

MINUTES - CITY OF BEAUMONT

W.L. Pate, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem
Dr. Alan B. Coleman, Ward I
Audwin Samuel, Ward III
Tyrone E. Cooper, City Attorney

BECKY AMES, MAYOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 17, 2011
Kyle Hayes, City Manager

Gethrel Williams-Wright, At Large
Ward II
Jamie Smith, Ward IV
Tina Broussard, City Clerk

The City Council of the City of Beaumont, Texas, met in a regular session on May 17, 2011, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 801 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas, at 1:30 p.m. to consider the following:

OPENING

- * Invocation Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call
- * Presentations and Recognition
- * Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items 1/Consent Agenda
- * Consent Agenda

Mayor Ames called the council meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Pastor Dwight Benoit of Magnolia Baptist Church gave the invocation. Councilmember Kevin Keating with Eagle Scout Troop 177 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was made by Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ames, Mayor Pro Tem Pate, Councilmembers Coleman, Wright, Samuel and Smith. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Tyrone Cooper, City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

"Hurricane Awareness Week" - May 22 - 28, 2011 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Samuel; accepted by Tim Ocnaschek, Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Beaumont and Dana Melancon, Meteorologist for Fox4 News

"Emergency Medical Service Week" – May 15 – 21, 2011 – Proclamation read by Councilmember Coleman; accepted by Robert Falls with the City of Beaumont EMS and Jason Mercer and Joel Denley with North Star Emergency Medical Services

"Older Americans Month" – May, 2011 – Proclamation ready by Mayor Ames; accepted by Lynn Huckaby, Director of the City of Beaumont Best Years Center

Presentation – Jennifer Pate, District Coordinator with the office of Senator Williams, presented Mayor Becky Ames with a Senate Resolution #863 as the recipient of the Athena Award from the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce

Councilmember Coleman introduced Kevin Keating who has received his Eagle Scout award on Sunday he is a member of Wesley United Methodist Church's Troop 177. His Eagle Scout project involved installing parking signs for senior's and small children at

Wesley United Methodist Church. He is a Cum Laude graduate of West Brook High School and will be attending the University of Texas in the Fall to study Architecture

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Mike Getz

7950 Phelan

Beaumont TX

Spoke in regards to Item A on the Consent Agenda; Contract for the Summer Food Service Program

CONSENT AGENDA

- * Approval of minutes – May 10, 2011
- * Confirmation of committee appointments – **None**
- A) Approve a contract for the Summer Food Service Program – **Resolution 11 - 152**
- B) Approve a contract for improvements to the Police Building – **Resolution 11 - 153**
- C) Approve an application for, and acceptance of, funding from the Texas Comptroller's office for Tobacco Compliance – **Resolution 11 - 154**
- D) Authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with South East Texas Regional Planning Commission related to 9-1-1 service and the use of 9-1-1 funds – **Resolution 11 - 155**
- E) Approve repealing Resolution 11-027 accepting a ten foot wide Exclusive Sanitary Sewer Easement located at 5535 Calder Avenue – **Resolution 11 - 156**

Councilmember Coleman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Pate seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM PATE, COUNCILMEMBERS COLEMAN, WRIGHT, SAMUEL AND SMITH

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Mayor Ames read the announcement regarding Executive Session being held at the conclusion of the General Business portion of the meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consider approving a three-year contract for grounds maintenance and litter removal for the Central Business District. **(Tabled)**

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER SMITH -

CONGRATULATED EVERYONE ON THEIR VICTORY FROM SATURDAY'S ELECTION, ANNOUNCED A PAINT-A-THON ON SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011, HOUSES HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO BE CLEANED AND PAINTED, THE PAINT-A-THON WILL START AT 8:30 A.M., BIRD WILL PROVIDE LUNCH FOR EVERYONE, ALSO COMMENTED ON A MEETING HE ATTENDED REGARDING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, A FEASIBILITY STUDY HAS BEEN DONE AND THERE IS TALK ABOUT RELOCATING SOME OF THE PROCESSING TO NORTH HOUSTON WHICH WILL AFFECT ABOUT 25 JOBS HERE IN BEAUMONT

COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -

THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON SATURDAY'S ELECTION, ALL OF THOSE WHO DIDN'T HE HOPES TO EARN THEIR SUPPORT IN THE FUTURE, ALSO JOINED THE MAYOR IN CONGRATULATING PASTOR BENOIT AND HIS CHURCH ON THE OPENING OF THEIR NEW FACILITY, ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF JOINING IN ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE NEW OPENING OF THE CHURCH FACILITY FOR HARVEST OF LOST SOULS, COMMENTED ON THE HOG RALLY AND THEIR SUCCESS

MAYOR PRO TEM PATE -

THANKED ALL OF THE CITIZENS THAT GOT INVOLVED, VOTERS AND PARTICIPANTS IN LAST SATURDAY'S ELECTION, IT IS AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO REPRESENT ALL OF THE CITIZENS IN THE CITY AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER, CONGRATULATED THE MAYOR, NOT EVERYONE GETS A SENATE RESOLUTION

COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT -

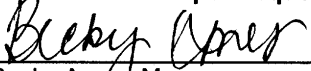
THANKED EVERYONE THAT TOOK PART IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS, THANKED THEM FOR RE-ELECTING HER TO COUNCIL, LOOKS FORWARD TO SERVING THEM ALL AND DON'T HESITATE TO CALL HER, SHE WILL ANSWER, GAVE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF JUDGE BRITT PLUNK ON HIS PASSING, THANKED TIM OCNASCHEK AND DANA MELANCON FOR THE HURRICANE AWARENESS PROGRAM, HURRICANE SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, COMMENTED ON THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, STATED THAT CONGRESSMAN TED POE WILL BE AT THE SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A MEET AND GREET ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011 AT 11:30 A.M., HE WILL BE ASKED TO INTERVENE FOR THE CITY ON BEHALF OF THE POSTAL SERVICE

COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN -

THANKED THE VOTERS THAT CAST VOTES IN SATURDAY'S ELECTION, CONGRATULATED EMS FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK, CONGRATULATED KEVIN KEATING ON HIS EAGLE

There being no action taken in Executive Session, Council adjourned.

Audio available upon request in the City Clerk's Office.



Becky Ames, Mayor



Tina Broussard, City Clerk

