

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council:

- Mayor Troy T. Brimage
- Councilman Brooks Bass
- Councilman Ken Green
- Councilwoman Sandra Loeza
- Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff:

- Bob Welch, Finance Director / Interim City Manager
- Laura Tolar, Asst. City Secretary/Special Projects Coordinator
- Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
- Loni Kershaw, Human Resources Director
- Nat Hickey, Property Manager
- Chris Motley, Fire Chief
- Kim Townsend, Parks Director
- LeAnn Strahan, Museum Director
- Jennifer Hawkins, EDC Director
- Billy Shoemaker, Building Official
- Brian Dybala, Golf Course Director
- David Hoelewyn, Streets Director

Visitors:

Christina Travis	Kenny Hayes
Nicole Mireles	Tommy Pearson
Sam Reyna	Darlene Wier
Eric Hayes	Lila Diehl
Desiree Pearson	George Matamores
Moby Burrige	Evelyn Burrige
Andrew Dill	Angie Williams
Edmeryl Williams	Ronaldo Cantu
Melanie Oldham	

Call to order.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 2018-2555 approving amendments to the 2017-2018 Budget.

Mr. Welch stated that there was a carry over of fund of \$66,094.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the amendments to the 2017-2018 budget.

Public Hearing: Continuation of Public hearing on the 2018-2019 Budget.

The public hearing was opened at 6:02pm.

Mayor Brimage stated that approximately \$900,000 was cut from the budget in the previous meeting.

The street department budget was reduced in consideration of an \$8 million bond for infrastructure improvements.

Councilman Yates asked for clarification that one half of the \$5 million dollars had been spent.

Mr. Welch stated that a total of \$8 million had been given to the Golf Course from Dow Chemical. He added that we are currently under budget in the current year.

Sam Reyna asked if we received a \$500,000 payment this year from Dow Chemical.

The public hearing was closed at 6:16pm

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2018-2554 adopting a budget for the City for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, council unanimously voted to approve ordinance number 2018-2554 to adopt the budget for the city for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 6:18 PM.

Mayor, Troy T. Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

Assistant City Secretary, Laura Tolar
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Call to order.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2018-2556 accepting the certified appraisal roll from the Brazoria County Appraisal District for the 2019 Tax Year; establishing a tax rate for each \$100.00 valuation of taxable property within the city for such tax year; levying all taxes for the City for such tax year; allocating such taxes for certain municipal purposes therein enumerated; ordering that

such taxes be assessed and collected; containing a severance clause; and proving an effective date for this ordinance.

Councilman Bass stated “I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.628005, which is effectively a 10.72 percent increase in the tax rate.”

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, council unanimously voted to accept the certified appraisal roll from the Brazoria County Appraisal District for the 2019 Tax Year.

Consideration of agreement granting right-of-entry to Texas Department of Transportation upon 1.33 Acres of land in the A. Calvit tract 1D, Abstract 50, Brazoria County, Texas, adjacent to the FM 1495 (Navigation Blvd) in the City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas

This item was tabled.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 2018-2557 amending Division B of Section 71.21 of the Code of Ordinances establishing 20 m.p.h school crossing zones to delete O.A. Fleming Elementary and to substitute Freeport Elementary for Jane Long Elementary

Councilman Bass is frustrated that the name Jane Long is being removed. He stated she was a great woman in Texas history.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, council unanimously voted to approve ordinance number 2018-2557 amending Division B of Section 71.21 of the Code of Ordinances establishing 20 m.p.h school crossing zones to delete O.A. Fleming Elementary and to substitute Freeport Elementary for Jane Long Elementary.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2018-2558, adopted pursuant to Chapter 132 of the Local Government Code, for the making of certain payments due the City by credit card or electronic means.

Mayor Brimage stated that this will allow residents to be able to pay for their water bills electronically.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, council unanimously voted to approve ordinance number 2018-2558, adopted pursuant to Chapter 132 of the Local Government Code, for the making of certain payments due the City by credit card or electronic means.

Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign and City Secretary to attest an Agreement with Bill Pay authorizing use of Bill Pay for the payment of certain charges due the City via internet or telephone.

Mayor Brimage stated that Bill Pay is the company the City will use for the electronic payments.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, council unanimously voted to authorize the Mayor to sign and City Secretary to attest an Agreement with Bill Pay authorizing use of Bill Pay for the payment of certain charges due the City via internet or telephone.

Consideration of approving the Economic Development Corporation budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal Year

Jennifer Hawkins, EDC Director, stated that sales taxes were down 25%.

Mrs. Hawkins said that they had completed payments to Western Seafood, Southside Bank and Clute Bank. They only ongoing expense they would have is payroll.

Mrs. Hawkins also stated that their last payment to Kendig Keast of \$12,000 will be made after the new city manager starts and the final presentation is made.

Mrs. Hawkins stated that Laura Tolar, Assistant City Secretary, will post the report on the City’s website.

She said that legal fees were raised because of property sales and deed preparation regarding Reality World.

Councilman Bass asked about the large difference in the payroll amount.

She stated that the amount that was shown for last year was incorrect.

Mrs. Hawkins said that the Economic Development Board has approved this budget.

Melanie Oldham asked if there would be any land acquisitions this year.

Mrs. Hawkins stated that there were no plans to purchase any land but if something came up the money in the special projects account can be used.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting 3 to 1, Council approved the Economic Development Corporation budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal Year. Councilman Bass opposed.

Citizen’s Comments

George Matamores stated that he had a new home in Freeport. He also stated that on the March 5th agenda that there was an item to sell a piece of land that he owns and it was incorrectly stated to be owned by someone else. He said even though the property did not sell, he wanted to be on record that he was not notified.

Mayor Brimage closed open session at 7:10pm and opened Executive Session.

Executive Session:

Section 551.074, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evolution, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, to wit:

Consideration of appointing Tim Kelty as City Manager.

Consideration of approving contract with Tim Kelty.

Reopen Open Session:

Mayor Brimage reopened regular session and closed Executive Session at 7:12 PM.

Consideration of taking action on any item discussed in Executive Session.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, council unanimously voted to appoint Tim Kelty as City Manager.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, council unanimously voted to sign the agreement with Tim Kelty.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 7:13 PM.

Mayor, Troy T. Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

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