

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2006 - 6:30 P.M.

HELD AT CITY HALL, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Donnie McMannes, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tempore Allan Steagall
Councilman Merle Aaron
Councilman Bill Conner
Councilman Allen Lee
City Manager Darrell Boeske
City Secretary Sue Daniel

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Assistant City Manager Mark Martin
Director of Public Works Barry Brock
Chief Gary Warman, HPD
Assistant Chief Mike Legoudes, HFD
Civic Center Director Johnnie Scroggins

Chief Gary Outlaw, HFD
Finance Director Dixie Kellum
Officer Parker, HPD
Fire Marshal Clint Johnson

VISITORS PRESENT:

Barbara Vosbein
Howard Mittag
Shirley Conner

Juanita Steagall
Suzanne West

Mayor Donnie McMannes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all members present except Councilman Andy Curry.

1. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant City Manager Mark Martin gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MINUTES - REGULAR MEETINGS JANUARY 12 AND 26, 2006

Minutes of the meeting of January 12 and 26 were presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Councilman Allen Lee moved the minutes be approved as printed and circulated.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement for January 2006 was presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Councilman Lee moved the financial statement be approved for information only.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

4. CURRENT INVOICES

Invoices were presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval of payment.

Accounts Payable:

General Fund	\$ 289,007.91
W/S Operating Fund	<u>21,063.54</u>
Total	\$ 310,071.45

Manual Checks:

General Fund	\$ 496.46
W/S Operating Fund	<u>15,945.98</u>
Total	\$ 16,442.44

Councilman Allan Steagall moved the invoices be paid.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

5. CITY OF HUMBLE ORDINANCE NO. 06-617 ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 13, 2006

City Manager Darrell Boeske presented Ordinance No. 06-617 to the mayor and councilmembers for approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-617

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF HARRIS:

CITY OF HUMBLE:

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS:

Notice is hereby given that an election has been ordered to be held on the 13th day of May, 2006 for the purpose of electing the following City Officials:

COUNCILMAN POSITION NO. 3

COUNCILMAN POSITION NO. 4

COUNCILMAN POSITION NO. 5

The entire corporate limits of the city shall constitute one election precinct and the polling place for said election shall be City Hall located at 114 West Higgins, Humble, Texas. The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the office of the city secretary located in City Hall at 114 West Higgins, Humble, Texas. Early voting will be held May 1, 2006 - May 5, 2006 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. On May 8 and 9, 2006 early voting will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Applications for a ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

CITY OF HUMBLE
SUE DANIEL, CITY SECRETARY
114 WEST HIGGINS
HUMBLE, TEXAS 77338

Applications for a ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 5, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

No person shall vote at said election unless they are qualified to vote under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the City of Humble Charter regulating election when not in conflict with the provisions of the statutes relating thereto.

BY THE ORDER of the City Council of the City of Humble, Texas, duly passed, approved and adopted this 9th day of February, 2006.

Mayor McMannes moved to adopt Ordinance No. 06-617.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FOUR MOBILE RADIOS AND FIVE HAND HELD RADIOS - POLICE DEPARTMENT (BUDGETED ITEMS)

City Manager Boeske presented a request from the police department to purchase four mobile radios and five hand held radios that are in the current budget and recommended approval of the purchase. The total cost for the equipment purchases is \$ 36,127.19 of which \$ 20,435.35 is for five hand held radios and the

four mobile radios to cost \$ 15,691.84. Councilman Bill Conner moved that the police department equipment request for four mobile and five hand held radios be approved.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

7. COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS: RESTORATION OF OIL DERRICK AT CIVIC ARENA

City Manager presented proposals from three companies for the restoration work of the oil derrick at the civic arena. The proposals received were:

KBR	\$ 18,784.00
Pascor Construction Services	\$ 16,307.00
Texas Rig Levelers, Inc.	\$ 15,840.00

Councilman Steagall moved to award a contract to the low bidder, Texas Rig Levelers, Inc., for repairs to the oil derrick.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

8. APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS (NEW EQUIPMENT AND ANTENNAS) TO AN EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS TOWER - CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS - 600 NORTH HOUSTON AVENUE

City Manager Boeske presented a request from Cricket Communications to modify an existing communications tower at 600 North Houston Avenue and recommended approval of the project. Councilman Merle Aaron moved to approve modifications to the communications tower at 600 North Houston Avenue.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

9. APPROVAL TO BUILD A NEW COURTHOUSE AT 121 WEST MAIN STREET - FORMERLY KNOWN AS HARRIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE BUILDING

Mayor McMannes moved to grant approval to building a new courthouse. Councilman Conner stated that if the council votes to approve a new courthouse at 121 West Main then the city will demolish the old Harris County Courthouse which would leave the city with a building site. He questioned if the council should consider the building of a new courthouse the highest and best use for this site. He stated he believed that if the council were to remodel the existing building then the building should remain a courthouse. He asked the council to consider moving the courts to the City Hall building and build a new City Hall at 121 West Main. He then

moved that agenda item #9 be tabled until studies can be made to see if this proposal is feasible. A discussion ensued on the proposals to building a new City Hall or a new Courthouse. Mayor McMannes called for the vote on Councilman Conner's motion.

Ayes: Conner, Lee

Nays: Aaron, McMannes, Steagall

Motion Failed.

Mayor McMannes then called for the vote on his motion to build a new courthouse.

Ayes: Aaron, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: Conner

Motion Carried.

10. AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST COMPETITIVE BIDS TO DEMOLISH OLD HARRIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE BUILDING - 121 WEST MAIN

City Manager Boeske asked the mayor and councilmembers for authorization to request competitive bids to demolish the old Harris County Courthouse building. Councilman Steagall moved to grant authorization to receive competitive bids for the demolition of the old courthouse building. Councilman Lee inquired about demolishing the courthouse building until the bids come in for the new courthouse project. He worried that the bids would come in higher than the projected cost figures and would cause a problem. Mayor McMannes called for the vote.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transpire, Mayor McMannes moved the meeting be adjourned. Meeting Adjourned. 6:50 p.m.

D. G. McMannes
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Daniel, City Secretary