch

VOTE

4 AYES (Jones, Madrey, Rupertus, Welch)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Wendt who resides at 16531 Mansfield was following up on the status of the audit. Mayor Bower provided the following timeline, per Katherine Maxell, CPA
2019-2020 audit – scheduled to be completed by September 15, 2023, estimated cost \$30,000.
2021-2022 audit – committed to submit by December 2023, completed by March 2024
2022-2023 audit – committed to be complete by June 1, 2024
2023-2024 audit – committed to be complete on time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MAYOR BOWER stated that the JBIC will have a meeting at City Hall on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 9:00 am, and the annual JBIC meeting on Saturday, July 15, 2023. The Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual fundraiser on Saturday, July 1, 2023, at 6:00 pm. There will be a new event at the pool, Burgers at the Pool, on Saturday, June 24, 2023, for \$10.

CONSENT AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MAYOR BOWER postponed the approval of the April 17, 2023, minutes, due to errors, and will present them at the following Council Meeting. The June 8, 2023, meeting minutes were presented for approval.

*Motion to **approve** minutes by Mayor Pro Tem Madray, seconded by Alderman Welch*

VOTE

3 AYES (Jones, Madrey, Welch)

0 NAYS

1 ABSTAIN (Rupertus)

MOTION PASSED

ALDERMAN REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Madray: No Report

Alderman Green: Absent

Alderwoman Jones: attended the joint City of Jamaica Beach and WGIPOA meeting, which is available on YouTube, and spoke with State Rep. Terri Leo-Wilson and Mayes Middleton, who wants Jamaica Beach to know they care about you.

Alderman Rupertus: No Report

Alderman Welch: No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Bower revisited the previously tabled discussion of Bayside lift station #7. Mayor Bower met with Branch Construction and Mercer Engineering, but the opportunity for cost reduction was not available. Alderman Rupertus expressed concerns about the date of the proposal and Mayor Bower stated the Branch Construction confirmed that they received confirmation from their vendors that the pricing was still valid. Alderman Rupertus stated that the proposal is for \$125,436, but the city only budgeted \$115,000, and questioned whether the council could vote on something not budgeted and where would the remaining \$10,000 be deducted from. Mayor Bower stated that the council is allowed to approve this item, being that it is an emergency, and the remaining balance will be deducted from excess funds from previous sewer revenue in reserve accounts. Alderman Welch questioned whether the price Branch Construction proposed is a fixed price or not to exceed \$125,436. Mayor Bower stated that it is a fixed price with two contingencies, one, there could be additional charges for well point and pump systems that require additional excavating, though all charges will need prior council approval. Two, any additional items that would be requested for the fence. Alderman Welch questioned the amount proposed plus contingencies, and Mayor Bower stated the total amount requested for approval is \$135,000.

*Motion to **discuss** by Mayor Pro Tem Madrey, seconded by Alderman Welch*

*Motion to **approve** by Alderman Welch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Madrey*

VOTE

4 AYES (Jones, Madrey, Rupertus, Welch)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

MAYOR BOWER introduced the new Water Clerk, Tina Sifuentes, and stated that the Court Clerk, Jennifer Morse, has been clearing back log of tickets, and she should be able to give an updated amount of what has been collected soon. It was stated that Pam Josselet has been assisting with website and STR's, and at the next meeting she will present a resolution to have citizens to volunteer. Host compliance will be utilized by Tina to move forward with STR's to ensure all owners are complying. Presentation for water utilization attached.

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ADJOURNMENT:

*Motion to **adjourn** by Alderman Welch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Madrey*

VOTE

4 AYES (Jones, Madrey, Rupertus, Welch)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.