

October 1, 2012

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Council Meeting

The Houston City Council met in regular session October 1, 2012 with Mayor Tottingham calling the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Aldermen present: Joe Honeycutt, Sharon Sillyman, Chalky Wells, Sheila Walker, Don Romines and David Arthur, City Administrator Larry Sutton, City Clerk Tonya Foster, City Attorney Brad Eidson and Chief Jim McNiell were present.

Alderman Romines made motion to approve the minutes from the regular session September 24, 2012. Seconded by Alderman Wells. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Alderman Wells made motion to approve payroll of September 25, 2012. Seconded by Alderman Walker. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Alderman Romines made motion to approve invoices of September 28 & October 1, 2012 totaling \$88,863.91 for payment as presented. Seconded by Alderman Sillyman. Motion passed with five yes votes. Alderman Honeycutt stepped out for a few minutes.

Guests: Robert Conaway, Jeremy Dillon.

Rob Conaway with Archer-Elgin Surveying & Engineering gave a proposal on the next phase of Safe Routes to School grant that the City could apply for with construction to begin in 2014. This is a 100% grant, no match from the City. Alderman Romines made motion to proceed with the grant application. Seconded by Alderman Arthur. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Rob Conaway also gave a proposal for an Enhancement grant the City could apply for. This is an 80/20 match with construction to begin in 2014. This proposal is for a sidewalk on Oak Hill Drive. Alderman Sillyman made motion to proceed with grant application. Seconded by Alderman Wells. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Jeremy Dillon with the Houston Park Board gave the park board's recommendation concerning Raymond Kramm. Board of Alderman will take under consideration.

No administrator's report.

Electric department moved transformers from the shed on Hwy 17 to the location on Oak Hill Drive. City Administrator Sutton would like for the board to consider purchasing the rock house next to the electric department on Oak Hill Drive for additional space.

Discussed the request from the Optimist Club on the City's support of the proposed community building. Board of Aldermen will make decision at the next meeting. (Oct 15)
HERO grant. Possibly receiving funds to do more houses this year.
Had a preconstruction meeting with Randy Kell on the NE industrial park.
Alderman Honeycutt had a safety concern about the burnt house on Steffens street.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Romines at 8:23 P.M. Seconded by Alderman Walker.
Motion passed with six yes votes.

Minutes Taken By

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk