

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

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The Houston City Council met in regular session at 7 p.m. on Tuesday February 19, 2013 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present: Mayor Don Tottingham, Alderman Joe Honeycutt, Alderwoman Sharon Sillyman, Alderman Chalky Wells, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderman Don Romines, and Alderman David Arthur, City Administrator Larry Sutton, City Clerk Tonya Foster, City Attorney Brad Eidson and Police Officer Brad Evans were also present.

Mayor Tottingham established a quorum and called the meeting to order.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for the February 4, 2013 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Sillyman	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Arthur and seconded by Alderwoman Sillyman to approve payment for payroll of February 4, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Sillyman	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Arthur to approve payment of invoices for February 15 & 19, 2013 (\$71,421.80) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Sillyman	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			

Alderman Romines	x
Alderman Arthur	x

Guests: Scott Dill and Jeremy St. John.

Scott Dill with the Houston Schools spoke on the \$4 million bond issue that will be on the April ballot. He also wanted the council's input on a school resource officer. One of the options would be to partner with the city on this. The school has put in their 2014 budget for this position and is looking at this as a long term position. Council will discuss at the next meeting March 4, 2013.

Officer Evans asked council for their approval on a MoDot grant he is working on.

Mayor Tottingham had a request from Houston Celebration for Life. The city has given \$200 in the past for this project which is for post prom and post graduation activities.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Romines to approve the request to Houston Celebration for Life in the amount of \$200.00. Motion passed unanimously.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Sillyman	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

**Administrator Report
Feb 19, 2003**

1. Sewer and Electric Dept removed the old Hamrick Lift Station and fence.
2. Tree in front of city hall has been trimmed so log can be cut down.
3. Water Dept made repair of sewer line by Evans Sports where I&I was coming in. Have created a to-do list for camera, root removal, repair for areas of suspected of I&I.
4. Will start working some Sundays on electric system change over as weather and time allow.
5. Mayor and I attended MML legislative conference in Jefferson City 2-19-20.
6. Have completed purchase of house on Oakhill and have advertised home in the paper for removal from property.
7. Extensive repair to the pump station at the treatment plant has been completed. Item was out of warranty but appeared to have been installed incorrectly by contractor.

8. A survey for persons interested in an assisted living facility was published last week and has received several responses. The results will be forwarded to the company that is considering Houston.

Additions to administrator's report.

The annual audit was held recently. Overall good year, will end the 2012 year with a positive balance in all departments. Will look at changing payroll dates in 2014. New accounting standards. The grant with the TCMH will cause an extra cost for the 2013 audit. Will speak to TCMH about covering this cost.

Needing new banners on the downtown light poles. Council was in agreement to use same design as on the Hwy 63 poles.

Sales tax was up last month.

MoDot has contacted with Apac Asphaltting for local work. Apac will put a plant at Doss & Harper Stone Company. Administrator Sutton suggests that the city postpone the Oak Hill sidewalk project and have the needed asphaltting done while the plant is close to save on cost, if Apac is lowest bidder.

Power change over will be March 1, 2013.

No bids received on the house the city recently purchased.

Larry Sutton and Ron Reed have a meeting with the assisted living group.

Planning & zoning meeting Thursday.

Administrator Sutton has ordered maps for P & Z use.

Police department budget has greatly increased in the last few years.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Wells to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Sillyman	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Minutes Taken By

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk