

December 17, 2012

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### Council Meeting

The Houston City Council met in regular session December 17, 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 Officer Brad Evans were present.

Alderman Wells made motion to approve the minutes from the regular session December 3, 2012. Seconded by Alderman Walker. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Alderman Romines made motion to approve payroll of December 3, 2012. Seconded by Alderman Wells. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Alderman Romines made motion to approve invoices of December 14 & 17, 2012 totaling \$269,284.15 for payment as presented. Seconded by Alderman Sillyman. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Guests: Butch Burch with Burch Insurance.

Mr. Burch gave the board options on the health insurance for employees. Current policy with Anthem and policy with Aetna. Mr. Bruch has met with several employees to answer any questions. The local hospital and doctors are in the network with both companies. With Aetna, out of town doctors will be with St John's. The Aetna policy will save the city several thousand dollars in 2013. Alderman Romines made motion to go with Aetna insurance in 2013. Seconded by Alderman Arthur. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Discussed the 2013 budget made some changes since the first reading.

Motion made by Alderman Honeycutt to place Bill 113 (2013 budget) on first reading by title only. (Bill 113 has been posted) Seconded by Alderman Wells. Motion passed with six yes votes. Motion made by Alderman Arthur to place Bill 113 on second and final reading by title only. Seconded by Alderman Walker. Motion passed with six yes votes. Motion made by Alderman Romines to adopt Bill 113 as Ordinance 2012-113. Seconded by Alderman Sillyman. Motion passed with six yes roll call votes. Alderman Arthur – yes, Romines – yes, Walker – yes, Wells – yes, Sillyman – yes, Honeycutt – yes.

Motion made by Alderman Sillyman to place Bill 114 (2012 budget adjustments) on second reading by title only. (Bill 114 has been posted) Seconded by Alderman Walker. Motion passed with six yes votes. Motion made by Alderman Wells to adopt Bill 114 as Ordinance 2012-114. Seconded by Alderman Sillyman. Motion passed with six yes roll call votes. Aldermen Honeycutt – yes, Sillyman – yes, Wells – yes, Walker – yes, Romines – yes, Arthur – yes. (2012 budget adjustments)

Administrator Report  
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1. Ridge Hill Construction has completed all their work in the city. With Ray West, the new lift station on Hwy 63 was brought on line and began accepting sewer from the west side of Hwy 63 relieving the Plainview lift station. Will now be able to accept new industry in the NE Industrial Park.
2. Clean up and seeding along Hwy 63 was completed and the old lagoon has now been filled in and seeded as well.
3. New shed is framed up and roof metal work has been installed.
4. Youth basketball has started. Pre K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade finished Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade up began Dec 15<sup>th</sup> and will run thru mid Feb. Will shut down during holiday
5. Leaves have been raked up and burned throughout town allowing storm water drainage to flow.
6. Met with Verbal Blakey, BHMG, on 12-12-12 regarding electric power purchase agreement and next year's budget. Verbal will make corrections to purchase power agreement.
7. Solar lighting has been installed for both the new Houston signs on Hwy 63
8. City services for Tadd McCloud's new commercial building were installed.
9. Attended MPUA quarterly meeting representing our MMMPEP electric group 12-13-12 in Columbia.

Additions to administrator's report.

DNR inspector will be here Tuesday on second phase of WWTP.

Alderman Wells made motion to close this part of the meeting pursuant to Section 610.021 (2). Seconded by Alderman Walker. Motion passed with six yes roll call votes. Alderman Honeycutt – yes, Sillyman – yes, Wells – yes, Walker – yes, Romines – yes, Arthur – yes.

Alderman Wells made motion to return to open session at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Sillyman. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Discussed flag etiquette and when flag needs to be flown at half staff.  
Attorney Eidson has deeds done for Chamber and HDC.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Romines at 8:17 P.M. Seconded by Alderman Wells. Motion passed with six yes votes.

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Minutes Taken By

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk