

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Conference Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Mayor Brooks Bass:
Councilman Jeff Pena
Councilman Jerry Cain
Councilman Mario Muraira
Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff: Tim Kelty, City Manager
Betty Wells, City Secretary
Lance Petty, Public Works Director
Chris Motley, Freeport Fire Chief
Ray Garivey, Freeport Police Chief
Micheal Dumas, Freeport Fire Marshal
Mike Praslicka, Freeport Deputy Chief EMS

Visitors: Melanie Oldham Nick Irene (Facts)
Jerry Meeks (Veolia)

Call to order.

Mayor called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was led by Mayor Bass.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Members of the public are allowed to address the City Council at this time, and must include name and address. Note, specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to an inquiry made, but any deliberation, discussion, or decision with respect to any subject about which the inquiry was made shall be limited to a proposal to place such subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting for which notice is provided in compliance with the Texas Open meetings Act unless said notice appears herein. The public is reminded that there is a (4) minute time limit as approved by City Council on June 21, 2010.

Melanie Oldham 922 West 5, spoke about her concern for the elderly, and the disabled during this declared emergency. She said that she wanted guidance from council on what is allowed and not allowed in starting a volunteer group to help these people out during a crisis.

EMERGENCY MEETING WORK SESSION:

Discussion and dissemination of information related to the ongoing declared disaster brought on by the freezing temperatures and loss of power and water.

Council met and discussed information to the ongoing declared disaster brought on by the freezing temperatures and the loss of power and water. Chief Motley said that BWA lost power to the generator on Wednesday morning around 2:30-3:00, he also said that all the leaks around the city, and residents allowing water to run to prevent busted pipes are causing problems with the loss of water.

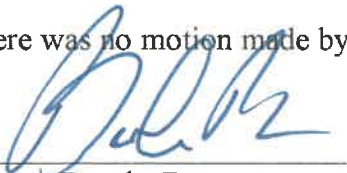
The phone outage with AT&T, and the internet outage has made it challenging to post onto the website, and to get communication with updates out for the residents. Chief Motley said that 911 was down as well, but these calls are being routed through the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office.

The power outage forced the relocation of the temporary warming shelter for the homeless from the Freeport Recreation Center to the Freeport Police Department Council Chambers. The City of Freeport has also partnered with the City of Lake Jackson for the temporary shelter to be moved to the Lake Jackson Recreation Center. But cots are being maintained here and we will remain open.

Council discussed putting a temporary generator at Arlan's grocery store so that citizens could purchase food items that were available at the store. Mr. Petty, with Freeport Public Works Department got this process started.

Adjourn

There was no motion made by council to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 3:39.



Mayor, Brooks Bass
City of Freeport, Texas



City Secretary, Betty Wells
City of Freeport, Texas