

# MINUTES - CITY OF BEAUMONT

W.L. Pate, Jr., At-Large  
Dr. Alan B. Coleman, Ward I  
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**BECKY AMES, MAYOR**  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 17, 2012  
Kyle Hayes, City Manager

Gethrel Wright, At-Large  
Michael D. Getz, Ward II  
Jamie Smith, Mayor Pro Tem  
Tina Broussard, City Clerk

The City Council of the City of Beaumont, Texas, met in a regular session on **January 17, 2012**, 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 1-2/Consent Agenda
- \* Consent Agenda

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

Councilmember Coleman gave the invocation. Councilmember Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was made by Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Smith was absent due to work.

## Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

**"Braille Literacy Month"** - January, 2012 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Pate; accepted by Kenneth Siemen, Cynthia Julian and Consuelo Bates

**Public Comment:** Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items 1-2/Consent Agenda.

**None**

## CONSENT AGENDA

- \* Approval of minutes – January 10, 2012
- \* Confirmation of committee appointments

Lauren Williams Mason would fill the unexpired term of Angela Baker on the Community Development Advisory Committee. The term would commence January 17, 2012 and expire February 1, 2012. (Councilmember Alan B. Coleman) – **Resolution 12 - 010**

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Carolyn Howard would be reappointed to the Convention and Tourism Advisory Board. The current term would expire January 7, 2014. (Councilmember Alan B. Coleman) – **Resolution 12 - 011**

- B) Authorize the City Manager to execute an amended Industrial District Contract with Oiltanking Beaumont Partners, LP – **Resolution 12 - 013**
- C) Authorize the City Manager to receive additional funding through the Department of Homeland Security Supplemental 2008 Port Security Grant Program, to modify an inter-governmental agreement with Jefferson County to facilitate expenditure of the additional grant funding through the Port Security Grant Program fiduciary process, and to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Texas Forest Service to provide an Incident Management training course – **Resolution 12 - 014**

Councilmember Samuel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Item A. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion.

**AYES: MAYOR AMES, COUNCILMEMBERS COLEMAN, GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE AND SAMUEL**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED**

- A) Authorize the City Manager to amend a contract with the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission for the administration of Hurricane Ike disaster recovery funds – **Resolution 12 – 012**

Councilmember Getz made a motion to approve Item A on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

**AYES: MAYOR AMES, COUNCILMEMBERS COLEMAN, GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE AND SAMUEL**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Consider approving the purchase of fleet vehicles for use in various city departments.

Administration recommended approval of the purchase from Philpott Motors of Nederland in the amount of \$696,363.18.

Pricing for the equipment was obtained through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and BuyBoard. H-GAC and BuyBoard are cooperative purchasing associations providing cities and political subdivisions with the means to purchase specialized equipment at volume pricing. Both associations comply with the State of Texas procurement statutes. The total purchase price of \$696,363.18 includes the H-GAC and

BuyBoard administrative fees totaling \$1,000.

Replacement vehicles and additions to the fleet are requested through the City's budget process. The Fleet Superintendent reviews the requests and evaluates the vehicles to be replaced. Based on this evaluation, a recommendation is made to replace worn and obsolete vehicles that are no longer cost effective to operate. All twenty-two (22) vehicles to be purchased are replacing models ranging from 1996 to 2008. The newer vehicles may be reassigned by Fleet where appropriate. The age and mileage of the older vehicles render them unfit for continued service. These vehicles will be disposed of according to the City's surplus property disposal policies.

Warranties of 36,000 miles or three (3) years are provided for each new vehicle. The warranty service is provided by local authorized dealerships.

Funds are budgeted in the Capital Reserve Fund, Water Utilities Fund and Solid Waste Fund.

Councilmember Coleman moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE, AND HE IS HEREBY, AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWENTY-TWO (22) FLEET VEHICLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS FROM PHILPOTT MOTORS, OF NEDERLAND, TEXAS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$696,363.18 THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND BUYBOARD.** Councilmember Wright seconded the motion.

**AYES: MAYOR AMES, COUNCILMEMBERS COLEMAN, GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE AND SAMUEL**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED**

**Resolution 12 - 015**

2. Consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for and receive funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program.

Administration recommended approval.

The Department of Homeland Security EMPG funding is provided to assist states and local governments in enhancing and sustaining all-hazards emergency management capabilities. It directly supports developing and carrying out emergency management programs. This includes mitigating costs of compliance with National Incident Management System, Incident Command System, planning, and training mandates, as well as reducing the personnel costs to manage the program. The federal funding guidelines are envisioned to offset up to half the anticipated operating expenses which are currently funded through the city's budget. The City was awarded \$50,406 from this funding source in fiscal year 2011.

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The FY 2012 Budget anticipates spending \$316,994.92, for the Emergency Management program. This grant would offset up to fifty (50) percent of the anticipated costs or \$158,497.46.

Councilmember Samuel made a motion to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF BEAUMONT THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, 2012 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$158,497.46 TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING AND CARRYING OUT VARIOUS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.** Councilmember Wright seconded the motion.

**AYES: MAYOR AMES, COUNCILMEMBERS COLEMAN, GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE AND SAMUEL**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED**

**Resolution 12 - 016**

**WORK SESSION**

- \* Review and discuss plans for the proposed construction of a Police substation and restroom facility adjacent to the newly constructed Amtrak station

Brenda Beadle, Capital Projects Manager, discussed plans for the proposed construction of a police substation and restroom facility adjacent to the newly constructed Amtrak station. The Amtrak station has been completed with a few minor repairs, located at 2250 W. Cedar. A piece of property has been purchased and the home on the property has been removed. A police substation and restroom will be constructed on that property. The overall design is compatible and will match design elements of the new train depot. The placement of the substation and restroom is in proximity to the depot platform utilizing an accessibility sidewalk connector. The roof and brick material will be the same style and color as used on the depot, the building foundation and sidewalks will require six (6) feet height above ground to align with the depot station platform. The expenditures for the Amtrak station out of the Capital Program were discussed, the budgeted amount was \$600,000, all expenditures to date totaled \$379,000, the new construction cost \$289,000. The less unused contingency amount was \$24,000. Total amount for the project was \$644,000 with a net over budget amount of \$44,000. The scope of work for the police substation and restroom includes painted masonry walls and vinyl floor tile. The passenger restroom will be finished with a sealed concrete floor, epoxy coated concrete, with vandal resistant stainless steel plumbing fixtures and controls. Two additional security light poles matching the existing lights at the depot will be installed.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

**COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN - NONE**

**COUNCILMEMBER GETZ - NONE**



