

State of Texas

Brazoria County

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport, met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 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:

Larry L. McDonald  
Clan A. Cameron  
Jim Saccomanno  
Ron Wise  
Norma M. Garcia – Absent

Planning Commission

Diane Williams  
Reuben Cuellar  
Roberto Casares -Absent  
Raul Ramirez – Resigned  
Eric Hayes  
Alonzo Martinez

Staff:

Gary Beverly, City Manager  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
Larry Fansher, Public Works Director  
Larry Ellis, Building Inspector  
Jeff Pynes, Chief of Police  
John Stanford, Fire Chief  
Bob Welch, Finance Director  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager

Visitors:

Lila Lloyd	Jerry Meeks
Jim Pirrung	Fai Demain
Brenda Laird	Nathiel Lukefahr
Larry Shaefer	Judy Shaefer
Loren S. Hayes	Wright Gore, III
Susie Wise	Melanie Oldham
Edna Allan	Eileen Koenig
Annette Sanford	Lucky Gilbert
Emma Covarrubias	Lila Diehl

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDonald at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the August 18, 2008 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the August 18, 2008 council meeting minutes.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

Loren Hayes of 1531 W. 2nd asked why the City was mowing the property owned by the Cradle of Texas.

Larry Shaefer presented to Council a letter showing Pixie Floyd of 303 W. Broad, a member of the Historical Main Street Board received grants totaling \$1,186.00.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The City Council and the Planning Commission of said City will conduct a joint public hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance granting to Emma S. Covarrubias as specific use permit to operate a liquor store at 517 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street within the corporate limits of said City, being Block 78, Lot 4 of the Freeport Townsite.

There being a quorum with the Planning Commission and Council, Mayor McDonald opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Diane Williams, Chairman and speaker for the Planning Commission recommends that Council grant a specific use permit to operate a liquor store at 517 West 2nd Street within the corporate limits of said City, being Block 78, Lot 4, of the Freeport Townsite. Mayor McDonald stated that at the present time, they were renting at 511 West 2nd Street and wanting to build their own building.

Mr. Shaw was instructed to prepare an ordinance.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor McDonald thanked the Planning Commission and closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2008-2206 amending the budget for fiscal year 2007-2008.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2008-2206 amending the budget for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2008-2207 removing the requirement for clearance prior to reconnecting whenever electrical service to any building or structure has been disconnected.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2008-2207 removing the requirement for clearance prior to reconnecting whenever electrical service to any building or structure that has been disconnected.

Consideration of the approval of a bid to purchase and authorize preparation of a deed on Block 661, Lot 1 through 12 and Lots 13 through 24, Velasco Townsite, Freeport Texas.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously rejected the offer to bid on Block 661, Lot 1 through 12 and Lots 13 through 24, Velasco Townsite.

#### Elected Official Report

Mayor McDonald attended several Emergency Management Meetings, concerning Hurricane Gustav.

Councilman Saccomanno attended the Summer Time Blues Festival on Friday and Saturday.

Councilman Cameron stated that he had attended several EDC meetings and wanted to report that the new board is doing a remarkable job controlling excessive spending. The Marina project is moving forward.

#### **Work Session**

#### Administration Report

Gary Beverly updated Council on the Public Hearing dates for the Budget and Tax Rates. He attended the Summer Time Blues Festival and wanted to make note that Mary Stotler is doing a very good job with her board members. Also attended a few Emergency Management Meetings and commends staff for a good job in preparing for hurricanes. The Brazosport Chamber of Commerce announces a Ribbon Cutting for Underwater Expeditions, 1010 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Discussion regarding purchasing a backup generator for the Central Lift Station.

Jerry Meeks discussed purchasing a backup generator for the Central Lift Station. TECQ requires emergency generators backup. The City will have to budget for \$ 167,000 and bid out the purchase.

Discussion regarding a representative to the Brazosport Water Authority.

Gary Beverly discussed with Council that Jimmy Salinas was resigning from the BWA board and that the City needed to advertise for a replacement. Councilman Wise asked what the duties of a representative were. Mr. Larry Shaefer, serving on the BWA board, stated that they meet once a month and they govern the water operation.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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Delia Munoz  
City Secretary

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Larry L. McDonald  
Mayor