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CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

MAY 4, 2011

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Victor Pierson
MPT Eddie Burke
Alderman Brad South
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing
Police Chief McLane*

The following Councilmember was absent:

Alderman Sherwood Green

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DUE TO A FIRE AT THE CITY HALL BUILDING.

Mayor Pierson said he was advised by the City Attorney as a precaution the City should declare an emergency due to the fire at the City Hall building. MPT Burke motioned to declare an emergency due to the fire at the City Hall building. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved by those present.

2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING A CONTRACTOR BID TO CLEAN AND DRY THE AREA OF CITY HALL THAT WAS DAMAGED BY THE FIRE.

City Administrator Brick said he spoke to the City Attorney and City Secretary Rushing spoke to the Texas Municipal League's Legal Department and both were advised that the city would not have to bid for a contractor to clean and dry the area damaged by the fire. The third bid was received from Regal for \$52,082.23. Council discussed the three bids received from Cotton, Blackmon Mooring and Regal. Council cancelled out Regal since they quoted the most expensive and only one Councilmember knew of them. They compared the quotes from Cotton and Blackmon Mooring. Council noted that the quote from Cotton was not a final cost and could increase base on actual drying time, labor and materials. Mayor Pierson asked for a motion to use Blackmon Mooring since they had a good reputation and their quote was firm. MPT Burke motioned to use Blackmon Mooring as the contractor to clean and dry the area damaged by the fire. Second by Alderman South. Unanimously approved by those present.

3. UPDATE FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR REGARDING THE FIRE AT CITY HALL.

City Administrator Brick provided Council with an update regarding the fire. He said he has contacted the City's insurance and an adjustor is scheduled to come by to assess the damage. He said the City of Galveston was generous to let us use their Commander Center, which provides access to the internet and telephone. Mr. Brick informed Council that a message has been left on our telephone system advising callers that City Offices will not be open until Monday, May 9th due to a fire at City Hall. He said Fire Chief Spicer has offered to let the city staff use their training room as their temporary office space.

Mayor Pierson added to the agenda the use of Jansen as a Public Adjustor for the fire claim at City Hall if it complies with Texas Law. Alderman South motion to use Jansen as the City's Public Adjustor. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved by those present.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pierson said that if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Morse motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman South. Unanimously approved by those present. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.