

# 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  
July 12, 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 July 12, 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 1-2/Consent Agenda
- \* Consent Agenda

Mayor Ames called the council meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and spoke briefly about fallen Officer Bryan Hebert. She asked for all citizens to keep the Hebert family in their prayers and thoughts. Mayor Ames then asked for a moment of silence as a tribute to Officer Hebert.

Reverend James Blackwell of South Park Baptist Church gave the invocation. Mayor Ames led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was made by Stephanie Gandy, Deputy City Clerk.

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

## Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

**Officer Carol Riley** with Beaumont Police Department addressed Council on funeral arrangements for Fallen Officer Bryan Hebert. Wives of police officers who made red and black ribbons to honor Officer Hebert spoke to Council and passed out ribbons.

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

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

**None**

## CONSENT AGENDA

- \* Approval of minutes - **June 28, 2011**

\* Confirmation of committee appointments - **Resolution 11 - 190**

Bill Little would be appointed as an alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The term would commence July 12, 2011 and expire July 11, 2014. (Mayor Becky Ames)

Jeff Purcell would be appointed to the Police Department Community Advisory Committee. The term would commence July 12, 2011 and expire July 11, 2013. (Councilmember Mike Getz)

Karl Duerr would be appointed to the Police Department Community Advisory Committee. The term would commence July 12, 2011 and expire July 11, 2013. (Councilmember Mike Getz)

- A) Approve a contract for temporary personnel services – **Resolution 11 - 191**
- B) Authorize the conveyance of an Aerial Easement to Entergy, Texas at the Northeast corner of Lucas and Calder Avenue – **Resolution 11 - 192**
- C) Authorize the acceptance of a ten foot wide Exclusive Water Line Easement located at 3415 West Cardinal Drive – **Resolution 11 - 193**
- D) Authorize the acceptance of a ten foot wide Exclusive Water Line Easement to provide water and fire protection services for Westbrook High School located at 8750 Phelan Blvd – **Resolution 11 - 194**

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

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

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Conduct an election of Mayor Pro Tempore.

Administration recommended

Mayor Pro Tem Pate made a motion to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT COUNCILMEMBER JAMIE SMITH IS ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEMPORE FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM.** Councilmember Samuel seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED**

**Resolution 11 - 195**

2. Consider amending Chapter 6, Article 6.07 of the Code of Ordinances related to taxicabs.

Administration recommended approval.

Earlier this year, the Council held a worksession on taxicab rates. Staff recommended that the base rate be increased by 75 cents to \$2.75 for the first one-tenth mile. Council supported this recommendation and asked that it be brought back for approval. The rates for taxicab services are established in Section 6.07.072.

The Police Department, which regulates taxicabs that operate in the city, asked that it be given time to research amendments to the ordinance that will provide it with better criteria for evaluating the background of an applicant for a chauffeur's license.

The amendments proposed for Section 6.07.006 clarify the process and establish the criteria for that evaluation. Upon approval, the Police Department will follow the guidelines established in the Texas Occupations Code. The new process will include a records search, and staff is proposing a \$15 application fee to cover the cost of accessing the applicant's records.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 6.07, SUBSECTION 6.07.006(B), (E) AND (N); SUBSECTION 6.07.072(B)(1) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY.** Councilmember Samuel seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED**

**Ordinance 11 - 045**

**WORKSESSIONS**

- \* Receive a request related to the establishment of Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 3 which includes areas located within the City of Beaumont's ETJ (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

Mr. Hubert Oxford, IV addressed Council regarding the establishment of Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 3 to serve the population located west of the City of Beaumont. The District is required to request the City's consent due to the fact that some of the included areas are located within the City's extraterritorial

jurisdiction. Mr. Oxford has worked with City staff to be sure that the proposed district lies outside the City's corporate limits and doesn't include the industrial district property located on Highway 90. Beaumont Fire Chief, Anne Huff, also reported that establishing the emergency services district would reduce some of the work load of the City's Fire Department.

- \* Review and discuss proposed amendments to the Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance

Jim Thompson, Director of Management Operations, addressed Council regarding modification to the City's ordinance for solid waste, namely the disposal requirements for tree clippings as brought to Council's attention by a tree service vendor. Mr. Thompson discussed the various modifications that would be made to the ordinance that would allow tree clippings to be put curbside by independent contractors so long as placement requirements are adhered to. Mr. Thompson also indicated that there would be several amendments to the ordinance to bring it up to date, including the removal of reference to the Public Works department, of which Solid Waste is no longer under the direction, and the time by which trash containers must be removed from the curbside by citizens.

- \* Review and discuss the delivery of emergency medical services

Ingrid Holmes, Public Health Director, spoke to Council regarding the EMS division. Mrs. Holmes noted the number of EMS stations located throughout the City, along with the number of units operated each day based on available staffing. It was noted that paramedic staffing is a nationwide challenge for emergency medical service systems, though they are being actively recruited. Mrs. Holmes also noted that calls for ambulance service are transferred from the 9-1-1 Operation Center to the Fire Dispatch Office. Fire and EMS crews work together to provide emergency medical care. Fire Department dispatchers determine the nature of the call, issue pre-arrival instructions and dispatch an ambulance and a Fire Department first responder. There are twelve fire stations located throughout the city and the Fire Department first responder typically arrives before the ambulance. If a city ambulance is not available, a private ambulance is dispatched. Should the nature of the call be more critical than anticipated, the crew may then contact the Paramedic Supervisor for assistance. Beaumont EMS has an excellent reputation with emergency room physicians for the quality of care being provided and, for the past sixty days, the 3-1-1 Call Center has not received any complaints about service delivery or the quality of care provided.

## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

**MAYOR PRO TEM SMITH -**

**THANKED COUNCIL FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS MAYOR PRO TEM, CONGRATULATED BELOVED BROWN ON MAKING IT TO THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, WISHED COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT A HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY, CONGRATULATED FIREFIGHTER JAMES MATHEWS JR. AND BEAUMONT EMS FOR THE GREAT JOB THEY DID ON THE RESCUE OF A YOUNG LADY AND FOR GOING BACK AND**

VISITING HER, GAVE CONDOLENCES TO THE HEBERT FAMILY, STATED THAT HE HAD THE HONOR OF WORKING WITH OFFICER BRYAN HEBERT AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR TWO YEARS AND THAT HE WAS A TRUE PROFESSIONAL AND HE WILL BE MISSED

**COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -** EXTENDED HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF OFFICER BRYAN HEBERT, JOINED WITH MAYOR PRO TEM SMITH IN CONGRATULATING BELOVED BROWN, STATED THAT THERE ARE SOME VERY FINE STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY WHO EXCEL NOT ONLY ACADEMICALLY BUT ATHLETICALLY AS WELL, COMMENDED KENDRICK PERKINS FOR NOT FORGETTING HIS HOME AND GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, WISHED COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**COUNCILMEMBER PATE -** THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE HEBERT FAMILY, OFFICER HEBERT REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIS PROFESSION, COMMUNITY AND FAMILY, STATED THAT WE ARE FORTUNATE TO LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE PEOPLE VOLUNTEER TO KEEP US ALL SAFE, COMPLIMENTED BELOVED BROWN ON HER ACHIEVEMENTS AND KENDRICK PERKINS FOR THE GREAT THINGS HE'S DONE IN THE COMMUNITY, CONGRATULATED COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT ON HER BIRTHDAY, ANNOUNCED THE BOOK ABOUT BABE ZAHARIAS WAS LISTED IN THE PARADE SUMMER READING LIST AND THAT IT IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A MOVIE

**COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT -** THANKED THE COUNCILMEMBERS FOR THEIR KIND REMARKS ABOUT THE STUDENTS, GAVE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF OFFICER BRYAN HEBERT AND ALSO TO THE LEMONS FAMILY, STATED HOW WONDERFUL THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION WAS

**COUNCILMEMBER GETZ -** WISHED COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT A SAFE TRIP ON HER VACATION, EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE CITY MANAGER FOR BEING AT THE SCENE OF THE OFFICER HEBERT TRAGEDY AND DOING ALL HE COULD TO HELP THE OFFICERS WHO RESPONDED TO THE SCENE, SHARES ALL OF COUNCIL'S COMBINED EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AND GRIEF FOR THE HEBERT FAMILY, REMINDED EVERYONE THAT THERE ARE CONCERTS IN THE PARK ON SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2011 AT PERLSTEIN PARK FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

**COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN -** WISHED COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT A HAPPY BIRTHDAY, REMINDED EVERYONE TO WATCH AND SEE IF JAY BRUCE, WESTBROOK GRADUATE, GETS TO PLAY IN THE ALL-STAR GAME, HIS FAMILY'S PRAYERS ARE WITH THE HEBERT FAMILY AND HE KNOWS THAT OFFICER HEBERT IS AT A HEAVENLY

**BANQUET RIGHT NOW, THANKED FIREFIGHTERS MICHAEL PEEVEY AND JAMES MATHEWS JR. FOR THEIR SPECIAL WORK IN RESCUING A LITTLE GIRL LAST WEEK**

**CITY ATTORNEY COOPER - ABSENT**

**CITY MANAGER HAYES - NONE**

**MAYOR AMES - NONE**

**Public Comments (Persons are limited to three minutes)**

**Dr. Dar Kavouspour                      4355 Brownstone Dr.                      Beaumont TX**

Spoke in regards to Beaumont EMS, which he is the medical director of, along with being the medical director of Acadien Ambulance, stated that the City of Beaumont EMS is far superior to any EMS service he has ever worked with, being the medical director of all of them, he knows the strict criteria in place for Beaumont EMS, stated That the news media has put forth negative statements and being as he reviews all of The cases, he can say that Beaumont EMS truly does a fantastic job

**Louis Vaughn                                      9615 Mapes                                      Beaumont TX**

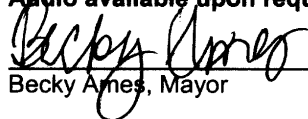
Stated that he comes to Council week after week and Mr. Bruce Hoffer always comments and states that he's a local attorney, he believes Mr. Hoffer really is God's gift to children and their families, believes that the late Mr. Chris Quinn was the same way, believes that both gentlemen love all the children of Southeast Texas, gave kudos to Rev. J. D. Roberts on his efforts with Know Your County Courthouse, gave condolences to the Hebert family

**Tangela Stephens                                      4040 Crow Rd.                                      Beaumont TX**

Thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to speak, announced that she is going to Las Vegas on Sunday to represent the State of Texas, thanked everyone in Beaumont for their support, also stated that she and the American Texas Queens will be on the Jim King Show on Thursday, also they will be bringing the first state pageant to Beaumont and hopes people will get on board with that, any young women between the ages of 13 and 29 wishing to participate can contact her

There being no Executive Session, Council adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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

  
Becky Ames, Mayor

  
Stephanie Gandy, Deputy City Clerk

