



CITY OF FULSHEAR

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES MARCH 1, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting Workshop was called to order by Mayor Thomas C. Kuykendall, Jr. on March 1, 2016 in the Fulshear City Hall at 6:34 pm located at 30603 FM 1093, Fulshear, Texas 77441.

Members Present:

Thomas C. Kuykendall, Jr., Mayor
Jeff Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem
Tricia Krenek
Tajana Mesic
Ramona Ridge
Erin Tristan

City Staff Present:

D. (Diana) Gordon Offord, City Secretary
Kristina Brashear, Finance Director
Michael Ross, Assistant City Administrator
C. J. Snipes, City Administrator
Toni Velie, Utility Director
J. Grady Randle, City Attorney
Kenny Seymour, Chief of Police

Others Present:

Viola Randle
Mark Yentzen
And 13 others who did not sign in

II. QUORUM

Mayor Kuykendall announced that a quorum was present.

III. WORKSHOP

A. Consideration of presentation on Utility Billing transition

Michael Ross, Assistant City Administrator, presented Council with an overview of the proposed Utility Billing and Procedures Manual for review. A copy is included in the packet and requested that questions be sent to himself or C.J. Toni Velie talked about data extractions. She requested anyone having questions, please call her office. Mr. Ross states that staff recommends that the city council approve the revisions that reflect in the revised copy of the manual. They are also looking at an additional staff to cover the new customer service hours which will be from 5p.m.- 8p.m. This introduction took approximately ten minutes. No action was taken.

B. Consideration of presentation on meter conversion and customer interface following conversion of meters under the Siemens project

Next, Mayor Kuykendall introduced Chad Nobles with Siemens Industry, Inc.. Mr. Nobles spent approximately 30 minute presenting to the Council. He talked about the automated meter conversion. He stated their objectives are to increase sufficiency, quicker respond to customer service, accuracy, and customers charged for water they actual use. Also this new technology will provide consumer information about water leakage, do a comparison of their water usage and something called "dashboard"(the customer portal/fathom prime and U2YOU). During his presentation, he allowed for questions. He used a video throughout his presentation. Mr. Nobles stated the initial cost would be \$1,998,100 for the total construction price. The annual would be \$20, 500 for Siemens and \$4,568 to keep software update. After the first year, it would be possible to eliminate Siemens once the system is up and running. The fathom would only cost \$3.00 per meter which would be passed off to the customer. (for entire presentation, request a copy of the tape). Mr. Nobles states they will be replacing 2, 061 meters. Residents will be able to evaluate their usage after a year. At the beginning of this process, there is no historical data that can be used due to the city's current system. A discussion continued of questions and answers between Council, audience, and city staff.

Council received a hard copy of the Siemens Performance Contracting Agreement. No action was taken.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Consideration and possible action to approve Checks Paid and Payables for the period of January 19, 2016 to February 26, 2016

Mayor Kuykendall stated not all the data was available at the last meeting and that why this item is appearing on the this agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Krenek to approve checks paid and payables for the period of January 19, 2016 to February 26, 2016. It was seconded by Council Member Tristan.

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts had a question regarding legal bill for a "trademark". Mr. Randle, City Attorney, stated this is for a copyright. Mr. Snipes attempts to provide an explanation. Mr. Roberts was concerned about spending taxpayers money for a trademark. Mr. Snipes said we have had other issues so felt need to secure using this copyright, "finding your future in Fulshear". Mayor Pro Tem Roberts also questioned the legal fee regarding eminent domain. Attorney Randle provided an explanation. He stated it was a requirement by the state, due sometime in January – "don't remember the date."

Council Member Tristan asked if the attorney had any set fees for example for time spent for an email. Attorney Randle explained it depended on the length of time to respond.

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts asked about the cost of legal fees in our budget. Council Member Ridge stated we have already spent \$30,000.00 in legal fees this year. Mayor Kuykendall stated Council was provided with information and note that it was received late but we may want to save this discussion for another meeting.

Council Member Tristan asked about the amount spent on open records request since 1-1-2016 to current. Attorney Randle stated he has been sending information to the Council as he prepares it.

Council Member Mesic had another question on legal bills and agreed to postpone her legal questions until Council meeting. Attorney Randle expressed a few comments on this subject to the Council. Several of the Council Members were talking at one time. Mayor Kuykendall suggested a separate meeting to discuss legal bills and stated we have a motion on the table.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Krenek, Mesic, Ridge, and Tristan

Nays: Mayor Pro Tem Roberts

B. Consideration and possible action to approve settlement agreement between related parties associated with Legacy Section 3 sanitary sewer issues

C.J. Snipes, City Administrator, asked for postpone on this item until we get actual numbers on what the settlement might be.

A motion was made by Council Member Krenek to postpone item B. It was seconded by Council Member Ridge. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Krenek, Mesic, Ridge, Roberts, and Tristan

Nays: None

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; CLOSED MEETING.

A GOVERNMENTAL BODY MAY CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY IF DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PERSON.

Mayor Kuykendall announced that Council would enter Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and a quorum was present.

VI. RECONVENE AND TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE

Mayor Kuykendall announced that Council would resume into regular session at 8:15 p.m. and asked if any action needs to be taken. Council stated no.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

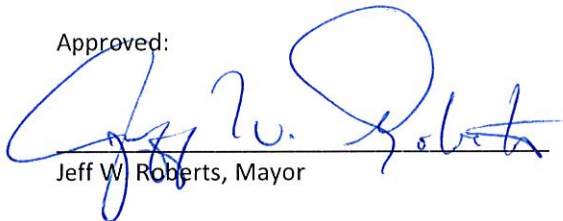
A motion was made by Council Member Krenek to adjourn. It was seconded by Council Member Tristan. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Krenek, Mesic, Ridge, Roberts, and Tristan

Nays: None

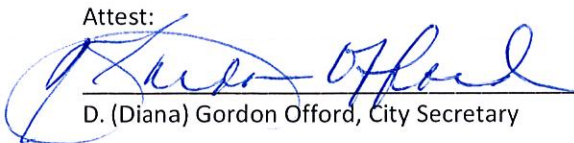
Mayor Kuykendall announced that we are adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved:



Jeff W. Roberts, Mayor

Attest:



D. (Diana) Gordon Offord, City Secretary