

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Lake Jackson met on Monday January 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in Regular Session at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, in the Council Chambers at the Lake Jackson City Hall with the following in attendance:

Joe Rinehart, Mayor
Buster Buell, Mayor Pro-Tem
Will Brooks, Council member
Heather Melass, Council member
Gerald Roznovsky, Council member
J. B. Baker, Council member

William P. Yenne, City Manager
Alice A. Rodgers, City Secretary
Pam Eaves, Finance Director
Sherri Russell, City Attorney
Sal Aguirre, City Engineer
Rick Park, Police Chief
David Van Riper, Public Works Director
Carmen Williams, Personnel Director
Athelstan Sanchez, Asst. City Engineer
Michael Coon, Asst. to City Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Baker led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas Flag.

INVOCATION

Council member Buell led the invocation.

VISITORS

There were no visitors to speak on a non agenda item.

COMMENDATION

There were no commendations.

PRESENTATION TO MIKE HARPER ON HIS RETIREMENT AS FIRE CHIEF AND FOR BEING A MEMBER OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 30 YEARS

Mayor Rinehart presented Mike Harper with a proclamation and plaque recognizing his 30 years of service as a volunteer fire fighter and 16 years as the Fire Chief. During his tenure Chief Harper served as an EMT, Captain, Assistant Chief, Fire Investigator and Inspector, Arson Investigator and Commissioned Peace Officer and Fire Chief for the City of Lake Jackson with professionalism, outstanding leadership and dedication to the citizens.

PROCLAMATION – JANUARY 18, 2016 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Mayor Rinehart presented members of the MLK Committee with a proclamation to proclaim January 18, 2016 as Dr. Martin Luther King Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval Of Minutes – January 4, 2016
- B. Minutes Of Boards And Commissions
- C. Request Closure Of Circle Way Street On The Followings Dates: Concert Series: May 6, May 13, May 20, May 27, June 3, June 10, June 17, June 24 & July 4, 6pm-10pm. Our Lady Queen Of Peace Fall Festival: Sunday, October 16, 6am-6pm. Festival Of Lights 2016: Saturday, November 19 & Sunday, November 20 (In The Event Of Inclement Weather On The Saturday Date)

D. Accept Resignation Of Tallie Fine From The Seniors Commission

On motion by Council member Baker second by Council members Buell with all members present voting “aye” the consent agenda was approved as follows:

- A. Approval Of Minutes – January 4, 2016 - approved
- B. Minutes Of Boards And Commissions - accepted
- C. Request Closure Of Circle Way Street On The Followings Dates: Concert Series: May 6, May 13, May 20, May 27, June 3, June 10, June 17, June 24 & July 4, 6pm-10pm. Our Lady Queen Of Peace Fall Festival: Sunday, October 16, 6am-6pm. Festival Of Lights 2016: Saturday, November 19 & Sunday, November 20 (In The Event Of Inclement Weather On The Saturday Date) - approved
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DISCUSS AN INTERSTATE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE, WHICH WILL CROSS BRAZORIA COUNTY, TO SUPPLY THE FREEPORT LNG TERMINAL – ANDREW BIAR

Andrew Biar, Gulf South Pipeline Company, Houston stated that the Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP, an interstate natural gas pipeline regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, is proposing a new natural gas pipeline, the Coastal Bend Header Project, to supply the Freeport LNG terminal. Freeport LNG Development has plans to modify its existing LNG facilities near the city of Freeport, Texas, in Brazoria County, to facilitate the import and export of LNG. The expansion will include approximately 66 miles of 36-inch pipeline and one compressor station connecting to its existing 30-inch pipeline system in southeast Texas. The project is expected to create 800 – 1,000 construction jobs. The project is expected to cost around \$500 million. The project will include compressor station reversals, upgrades and two new compressor stations on Gulf South’s existing 30-inch pipeline system in southeast Texas.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A SIDEWALK ALONG SH332 FROM OAK DRIVE TO ABNER JACKSON PARKWAY – RON WELK

Ron Welk, 54 Bachelor Button stated he rides his bike to work and there is not a sidewalk along the feeder road. He is trying to encourage those at work to ride their bikes to work as well. His request is to add approximately 500 feet of sidewalk along the feeder road from the St. Michaels Church and to Abner Jackson Parkway. This property is half owned by the Brazosport Chamber of Commerce, half runs in front of the culvert lift station owned by City of Lake Jackson.

Sal Aguirre stated this is highway right of way owned by the State. They will require the sidewalk to be built to their standards. He estimated the cost to be \$150 a foot. This would have to be approved by the Highway Department.

Consensus of Council was that the state would allow the sidewalk at this location at someone/city's expense. They suggested that Mr. Welk find more people interested in this at the Dow facility; contact TxDot and the State Senator and Representatives for help.

DISCUSS AMENDING CH. 98 TO UPDATE THE TYPES OF TRUCKS THAT NEED TO TAKE TRUCK ROUTES AND TO REDUCE THE TRUCK ROUTES

Will Mookhoek and Douglas Kincannon from the Traffic Commission worked with Sherri Russell to update the truck route ordinance.

The current truck route ordinance mandates that all motor vehicles with a carrying capacity of more than one-ton use truck routes. Many noncommercial vehicles now have a one-ton or more carrying capacity. The Traffic Commission formed a subcommittee to study this issue. The subcommittee recommends that motor vehicles with two or more axels be mandated to take the truck routes and they recommend that some streets be eliminated as truck routes. The Traffic Commission accepted these recommendations at their meeting Jan. 12th.

There are also signage issues. If and when the new truck routes are approved, the subcommittee and the police department will work with the county and TXDOT on signage.

Chief Rick Park stated that he has spoke to Ms. Russell to modify the definition of a truck. Most truck regulations have to deal with weight. Two axle trucks could also apply to 18 wheelers.

Discussion followed on definition of trucks by axle or weight and the difference in delivery services in the residential area and truck routes.

Council asked that this be brought back in ordinance form.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHANGES TO CHAPTER 50 HEALTH AND SANITATION TO ADOPT THE 2015 TEXAS FOOD ESTABLISHMENT RULES

Irene McKay, Health Officer presented and reviewed the following information with Council.

The 2015 Texas Food Establishment Rules became effective statewide on October 11, 2015.

Staff recommendation is to adopt the 2015 TFER as the health and sanitation ordinance affecting all food establishments as the minimum standard of operation. Staff recommends the 2015 TFER be amended to include the following local changes:

1. Food Handler Certification – State minimum standard requires 60 days from hire date, however, we are requesting an amendment for 30 days. This standard will not be effective until September 1, 2016.
2. Stated time for corrections on the inspection form as:
 - a. Immediate action required for Priority Items
 - b. Immediate action required for Priority Foundation Items
 - c. 30 days for correction for Core Items.

Council asked that these changes be brought back in ordinance form.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INSPECTIONS OF GREASE INTERCEPTORS AT FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING A PROGRAM TO REPLACE DEFICIENT DEVICES AND TIMELINE FOR REPLACEMENT.

David Walton, Building Official stated grease discharges from food establishments into the sanitary sewer is a considerable expense to the City of Lake Jackson and contributes to sewer lift station failure and repair. Deficient grease interceptors contribute to sanitary sewer overflows which are reportable to TCEQ and contaminate storm and surface waters. Recent inspections of interceptors have found a number to be out of compliance or in failure.

He stated that the building department would like council to consider regular inspections of the grease interceptors installed within the city.

Council thanked Mr. Walton for his information and asked that this be brought back in ordinance form.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF LAKE JACKSON, ON SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CERTAIN OFFICERS FOR THE CITY OF LAKE JACKSON – FIRST READING

On motion by Council member Melass second by Council members Brooks with all members present voting “aye” an ordinance ordering an election to be held in the City of Lake Jackson on Saturday, May 7, 2016 for the purpose of electing certain officers for the City of Lake Jackson was passed on first reading.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER FOR SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016 – FIRST READING

Council member Melass moved to approve an ordinance of the City of Lake Jackson, Texas, calling for an election to amend the City Charter for Saturday, May 7, 2016 on first reading, second by Council member Brooks.

Sherril Russell stated that the recommendation on proposition 1 that pertained to when Council could appoint to fill a vacancy was unclear as to what the Commission truly wanted.

After further discussion Council member Melass withdrew her motion. Council asked that a meeting of the Commission be called to obtain clarification.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A \$16 MILLION DOLLAR BOND ISSUE COMPRISED OF 5 PROPOSITIONS, 1)A \$9,900,000 FOR MAKING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO PORTION OF THAT WAY; PORTION OF CIRCLE WAY; NORTH PARKING PLACE; SOUTH PARKING PLACE COMPLETION; 2) A \$1,000,000 TO EXPAND THE BRIDGE AT PLANTATION DRIVE NEAR MEDICAL DRIVE; 3) A \$3,800,000 ISSUE FOR MAKING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO A PORTION OF OLEANDER; A PORTION OF HICKORY; A PORTION OF SOUTH YAUPON; BOIS D ARC; A PORTION OF LOTUS; 4) \$800,000 FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AREA OF WILLOW DRIVE, DAISY AND BLOSSOM; 5) A \$500,000 ISSUE FOR A NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND RIGHT TURN LANES AT OAK DRIVE AND CIRCLE WAY NEAR CITY HALL; BOND ELECTION FOR SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016 – FIRST READING

On motion by Council member Roznovsky second by Council members Brooks with all members present voting “aye” an ordinance of the City of Lake Jackson, Texas, calling for a \$16 million dollar bond issue comprised of 5 propositions, 1)a \$9,900,000 for making public improvements to portion of That Way; portion of Circle Way; North Parking Place; South Parking Place completion; 2) a \$1,000,000 to expand the bridge at Plantation Drive near Medical Drive; 3) a \$3,800,000 issue for making public improvements to a portion of Oleander; a portion of Hickory; a portion of South Yaupon; Bois D Arc; a portion of Lotus; 4) \$800,000 for drainage improvements in the area of Willow Drive, Daisy and Blossom; 5) a \$500,000 issue for a new traffic signal and right turn lanes at Oak Drive and Circle Way near city hall; bond election for Saturday, May 7, 2016 was passed on first reading.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 54 LAW ENFORCEMENT TO UPDATE THE PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTING AND SUPERVISING THE RESERVE POLICE FORCE – 1ST READING

These amendments bring the ordinances into line with current practices, allow for a stipend, and provides for medical assistance to reserve officers who are injured in the line of duty.

On motion by Council member Roznovsky second by Council members Melass with all members present voting “aye”_an ordinance amending Chapter 54 Law Enforcement to update the procedures for appointing and supervising the reserve police force passed on first reading.

UPDATE ON DRAINAGE IN THE PARKWOOD SUBDIVISION NEAR MOSS, CHESTNUT AND PALM LANE

Athelstan Sanchez supplied the information below in the Council packets.

The selection committee, by virtue of their overall highest and second highest rated firms, has chosen the two firms below to be on the short list for further consideration in bidding for the contract to conduct the drainage study:

Baker & Lawson, Inc. out of Angleton

Freese and Nichols out of Pearland

He will be inviting both firms for request for proposals (RFP).

He has notified the below firms that they were not selected and informed them of the firms that made the short list:

LJA Engineering out of Houston

Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc. out of Houston

KBR (Civil Departments being bought by Stantec Consulting Services Inc.), out of Houston

Wal ter P Moore & Associates, Inc. out of Houston

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- a. CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FINANCIAL UPDATE
- b. SIDEWALK PROJECTS
- c. UTILITY REPAIR PROJECTS
- d. DRAINAGE REPAIR PROJECTS
- e. SOUTH PARKING PLACE/THIS WAY PROJECT
- f. MASTER PLAN UPDATE

There were no comments.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Council member Buell reminded everyone of the KLJB invite for the KTB 2010 dedication on Tuesday at 3 p.m. at corner of Oak Drive and SH 332

Mayor Rinehart stated that in the 300 block of Azalea there was a house that burned. He asked if we could get this removed. David Van Riper said staff was currently working on this.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Joe Rinehart, Mayor

Alice A. Rodgers, City Secretary