

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport met on Monday, April 18th, 2011 at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Larry L. McDonald
 Michelle Kent
 Fred Bolton
 Nicolasa Mireles
 Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
 Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
 Delia Munoz, City Secretary
 Nat Hickey, Property Manager
 Gary Pohl, Marshal
 Brian Davis, Fire Chief
 Larry Fansher, Parks Director
 Bob Welch, Finance Director
 Gus Flores, Asst. Chief of Police
 Steve Epperly, Sergeant
 Chris Motley, Fire Marshal
 Billy Shoemaker, Captain

Visitors:	Joyce Adkins	Annette Sanford
	Quincy Pohl	Dennis Vandergriff
	Dorothy Pirrung	Jim Pirrung
	Janice Phillips	Clan Cameron
	Jerry Meeks	Michael Jones
	Kenny Kouches	Nancy Noska
	Mike Noska	Dana Wallace
	Manning Rollerson	Sandra Barbree
	Eddie Venne	Rosa McDonald
	Jeff Crisp	

Call to Order.

Mayor McDonald opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the April 4th, 2011 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the April 4th, 2011 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Manning Rollerson thanked Council for a safer neighborhood, but still some pot holes. He compliant that Church's Fried Chicken is repairing the ceiling tiles and cooking at the same time. He feels this is a health risk.

Joyce Adkins asked Council to have their Liaisons report to the audience on projects.

Fire Department Special Presentation: Promoting Captain Billy Shoemaker to Deputy Chief.

Billy Way Shoemake's father and family observed as Fire Chief Brian Davis announced the promotion of Captain Billy Wayne Shoemaker to Deputy Chief. A reception was held at the Freeport Fire Department.

Consideration of approving the appointment of Quincy Pohl and Krishnar Hoffman as members of the Freeport Police Reserve Force.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the appointment of Quincy Pohl and Krishnar Hoffman as members of the Freeport Police Reserve Force.

Consideration of approving 6:00 p.m. as the time City Council meets.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved 6:00 p.m. as the time City Council meets.

Consideration of the approval of renewing the City of Freeport Economic Development Corporation Sales Tax Remittance Guaranty and Subordination agreement with the First State Bank of Louise, Texas.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved renewing the City of Freeport Economic Development Corporation Sales Tax Remittance Guaranty and Subordination agreement with the First State Bank of Louise, Texas.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 2011-2278 amending the budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Mayor McDonald, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2011-2278 amending the budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011.

Consideration of approving a request from Dennis Vandergriff of Brazosport Yellow Cab to increase the rates.

This item was reagendaed for further study.

Consideration of a request to install a 16" x 42" LED sign display for Kooks Surf Shop & Grill, 3401 E. Hwy. 332, Freeport Texas.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request to install a 16" x 42" LED sign display for Kooks Surf Shop & Grill, 3401 E. Hwy. 332, Freeport, Texas.

Consideration of adopting Ordinance No. 2011-2279 amending Section 121.27(F) of Chapter 121 of the Code of Ordinance (Wrecker Ordinance) to conform to Section 121.02(D), as amended by Ordinance 2010-2268 adopted December 06, 2010, or, alternatively, adopting Ordinance No. 2011-2280 amending Section 121.02(D) as amended by Ordinance 2010-2268 adopted December 06, 2010, to restore it to conformity with Section 121.27(F).

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2011-2280 an ordinance that requires that a storage yard must be maintained by wrecker companies of the wrecker rotation list within the City or within ten (10) miles of the intersection of Velasco Boulevard and Second Street.

Work Session

- A. Discussion amending Section 121.27(F) of Chapter 121 of the Code of Ordinance (Wrecker Ordinance) to conform to Section 121.02(D), as amended by Ordinance 2010-2268 adopted December 06, 2010, or, alternatively, amending Section 121.02(D) as amended by Ordinance 2010-2268 adopted December 06, 2010, to restore it to conformity with Section 121.27(F).

Jeff Crisp of J & M Wrecker Service in Clute said he thought that everybody was in agreement with the last amendment done to the wrecker ordinance. He provides a service and wants to be part of the team and get on the rotation list. At this time it's not financial feasible to purchase property.

Dennis Vandergriff expressed his opinion on City Council continues to change ordinances to accommodate an individual. He feels that they should meet all criteria. An ordinance should be for the benefit of the city.

Mike Noska Wrecker Service has been in business since 1977 and believes in the free enterprise system. He said that the City of Clute did not want any more wrecker facilities. Anybody wanting to come in should buy M-1 property and put a building on it like he did.

Joyce Adkins stated that individuals have a choice of wrecker service.

Dana Wallace of Cambell Towing did not have a problem with anybody coming to Freeport starting a wrecker service.

Councilman Bolton asked if anybody in the City had a heavy duty wrecker to pick up a 18 wheeler truck or a trolley. Mr. Vandergriff said no.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "aye", the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Larry L. McDonald

City Secretary Delia Munoz