

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING
CONROE CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017 – 4:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER
CALL OF ROLL**

PRESENT: Mayor Powell
Mayor Pro Tem Coon
Council Members Gibson, Snider and Ham

ABSENT: Council Member Martin

A quorum being present, Mayor Powell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting agenda, which was posted two hours in advance of the meeting in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, was presented.

Copies of the ordinances, resolutions and other supporting materials to be considered by the City Council were distributed to the members in advance of the meeting.


Items of business stated on the agenda of the meeting were considered by the City Council and the actions taken concerning such items is shown on the official Council Action Sheet attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

The City Council adjourned following consideration of all items of business.



TOBY POWELL, Mayor

ATTEST:



SOCO GORJON, City Secretary

1. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND REPORT ON RECOVERY ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING HURRICANE HARVEY.

Public Works Director Norman McGuire reported that the waste water treatment plant had been inundated by flood waters and would require major repairs after flood waters recede. Director McGuire recommended immediate action to rent equipment to be used to mitigate conditions at the treatment plant in order to restore function as quickly as possible. He reported minimal known damage to streets and other public infrastructure.

Asst. Director Jason Miller reported that the City's water system remained fully functional and was safe for drinking with adequate pressures for firefighting.

Police Chief Philip Dupuis and Fire Chief Ken Kreger reported on the activities of their departments including flood rescues, traffic control and evacuation orders.

The City Council and Department Heads thanked various local businesses and organizations who had donated food, equipment and services during the emergency event.

Because of the continued widespread flooding and the expectation of additional rain the staff recommended extending the local declaration of disaster.

2. ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE LOCAL DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR HURRICANE HARVEY

Upon motion of Council Member Ham, seconded by Council Member Gibson, all Council Members present voted to adopt an Ordinance to extend the initial local state of disaster for a seven day period.

3. AUTHORIZE DISASTER PAY FOR CITY OF CONROE EMPLOYEES WORKING DURING THE EMERGENCY

Upon motion of Council Member Snider, seconded by Council Member Ham, all Council Members present voted to authorize disaster pay for City employees working during the emergency as provided by Code of Ordinances Section 22-3.

4. AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT RENTALS/PURCHASES FOR PUMPS, GENERATORS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO RESTORE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS

Upon motion of Council Member Gibson, seconded by Council Member Ham, all Council Members present voted to adopt a Resolution making certain findings and declaring an exception to the competitive purchasing requirements of Local Government Code Chapter 252.