

# 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  
June 14, 2011  
Kyle Hayes, City Manager

Gethrel Williams-Wright, At Large  
Michael D. Getz, 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 June 14, 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 1-3/Consent Agenda
- \* Consent Agenda

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

Brother Darin Ford, Director of Lamar University Baptist Student Ministry gave the invocation. Mayor Ames 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 Getz, Wright, Samuel (arrived at 1:48 p.m.) and Smith. Absent: Councilmember Coleman. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Tyrone Cooper, City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

## Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

None

**Public Comment:** Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items 1-3/Consent Agenda.

**Roberto Flores                                      2425 Buchanan                                      Beaumont TX**

Spoke in regards to Item #1 on the Agenda; amending Section 2.03.075 of the Code of Ordinances related to the number of authorized positions in the Beaumont Police Department

## CONSENT AGENDA

- \* Approval of minutes - June 7, 2011
- \* Confirmation of committee appointments - **None**
- A) Approve the City of Beaumont Investment Policy – **Resolution 11-169**
- B) Authorize the settlement of the claim of Edgard Sequeira – **Resolution 11-170**

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Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:**

**MOTION PASSED**

2. Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a depository agreement with Wells Fargo Bank for a term of two years with three annual options to renew.

Administration recommended Council authorize the City Manager to execute a depository agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., for a term of two (2) years with three (3) annual options to renew.

The current depository agreement with Capital One Bank, N.A., expires September 30, 2011, and all options to renew have been exhausted. The City has an agreement with Valley View Consulting, LLC (Valley View), for investment management and consulting services. One of the services provided under that agreement is to facilitate the process of selecting a primary depository bank. Valley View with assistance from the City, in accordance with the requirements set forth in Chapter 105 of the Texas Local Government Code has undergone the process of Bank Depository Service Request for Applications (RFA), including preparing the RFA, holding a pre-proposal meeting, analyzing the responses, and making a recommendation as to the best value for the City.

All banks within the municipal boundaries were contacted and received RFAs. Four (4) banks responded including: Bank of America, Capital One Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank, and Wells Fargo Bank.

After analyzing all responses, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., was determined to be the best value to the City. Wells Fargo, along with all the responding banks, exhibited acceptable financial strength and the ability to provide the bank services necessary to meet the City's current and future service needs. Wells Fargo stands out in the area of fees and earnings. Each bank's potential earnings credit (earnings that can only be used to offset banking fees) was compared to the hard-dollar interest (normal interest earnings that can be credited to the City's account), to determine the balance needed to offset fees and what the potential earnings may be if excess balance was available. With Wells Fargo Bank, there are no fees with a minimum balance of \$4 Million and the bank will pay interest on all deposit balances, including the minimum \$4 Million used to offset fees. The City's recent monthly average bank balance approximates \$7 Million.

In addition, the City will receive an allowance up to \$2,500 for supplies during the transition between banks, free daily armored car service from one location, free tamper evident deposit bags and deposit slips for the life of the contract.

Any expenditures related to banking are budgeted in the Cash Management Division's operating budget.

Councilmember Wright made a motion to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE PROPOSAL OF WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. FOR BANKING SERVICES IS HEREBY ACCPETED AND THE CITY MANAGER**

**BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT WITH WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2013. THE CONTRACT MAY BE RENEWED FOR THREE (3) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS BY MUTUAL CONSENT OF BOTH PARTIES. Mayor Pro Tem Pate seconded the motion.**

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

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED**

**Resolution 11 - 171**

3. Consider approving a payment to Jefferson County for the renewal of an annual maintenance agreement with Motorola for support of the shared radio system that is used by EMS, Fire, Police and other city departments.

Administration recommended the payment of an invoice to Jefferson County for the renewal of an annual maintenance agreement with Motorola for support of the 800 MHz radio system in the amount of \$172,913.70.

The 800 MHz system is used by EMS, Fire, Police and numerous other departments throughout the City for daily communications. The purchase is exempt from competitive bidding since it is available from only one (1) source having exclusive rights to maintain the radio infrastructure. The maintenance agreement provides for constant monitoring of the radio system and 911 dispatch centers as well as dispatching of repair personnel with replacement parts when required.

The 800 MHz radio system is shared with Jefferson County, Hardin County, the cities of Groves, Nederland, Port Arthur and Port Neches, the Port of Beaumont and Lamar University's Police Department. The annual cost of the maintenance contract is divided among all the agencies by the number of radios each agency has on the system. Total billing to the City of Beaumont was reduced by a credit for costs incurred supporting the system during the past year.

Funding in the amount of \$172,913.70 is available within the FY2011 budget in the General, Confiscated Goods, Water, Solid waste, and Fleet Funds.

**Councilmember Smith made a motion to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$172,913.70 TO JEFFERSON COUNTY FOR THE RENEWAL OF AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA FOR SUPPORT OF THE 800MHZ RADIO SYSTEM. Councilmember Getz seconded the motion.**

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

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED**

**Resolution 11 - 172**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

**COUNCILMEMBER SMITH -**

**ANNOUNCED THE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2011 AT TYRRELL PARK AT 12:30 P.M., THERE WILL BE A HISTORIAN THAT WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF JUNETEENTH, THANKED COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT, CORNELIUS WILLIAMS, GWEN AMBRES AND STATE REP. JOE DESHOTEL FOR SPONSORING DEAN JAMES WHO WILL PERFORM FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M., BRIAN JACK WILL BE ON STAGE AFTERWARDS, FROM 12:30 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. WILL BE THE KIDS TIME FOR GAMES, FOOD, ETC.**

**COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -**

**ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO COME OUT TO THE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION, CONGRATULATED THE BABE ZAHARIAS FOUNDATION, THEY HAD A GREAT TURNOUT FOR THE GOLF TOURNAMENT, CONGRATULATED COUNCILMEMBER PATE FOR MAKING IT A SUCCESSFUL EVENT, ALSO COMMENTED ON THE BILL PICKETT RODEO, HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE FOR THE GRAND OPENING, THANKED CYNTHIA VILLERY FOR BRINGING THAT EVENT BACK HOME, VISITED THE ZYDECO IT WAS A GREAT EVENT AND VERY SUCCESSFUL, COMMENDED STAFF ON THE HARD WORK ON THE BUDGET, THANKED THE CITY MANAGER AND PATRICK DONART FOR THEIR QUICK RESPONSE, SHARED INFORMATION WITH THE CITIZENS OF WARD IV THAT WAS RECEIVED IN REGARDS TO CERTAIN STREET REPAIRS IN THEIR WARD**

**MAYOR PRO TEM PATE -**

**COMPLIMENTED THE CITY MANAGER AND STAFF ON THE GREAT JOB THEY CONTINUE TO DO, AS PRESIDENT OF THE BABE ZAHARIAS FOUNDATION APPRECIATED THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A GREAT GROUP THAT REPRESENTED THE CITY, COMMENTED THAT IN A FEW WEEKS THERE WILL BE AN ARTICLE ABOUT BEAUMONT IN THE NEW YORK TIMES, STATED HE WILL LET EVERYONE KNOW WHEN THE ARTICLE WILL BE IN THE PAPER, ASKED THAT EVERYONE REMEMBER IT'S FLAG DAY**

**COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT -**

**ASKED THAT EVERYONE LIFT COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN IN PRAYER AS HE DOES HIS MISSIONARY WORK, ALSO REMEMBER HIS MINISTER, PAM BESSER, WHO IS ILL**

**COUNCILMEMBER GETZ -**

**RELAYED THE APPRECIATION OF ONE OF HIS CONSTITUENTS WHO SUFFERED A WATER LEAK UNDER HER DRIVEWAY AND THE QUICK RESPONSE OF THE CITY'S WATER DEPARTMENT, ANNOUNCED THAT TENNIS CLINICS ARE GOING ON FOR THE**

