

ALLEN OWEN

Mayor

JERRY WYATT

Councilmember at Large Position 1

CHRIS PRESTON

Councilmember at Large Position 2



YOLANDA FORD

Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember District A

JEFFREY L. BONEY

Councilmember District B

ANTHONY G. MAROULIS

Councilmember District C

FLOYD EMERY

Councilmember District D

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Missouri City, Texas, met in regular session on **Monday, March 19, 2018**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **7:00 p.m.** to consider the following:

1. **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Owen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Ford, Councilmembers Wyatt, Preston, Boney, Maroulis, and Emery, City Manager Snipes, City Attorney Iyamu, and City Secretary Jackson.

2. The **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Assistant City Manager Elmer.

There were no **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rhonda Johnson, 1219 Beechbend Drive, invited City Council to the April 7 nationwide Relay for Life event and stated participants could register online.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

City Manager Snipes stated the Texas Comptroller's office recently announced that the City has achieved specific transparency goals through their Transparency Stars program and the City received a star in the area of Traditional Finances which recognizes entities for their outstanding efforts in making their spending and revenue information available. He also reminded Council of several upcoming initiatives: the Municipal Volunteer Program Input Forum on Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber; an Animal Services News Conference on Wednesday, March 21 at 2 p.m. in the Council Chamber; the Fire Station #2 Open House on Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m. at 12403 McLain Blvd.; and, the Crazy Hare Dash on Saturday, March 24 at 3 p.m. at Community Park, 1700 Glenn Lakes Lane. Snipes recognized Police and Fire for competing in a Chili Cook-Off at the Plantation at Quail Valley Apartment Homes; Parks & Recreation for hosting spring break camps the previous week; Financial Services for hosting this year's first Citizens' University class; Councilmember Floyd Emery for being elected as the Board Chair for the Houston-Galveston Area Council; and, Councilmember Jeffrey L. Boney for attending the National League of Cities' Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. and advocating for the City with elected officials such as Rep. Al Green, U.S. Senator Kamala Harris. And, Snipes announced save the dates for: the Second Annual MCTX Fest on Saturday, April 14 from 4 p.m. at the Fort Bend County Annex in Sienna, 5855 Sienna Springs Way; and, the State of the City address on Thursday, April 26 at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center, 1522 Texas Pkwy.

Mayor Owen expressed his condolences on the passing of City of Houston Councilmember Larry Green.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- (a) Consider approving the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 19, 2018; and, the minutes of the special and regular City Council meetings of March 5, 2018.

- (b) Consider an ordinance to amend PD, Planned Development District No. 101 pertaining to the development of a single family residential subdivision; consider a related ordinance providing for an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan; providing a penalty; and consider the related ordinance on the second and final reading. The subject site is located north of the Newpoint Estates residential subdivision, south and west of the Creekmont residential subdivision.

Councilmember Wyatt moved to approve the Consent Agenda item 6a pursuant to recommendations by City Staff. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Owen opened the floor for agenda item 6b Public Comments.

Mary Ross, 2507 Shadow Oaks Drive, stated she supports the amendments and thanked City Council for their support.

Omar Izfar, 2500 Fannin, thanked City Council for their support.

Councilmember Wyatt stated he raised concerns during the last City Council meeting regarding fire services to Newpoint Estates. Wyatt then requested Fire Chief Campbell to address how they would deliver services into the subdivision. Campbell stated there were no hydrants in the community and they would bring water into the community after the initial fire attack, which would take time. Campbell added that having access to hydrants would be a better option.

Councilmember Wyatt requested to go into closed executive session. At 7:24 p.m., City Attorney Iyamu stated City Council would go into closed executive session under 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. At 7:33 p.m., City Council reconvened into open session.

Councilmember Wyatt requested Assistant City Manager Elmer to address if this had no impact on Long Point Creek drainage. Elmer stated there would be no impact on Long Point Creek.

Councilmember Boney moved to approve the Consent Agenda item 6b pursuant to recommendations by City Staff. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Mayor Owen, Mayor Pro Tem Ford and Councilmembers Preston, Boney, Emery and Maroulis

Nays: Councilmember Wyatt

There were no **Zoning Public Hearings and Ordinances, Public Hearings and related actions, nor APPOINTMENTS.**

9. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (a) Consider authorizing the request by the Exchange Club of Fort Bend to post child abuse awareness signs along Highway 90-A and Present Street.

Councilmember Emery moved to authorize the request by the Exchange Club of Fort Bend to post child abuse awareness signs along Highway 90-A and Present Street. Councilmember Preston seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (b) Consider authorizing a new mission statement for the Animal Services Division.

City Manager Snipes thanked staff and the advisory board for crafting the mission statement. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kumar presented the new mission statement with amendments for the Animal Services Division as follows:

Missouri City Animal Services is committed to protecting the health, safety and well-being of all people and animals in our community through enforcement of state and local laws and by providing compassionate care for every animal within the city's animal shelter.

We accomplish our mission by:

- *Assuring that all proper medical treatment have been administered.*
- *Facilitating registration of dogs and cats within the city.*
- *Providing temporary housing and humane care and treatment for all shelter animals.*
- *Assisting in re-uniting lost pets with their owners.*
- *Responding effectively and efficiently to all animal bite cases.*
- *Providing spay/neuter services to reduce pet overpopulation and heartworm testing prior to adoption.*
- *Creating collaborative partnerships and training with outside agencies, rescue groups, and volunteers to promote adoptions and reduce euthanasia rate(s).*

Councilmember Wyatt moved to authorize the new mission statement for the Animal Services Division as amended. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (c) Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for the purchase and installation of picnic pavilions for Independence Park.

Councilmember Wyatt moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for the purchase and installation of picnic pavilions for Independence Park with BJ's Park & Recreation Products in the amount of \$59,770.50. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There were no **ORDINANCES.**

11. RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Consider a resolution adopting a schedule of fees for the regulation, registration, impoundment and handling of animals.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kumar stated the City's previous schedule of fees for the Animal Services Division was adopted in 1995. Since then, this fee structure has not been updated. Based on benchmarking performed by City staff with other municipal shelters in this region, the City's fee schedule was determined to be too low, especially as it related to the adoption fees. In addition, the level of services provided with these new fees was being enhanced so as to be compatible with other municipal shelters in the region. He continued to address the major changes in the new fee schedule were in relation to the adoption fee. Previously, a flat fee of \$15 was charged for each dog or cat adopted from the City's animal shelter. Based on the updated fee schedule, these fees would increase to \$85 and \$70 for dogs and cats, respectively. In addition, as part of the adoption fees, these animals would receive basic vaccinations, heartworm testing and spaying /neutering (if age appropriate). The City registration fees would also increase from \$2 (sterilized) and \$5 (non-sterilized) to \$10 (sterilized) and \$20 (non-sterilized). These fees and services provided were compatible with those provided by other municipal animal shelters in the region.

Mayor Owen questioned the annual registration fees. He requested staff to develop a form and take to every veterinarian in the City whom would then provide it to the resident and have them register their pets. Mayor Pro Tem Ford requested to see a chart comparing fees from other cities and the number of residents who register their pets. Director of Public Works Kumar reviewed what other cities charged for annual registration. He added they did plan on promoting registration through veterinarian clinics. Mayor Pro Tem Ford requested to move forward with the proposed amount and return with an analysis of the outcome. Boney recommended doing a better job at campaigning the registration.

Brenda Clark, Animal Shelter volunteer, did not agree with microchipping. Clark believes increasing fees was not the solution, as there were owners who would not pay a fee to pick up their lost pet. She recommended owners of repeat offenders, should be held liable and fined.

Assistant City Manager Elmer clarified that when Animal Control Service Officers find unregistered animals, they do cite the owner. City Attorney Iyamu discussed changes to the resolution. Mayor Owen spoke against the increased registration costs. Councilmember Wyatt recommended having a \$10 fee for annual city registration fee for both sterilized animal and non-sterilized animal. All decided against this.

Mayor Pro Tem Ford moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Ford and Councilmembers Wyatt, Preston, Boney, Emery and Maroulis

Nays: Mayor Owen

- (b) Consider a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and the City Secretary to attest an economic development agreement between the City and Quail Valley Station LLC, pertaining to certain improvements to an approximately 10.32-acre tract of land located east of The Woods residential subdivision, south of Cartwright Road, north of the future Park Gate residential subdivision, and west of Texas Parkway.

Director of Economic Development Esch stated that for some time, the City has sought to attract reinvestment in the existing properties along Texas Parkway, Cartwright Road as well as sections of FM 1092. The City has created an economic development incentive policy where the City would rebate a portion of the new value that would be created from the capital investment back to the owner occupied facilities. Esch added that the City was approached by the owners Quail Valley Shopping Center, who own a number of properties across the nation and were considering the Missouri City location for inclusion in their capital reinvestment budgeting. Their goal was to invest over \$500,000 in new improvements to the property including the façade, landscaping, and the parking lot as well as an enhanced tenant attraction program. The project was not a direct fit for the existing policy as it was not owner occupied. However, following discussions with Council, staff proceeded with a chapter 380 program agreement which would rebate 50% of the new value collected as a result of their new investment in the property. The proposed agreement was consistent with the discussion staff had with Council and was submitted for consideration and action.

Councilmember Wyatt moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Preston read the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity mission statement and sent his thoughts and prayers to the Green family. Councilmember Maroulis discussed other upcoming events such as Kid Fish event at Community Park and Trash Off hosted by Missouri City Green. Councilmember Boney sent his condolences and prayers to the family of Councilmember Larry Green.

13. ADJOURN

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Allen Owen, Mayor

Maria Jackson, City Secretary