

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, November 19, 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: Tim Kelty, City Manager  
Laura Tolar, Asst. City Secretary/Special Projects Coordinator  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Chris Motley, Fire Chief  
Ray Garivey, Police Chief  
Bob Welch, Finance Director  
Kim Townsend, Parks Director  
LeAnn Strahan, Historical Museum Director  
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources Director  
Brian Dybala, Golf Course Director  
David Hoelewyn, Street Department Director  
Jerry Meeks, Veolia Water

Visitors:	Christina Travis	Larry Fansher
	Kenny Hayes	Desiree Pearson
	Tommy Pearson	Olan Massengill
	Tammy Massengill	Carol Jansky
	Valerie Jansky	Melanie Oldham
	Brenda Laird	Edmeryl Williams
	Angie Williams	Ruth Renobato

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.

## Citizen's Comments

Carol Jansky commented on the recently passed ordinance regarding minimum building requirements. She urged council to reexamine this ordinance as people want smaller living spaces.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consideration and possible action on the approval of City Council meeting minutes from November 5, 2018.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2018-2565 for a clarification of the employment contract of Tim Kelty and possible amendment to include an allowance for relocation reimbursement.

Consideration of a request from Will J. Brooks, Parade Co-Chairman of the 33rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee (MLKCC), permission to close portions of the following streets during the parade to be held on Monday, January 21, 2018. The parade will start at 11:00 a.m. at East Park and Fourth Street, down 2nd Street to Brazosport Blvd. to Municipal Park and the Rally at the Freeport Municipal Park will end at 4:00 p.m.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved all items on the consent agenda.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

Consideration of approving the cost of purchasing a 4-wheel drive tractor.

Tim Kelty stated that this would be a straight purchase and would be less than the amount budgeted. The tractor is a 2017 but is new, never used.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the cost of purchasing a 4-wheel drive tractor.

Consideration of approving the cost of purchasing a mechanical sweeper

Street Department Director David Hoelewyn stated that the sweeper would cost \$206,268, spread out over four years at \$55,000 per year.

Councilwoman Sandra Loeza asked if this is budgeted.

Mr. Hoelewyn stated that yes, it is budgeted, and approximately \$20,000 less per year. Mr. Hoelewyn also stated that they were going to try and make the old sweeper a water truck.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the cost of purchasing a mechanical sweeper.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 2018-2563 amending the budget for the 2018-2019 budget

Jerry Meeks stated that the sewer main at 806 Oak will be installed very soon and he expects other homes to be built in the end of these side streets.

LeAnn Strahan said that they had received a grant for \$10,000 from Dow Chemical. The purpose of the grant was to purchase 20 interactive televisions. But for these TVs to work properly approximately \$3,000 worth of electrical work would need to be done to the building. Dow has approved the change of items to be purchased.

LeAnn Strahan stated that there were prorated taxes for the Lucy Goose building that needed to be paid in the amount of \$897.42

LeAnn stated that Top Coat donated \$500 for the snow hill. The money to be transferred is budgeted. She added that they needed 38 hay bales.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the Ordinance No. 2018-2563 amending the budget for the 2018-2019 budget.

Consideration of authorizing the City Secretary to advertise for bids for the sale of Lot 8, Block 8, Velasco Townsite locally known as 5 South Ave B, Freeport and set a bid date

Tim Kelty stated that no bids were received from the last bid process.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the City Secretary to advertise for bids for the sale of Lot 8, Block 8, Velasco Townsite locally known as 5 South Ave B, Freeport and set a bid date of December 17, 2018.

### **WORK SESSION:**

Mayor Troy T. Brimage announcements and comments.

Mayor Brimage read a proclamation for Nurse Practitioners Weeks. Mayor Brimage thanked Top Coat for always coming though. Mayor Brimage stated that the Freeport Fire Department and the Freeport Police Department escorted the Exporters out of town for their football game. Mayor Brimage stated that the SI Group donated \$30,000 for a new bike patrol where officers can quietly approach situations and also interact with children. The alley behind On the River is in bad condition and needs repair. Mayor Brimage stated that there are major leaks around the windows at Pixies that will need to be repaired. Mayor Brimage also stated that the meeting for December 3<sup>rd</sup> had been cancelled and the next meeting will be held on December 17, 2018.

Councilman Green Ward A announcements and comments

Councilman Green asked about the pole located at Cherry & 4<sup>th</sup> Streets. He said that it is leaning very badly. Mr. Kelty will call ATT to check on the status.

### Councilman Bass Ward B announcements and comments

Councilman Bass stated that he was very appreciative of the striping project that was completed. He also asked about the barricades in the Dixie and Yaupon area that residents are taking down. He asked the police department to patrol that area.

### Councilwoman Loeza Ward C announcements and comments

Councilwoman Loeza questioned the drainage in the area of New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 1615 Skinner Street. Councilwoman Loeza stated that it has no where to go. Councilwoman Loeza asked Police Chief Ray Garivey to investigate a loud truck.

### Councilman Yates Ward D announcements and comments

No business.

### Updates on current infrastructure.

Street Department Director David Hoelewyn stated the following projects are currently in progress.

- 1) Zavala Street
- 2) Wheel chair ramps on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- 3) Drainage at Cherry & Oak Streets
- 4) Area at the Golf Course where the ground is settling.

### Update on reports / concerns from Department heads.

#### Brian Dybala – Golf Course

Mr. Dybala informed council that the golf course has seen a 67% increase in membership. He added that they have finished the bids for the pavilion. Olin Corporation has moved their annual tournament to Freeport which will be held December 7, 2018.

#### Kim Townsend – Parks Department

Ms. Townsend stated that they were working to maintain the temperatures at City Hall.

#### LeAnn Strahan – Freeport Historical Museum

Ms. Strahan encouraged everyone to attend the Nutcracker Market. She added that there is a video that she would like to show at a future council meeting made by Freeport LNG.

#### Fire Chief Chris Motley – Fire Department

Chief Motley stated that Fire & EMS has been busy with pretty steady calls. He goes to South Dakota at the end of the month to see the new fire truck. He stated that they will accept delivery of the truck when it arrives in Freeport.

Chief Ray Garivey – Police Department

Chief Garivey said that they were able to donate 18 meals for Thanksgiving. He said for Blue Santa they will have 55 bicycles and it is now an organized process and setup like a store.

Tim Kelty – City Manager

Mr. Kelty announced that there will be a staff Christmas party. His family will be moving to Freeport in the next two weeks. He is currently focused on staff, community and business leaders.

Regular Session was closed at 6:52 pm

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Executive Session to consult with City Attorney (MUD District), Personnel Matters (Employee Separation Agreement, Board/Commission Appointments) in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, 551.071 & 551.074.

Regular Session was reopened at 8:21 pm.

Consideration in open session of taking action on any matter discussed in closed executive session

No action taken.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.

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Mayor, Troy T. Brimage  
City of Freeport, Texas

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Assistant City Secretary, Laura Tolar  
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