

MINUTES OF THE
CONROE CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 13 & 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER
CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT: Mayor Powell
Mayor Pro Tem Coon
Council Members Gibson, Martin, Ham, and Snider
City Administrator Paul Virgadamo
City Attorney Marcus Winberry
City Secretary Soco M. Gorjón


After a roll call by the City Secretary establishing a quorum was present, the workshop meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Mayor Powell.

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

Agenda folders containing data relating to agenda items had been furnished to Council Members prior to the meeting of the Council.

Agenda items were considered by the Council. The action taken concerning such item is shown on the official Council Action Sheet attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

After all business properly brought before the Council had been considered, City Council adjourned.


Toby Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Soco M. Gorjón, City Secretary

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CONROE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Powell recognized Police Officer D. Peek for his 7 years of service.

EMERGENCY RENTAL GENERATORS CONTRACT - WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Public Works Director Norman McGuire asked Council to consider the proposed Resolution authorizing a rental contract for emergency generators for the Wastewater Treatment Plant as they were needed for power until power could be restored or the new generators were delivered. Mr. McGuire informed Council that Untied Rentals supplied the emergency generators for the first month at \$142,566.01; they were the only company who had any generators for rent at the time; however, since other generators had become available, Sunbelt Rentals had given the City a substantially lower quote of \$69,843.64 per month. Staff asked Council to consider approval of three months rental contract with Sunbelt Rentals in the amount of \$209,530.92 for generators needed.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. McGuire and his staff for an outstanding job during this time of crisis.

TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT-GULF COAST REGIONAL 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

Asst. City Administrator/CFO Steve Williams asked Council to consider approval of a joint Tower Lease Agreement with Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District for antenna space on the MCHD East County Tower, located at 14809 First Street, Splendora. Mr. Williams informed that the lease would be for a period of 1 year, with a rental rate of \$13,911.24 per year, which would escalate by 3% each year, and the City of Conroe and MCHD would split all revenues.

THEATRE USE AGREEMENT – LITTLE THEATRE OF CONROE, INC. D/B/A THE PLAYERS THEATRE CO.

Mayor Powell addressed Council and thanked former Councilwoman Marsha Porter for assisting the City in working the proposed Theatre Use Agreement with The Little Theatre of Conroe Inc. d/b/a The Players Theatre Company. Mayor Powell pointed out that this agreement replaced the current agreement beginning with the Players season starting July 1, 2018.

Former Councilwoman Porter thanked the Owen Players for all of their hard work.

At 2:14 p.m., Mayor Powell along with Council, City Administrator Paul Virgadamo, City Attorney Marcus Winberry, City Secretary Soco M. Gorjón, Director of Public Works Scott Taylor, and Asst. Director Projects/Transportation Tommy Woolley recessed into a Closed Executive Session Chapter 551.071 and 551.072 for the following purpose:

- Discuss purchase of property (2.4750 Acre Tract) located at the Southwest corner of Ed Kharbat Drive and Southmore Drive.
- Discuss purchase of property (1.033 Acre Drainage Easement) located approximately 500 feet south of Southmore Drive.
- SJRA GRP Contract Litigation
- Litigation with Lone Star Groundwater Conservation on District Rules and DFC process
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The Closed Executive Session was recessed at 4:31 pm.

BRIEFING

None

COUNCIL MEMBERS INQUIRY TIME

None

There being no further business brought before the Council, the meeting was recessed until tomorrow at 8:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CONROE CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT: Mayor Powell
Mayor Pro Tem Coon
Council Members Gibson, Martin, Ham and Snider
City Administrator Paul Virgadamo
City Secretary Soco M. Gorjón

ABSENT: City Attorney Marcus Winberry

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: Pastor Alan Anglin – Change Point Church

Mayor Powell recognized Police Officer G. Tullis for his 4-years of service to the Department.

RECOGNITIONS: Stoya Simone Laydevant was recognized for bringing home three gold medals in three events at the 2017 State Games of America in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Stoya qualified last year to participate in the 2017 State Games of America, where she ran and jumped her way past the competition in three separate events, and the 1st in the 10 and under Long Jump.

CITIZEN INQUIRY

Christina DelGreco and Mike Murray addressed Council regarding the animal shelter. They are very concerned with the treatment of the animals at the animal shelter. Mr. Murray had met with City Administrator Paul Virgadamo regarding major issues but was told that as long as Care Corp was not violating any laws; they were doing their jobs. Ms. DelGreco and Mr. Murray asked Council to look into the situation.

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE EXPANSION OF OSCAR JOHNSON JR COMMUNITY CENTER

Executive Director Fred Welch informed Council that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, along with the OJJCC Advisory Board have recommended a feasibility study to assist in determining the best use of the property purchase approved by City Council for the future expansion of the OJJCC. Mr. Welch pointed out that the study would develop a program, construction budget, concept design, operations budget, and schedule for the future facility. Staff would like Council's consideration to move forward with proposed study.

Mayor Pro Tem Coon made a motion to approve the Feasibility Study as presented. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. Councilman Ham voted against the motion. Motion carried.

THEATRE USE AGREEMENT – LITTLE THEATRE OF CONROE

Councilman Martin made a motion to approve the Theatre Use Agreement with Little Theatre of Conroe, Inc. d/b/a The Players Theatre Company as discussed and presented. Councilman Snider seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Ham to approve the Consent Agenda, Items 3 through 8 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- Approve Emergency Rental Generators Contract for Wastewater Treatment plant as discussed.
- Approve Tower Lease Agreement with Gulf Coast Regional 91-1 Emergency Communications District.
- Approve receipt of proposed FY 2018 budget for HOT promotional activities by TPProperty, LLC (LaTorretta)

- Approve Commission and Board Meeting absences.
 - August 17, 2017 – Chris Baughman
- Approve Council Minutes held August 9 and 10, 2017, August 17, 2017, August 23 & 24, 2017, and August 28, 2017.
- Payment of Statements :

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triple B Services, LLP • LEM Construction • San Jacinto River Authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inv. No. 4 – MP Clark Roadway Construction Inv. No. 1 – 2014-17 Windsor Lakes Lift Station Surface water fee payment per SJRA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$ 636,461.99 \$ 281,027.50 \$ 869,488.79
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There being no further business to consider, a motion was made by Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman Ham to adjourn the meeting.