

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TITUS

CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT

The City Council of the City of Mount Pleasant, Texas, after notice posted in the manner, form and contents as required by law, met in Regular Session April 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall at 501 North Madison with the following members present:

Dr. Paul O. Meriwether	-	Mayor
Robert Nance	-	Mayor Pro-Tem
Tim Dale	-	Council Member
Brian Heavner	-	Council Member
Michael McGahee	-	Council Member
Kerry Wootten	-	City Attorney
Mike Ahrens	-	City Manager
Darleen Durant	-	City Secretary
Absent: Danny Muskrat	-	Council Member

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2018 REGULAR SESSION.

Motion was made by Council Member Heavner, second by Council Member Nance to approve the minutes of April 3, 2018. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BID FOR THE SILVER CREEK LIFT STATION AND FORCE MAIN IMPROVEMENTS.

Motion was made by Council Member Dale, second by Council Member McGahee to award the bid for the Silver Creek Lift Station and Force Main improvements to 7-H Construction Company of Tyler, TX in the amount of \$251,526.32. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TAX ABATEMENT POLICY.

Motion was made by Council Member Dale, second by Council Member Heavner to approve the Tax Abatement Policy of the City with no changes. This policy must be renewed every two years. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBER TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM.

Motion was made by Council Member Dale, second by Council Member Heavner to appoint Aliza Kilburn to the Main Street Advisory Board with her term expiring in 2020. She will be replacing Caroline Blackard who resigned. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-5 ESTABLISHING THE 2018 CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVAL.

Motion was made by Council Member Heavner, second by Council Member McGahee to approve Resolution No. 2018-5 entering into an agreement with TxDOT for closures of State right-of-way on May 5, 2018 for the Cinco De Mayo event. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO TAKE BIDS ON ANNUAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Motion was made by Council Member Heavner, second by Council Member Nance to authorize staff to take bids for the Annual Street Improvement Project. The project includes approximately 119,768 square yards of sealcoat and 24,100 linear feet of striping. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-3 SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR NINETY DAYS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RATE DECREASE FILING OF SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY MADE ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5, 2018; APPROVING INTERIM RATES SUBJECT TO REFUND; REQUIRING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COALITION OF SIMILARLY SITUATED CITIES; AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION AND PARTICIPATION IN RELATED RATE PROCEEDINGS; AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Council Member Dale, second by Council Member Nance to approve Resolution No. 2018-3 allowing the cities oversight coalition, CARD, to intervene in the rate case to ensure rates are properly reviewed. The rates are to be reduced due to the federal tax reform. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4 RESPONDING TO THE APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., BEAUMONT/EAST TEXAS DIVISION, TO INCREASE RATES UNDER THE GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM; SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RATE APPLICATION FOR FORTY-FIVE DAYS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN A COALITION OF CITIES KNOWN AS THE 'ALLIANCE OF CENTERPOINT MUNICIPALITIES'; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING SUCH OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Council Member Nance, second by Council Member Dale to approve Resolution No. 2018-4 allowing the City to continue to participate in our oversight coalition, the 'Alliance of CenterPoint Municipalities' and authorizes the employment of legal counsel. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

- I. Monthly Departmental Reports
- II. Titus County Appraisal District Report
- III. March Financial Report
- IV. Quarterly Investment Report
- V. Sales Tax Analysis

ADJOURN: 6:16 P.M.

DR. PAUL O. MERIWETHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLEEN DURANT, CITY SECRETARY