

January 7, 2013

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Council Meeting

The Houston City Council met in regular session January 7, 2013 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 Dustin Hartman were present.

Alderman Wells made motion to approve the minutes from the regular session December 17, 2012. Seconded by Alderman Walker. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Alderman Romines made motion to approve payroll of January 2, 2012. Seconded by Alderman Sillyman. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Alderman Arthur made motion to approve the paid invoices of December 27, 2012 totaling \$81,336.97. Seconded by Alderman Wells. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Alderman Romines made motion to approve invoices of January 4 & 7, 2013 totaling \$150,194.18 for payment as presented. Seconded by Alderman Walker. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Guests: Sheena Painter, Chris Rutledge

Chris Rutledge with MoDot gave update on the work to be done on Hwy 63. Design team is doing traffic analysis of Hwy 63 through Houston, will be looking at different options for improvements. Time frame depends on the cost.

Motion made by Alderman Honeycutt to place Bill 100 (resisting arrest) on first reading by title only. (Bill 100 has been posted) Seconded by Alderman Wells. Motion passed with six yes votes. Motion made by Alderman Sillyman to place Bill 100 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 100 as Ordinance 2013-100. Seconded by Alderman Wells. Motion passed with six yes roll call votes. Alderman Arthur – yes, Romines – yes, Walker – yes, Wells – yes, Sillyman – yes, Honeycutt – yes.

Administrator Report January 7, 2013

1. Happy New Year.
2. Received the finale compliance inspection report from DNR for the new waste water plant and lift stations. City was in compliance.
3. Planning and Zoning Committee, mayor and I will begin the city long range plan January 24th. If any council member has recommendations, please let me know so it can be included in the new plan.
4. Completed purchase of house on Oak Hill. Will bid out the home (to be removed from the property) at a later date.

5. Purchase agreement on two vacant lots is under way.
6. Notified that Safe Route to School awards is being delayed until end of February instead of this month.
7. Are soliciting for engineers for Oakhill Drive enhancement grant.
8. City goals for 2013 include; 1. Completing electric system upgrade 2. TRIM grant (remove/replace trees in Emmett Kelly Park) 3. Rutherford Park design and possible completion 4. Pave road to new industrial park 5. Bid out highway 63 lighting materials 6. Complete a new City long range plan 7. Build new hanger and taxiway at the airport 8. Continued economic development pursuits to include assisted living, housing, expanding existing industry and retail and bringing in new industry and retail 9. Engineer and design Oakhill Drive walking trail.
9. Actual 2012 budget will be ready soon.
10. Annual audit is scheduled to begin Feb 4th.
11. Staff medical insurance came in even less (\$13 each per month). Now we will have Aetna has city provider.

Additions to administrator's report.

Need recommendations for the planning and zoning committee. Meeting January 24, 2013.

Approximately \$90,000 short on the final 2012 budget. This is less than originally estimated. Some of the shortfall was do to 27 payrolls in 2012.

2013 positive budget.

Two new home construction permits issued this week.

The city didn't receive the MHDC project.

Have an issue with a pump at the WWTP, having a company from Mt Grove look at it.

Area City Administrators will be meeting once a month.

Have started taking down trees in Emmett Kelly Park.

Sent out ads for airport hanger bids.

Looking at a 90% match grant with DNR for engineering for a new well.

Siren company is to send someone to look at.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Romines at 7:45 P.M. Seconded by Alderman Wells. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Minutes Taken By

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk