

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, July 20, 2020 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:

Bob Sipple, Mayor via video
Vinay Singhanian, Mayor Pro-Tem
Matt Broaddus, Council member
Gerald Roznovsky, Council member
Buster Buell, Council member
Jon J.B. Baker, Council member

William P. Yenne, City Manager
Modesto Mundo, Asst. City Manager
Alice A. Rodgers, City Secretary
Sherri Russell, City Attorney
Meagan Borth, Asst. to City Manager

Pam Eaves, Finance Director

Staff remained in their offices ready to answer questions if needed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Roznovsky led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Council member Baker led the invocation.

VISITORS

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

COMMENDATIONS

There were no commendations.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – July 6, 2020
- B. Ordinance abandoning a 15 foot right of way along the east side of tract 244 BCIC in the S.F. Austin 5 League Grant, Abstract 19 in the South Shady Oaks Subdivision, 202 Peach Street, also known as the Brazoria County Annex Property –second reading
- C. Re-appoint Juan Longoria as the Lake Jackson Representative to the Brazosport Water Authority Board

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

- A. Approval of Minutes – July 6, 2020 - approved
- B. Ordinance abandoning a 15 foot right of way along the east side of tract 244 BCIC in the S.F. Austin 5 League Grant, Abstract 19 in the South Shady Oaks Subdivision, 202 Peach Street, also known as the Brazoria County Annex Property –second reading -passed and adopted
- C. Re-appoint Juan Longoria as the Lake Jackson Representative to the Brazosport Water Authority Board - appointed

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PLACING A CROSSING GUARD AT THE INTERSECTION OF FM 2004 AND THAT WAY – KRISTA FUNK

Krista Funk stated there are 7 kids in the neighborhood that would like a crossing guard to assist their kids across FM2004 to attend Bess Brannen

Council member Buell stated he was opposed to this. He will vote no.

Council member Broaddus stated he was concerned with voting to put a crossing guard at this location in the event someone got hurt. He asked about

Mr. Yenne stated that

Council member Broaddus asked if the children were all going to Brannen or were some going to LJI.

Krista Funk stated there was one kid that would bike to Rasco

Ms. Funk stated she crosses the highway 3 or 4 days a week with her kids

Council member Roznovsky stated that when Ms. Funk crosses with her children they are with her. A crossing guard would have to

Mayor Sipple stated the traffic light provides for a green light at the intersection in any direction at any one time. He said he would like to get assistance with TxDOT for a delay in the light (where the lights would be red in all directions) for children to cross. But TxDOT has told him it could not be done. He was concerned about the safety at this intersection.

Council member Baker stated that in his 20 years as an officer and 10 of those years as a motorcycle officer this was a difficult intersection to work and get people to obey the traffic lights. He did not feel this would be safe unless there was assistance from TxDOT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Singhania stated he shares the same feelings. The State owns the light not the city. Unless we can get TxDOT to help with this light, he did not feel it was a good idea.

Mr. Yenne stated that this may be a no tonight, but Ms. Funk could sit down with someone at BISD, the Highway Department, parents from the neighborhood and someone from the city to try and see if this could be possible. You would need two crossing guards.

Council member Roznovsky stated you would need 4 crossing guards for this intersection. The issue is the way the lights line up at this intersection makes it dangerous.

Discussion followed on issues at this intersection with the changing of the lights and speeds in this area.

Council suggested Ms. Funk get with the principal at Brannen, Mr. Massey with BISD, TxDot and LJPd.

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THREE FREIGHTLINER M2 112 CNG 20 YARD FLATBED TRUCKS THRU HGAC CONTRACT NUMBER HT06-18 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$522,789

Gaye Shockley presented the following information:

A reimbursement grant was awarded by TCEQ on behalf of the Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program (TxVEMP) in an amount not to exceed \$332,601.00. The original budgeted amount for all trucks was \$125,000 leaving a balance of \$65,188 (over budget). Additional funds will come from the Equipment Replacement balance.

Truck cost:	\$522,789.00
Reimbursement Grant:	\$330,601.00
Budgeted:	\$125,000.00
Balance:	\$ 65,188.00

On motion by Council member Buell second by Council member Baker with all members present voting “aye” approval was granted for the purchase of three Freightline M2 112 CNG 20 yard flatbed trucks thru HGAC contract number HT06-18 in an amount not to exceed \$522,789.

CONSIDER PLACING THE 5.2-ACRE TRACT AT FM 2004 AND SH 288 BACK INTO PARKS INVENTORY

Mr. Yenne stated that the last several councils have wanted to keep the land as park land. The Northwood HOA is willing to maintain the property for the city.

Sherri Russell stated she would bring this back in resolution form to accept this property back into the park inventory. She did not know if the city could enforce the HOA maintaining the property.

Council discussed the maintenance of the property and the pros and cons of depending on the HOA to maintain it.

Jeremy Bubnick stated he agreed with the neighborhood that it would be best as a green space.

Council asked about the cost of mowing the property. Mr. Bubnick stated it is already part of a mowing contract.

Council member Roznovsky asked that Ms. Russell bring back the documentation to place this property back into the park inventory, second by Council member Buell, with all members present voting “aye:” motion passed.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH STW & INSPECTIONS, LLC TO INSPECT AND MANAGE THE BALSAM ST. ELEVATED STORAGE TANK REHABILITATION PROJECT AND ASSIST THE CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IN PREPARATION OF SYSTEM DESIGN AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,800

On motion by Council member Buell second by Council member Broaddus with all members present voting “aye” approval was granted to execute a contract with STW & Inspections, LLC to inspect and manage the Balsam St. elevated storage tank rehabilitation project and assist the city engineering department in preparation of system design and technical specifications in an amount not to exceed \$23,800.

AWARD BID NO. 20-07-005 FOR UTILITY CONTRACT MOWING TO HORTICARE LAWN MAINTENANCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$46,705

Sabrina England stated this is for mowing around the lift stations, water tanks and water towers.

On motion by Council member Roznovsky second by Council member Broaddus with all members present voting “aye” bid was awarded to Horticare Lawn Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$46,705.

AWARD BID NO. 20-07-006 TO DXI FOR SUPPLYING AND DELIVERING LIQUID CHLORINE (195,000 POUNDS) AND SULFUR DIOXIDE (80,000 POUNDS) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$121,420

Sabrina England presented the following:

DXI is our current vendor, the price has increased by a total of \$8,920. The bid is for delivering 150,000 pounds of chlorine to the wastewater treatment plant in one (1) ton cylinders, and 45,000 pounds of chlorine to water facilities in 150-pound cylinders, and 80,000 pounds of sulfur dioxide to the wastewater treatment plant. The bid is for one year with the option to extend the contract for three (3) one-year terms.

Vendor			DXI	
Item	Item Description	Estimated Quantity Per Year	Unit Price	Total Price
1	100% liquid chlorine 1-ton (2,000 pound containers)	150,000 per lbs	\$ 0.3570	\$ 53,550.00
2	100% liquid chlorine 150-pound cylinders	45,000 per lbs	\$ 0.7660	\$ 34,470.00
3	54,000 pounds of sulfur dioxide	80,000 per lbs	\$ 0.4175	\$ 33,400.00
Grand Total			\$	121,420.00

On motion by Council member Baker second by Council member Buell with all members present voting “aye” bid no. 20-07-006 was awarded to DXI for supplying and delivering liquid chlorine (195,000 pounds) and sulfur dioxide (80,000 pounds) in an amount not to exceed \$121,420.

AWARD A ONE-YEAR MOWING CONTRACT EXTENSION TO SCOTT & COMPANY (DBA SOUTHERN OAKS) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$219,436

On motion by Council member Roznovsky second by Council member Broaddus with all members present voting “aye” a one-year mowing contract extension was awarded to Scott & Company (DBA Southern Oaks) in an amount not to exceed \$219,436.

AWARD A ONE-YEAR MOWING CONTRACT EXTENSION AND ADDITIONS TO SCOTT & COMPANY (DBA SOUTHERN OAKS) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$166,384

On motion by Council member Buell second by Council member Broaddus with all members present voting “aye” a one year mowing contract extension and additions was awarded to Scott & Company (DBA Southern Oaks) in an amount not to exceed \$166,384.

AWARD A ONE-YEAR MOWING CONTRACT EXTENSION TO YELLOWSTONE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$108,988

On motion by Council member Baker second by Council member Buell with all members present voting “aye” a one year mowing contract extension to Yellowstone in an amount not to exceed \$108,988.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ENFORCEMENT OF SIGN ORDINANCE DURING COVID-19

Mr. Yenne stated at the last meeting Council asked that this be extended for a month and be brought back at the end of July for consideration.

Council member Buell moved that the sign ordinance be enforced at the end of July second by Council member Broaddus.

Council member Roznovsky stated with implementing it on July 31st it would leave short notice to let businesses owners know the sign ordinance would be enforced at the end of the month.

Council member Broaddus asked has this been an issue for the businesses, are there a lot of banners and signs that are not in code.

Mr. Yenne stated that there are several businesses that have banners and small signs up letting people know businesses are open.

Council member Broaddus asked if there is another avenue for businesses to get information out.

Mr. Yenne stated they can put up banners under the ordinance that would allow 60 days.

Mr. Mundo stated that Mr. Walton suggested that when Council picks a date to let the slate be clean at that time and businesses could then apply for a banner permit and have 60 days. That would give them until the end of September.

Mayor Sipple stated he agreed with terminating at the end of July.

With 5 members voting “aye” and Mayor Pro Tem Singhania voting “nay” motion passed to begin enforcement of the sign ordinance on July 31st.

DISCUSS PROPOSED FY 2020-2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Mr. Yenne reviewed each of the departments’ budgets and the proposed changes.

Some discussion was held on the city’s Garage Department and Sanitation Services. The feelings of Council and staff was the sanitation service provided by city employees far exceeded the service given by private companies. Heavy trash and brush have increased during COVID with more people at home.

Council thanked the budget staff for their work on the budget.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mr. Yenne reviewed the cases in the county. He stated the city has a half dozen employees that are quarantined due to COVID-19.

Council member Roznovsky stated the sad part is we have seen this peak due to the recent holidays and about the time this peak will die down Labor Day is just around the corner.

Council member Buell asked about leaving basketball nets.

Jeremey Bubnick stated we cannot control everyone, and people need to make their own decisions on whether or not to use the equipment.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were no items of community interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.072
(DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY) FOR DISCUSSION ON OFFER TO PURCHASE
PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY

Mayor Pro Tem Singhanian convened the meeting to executive session at 7:56 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Singhanian reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____ 2020.

Bob Sipple, Mayor

Alice A. Rodgers, City Secretary