

**MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Call to Order**

The City Council of the City of Katy, Texas, convened in regular session Monday, April 11, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., at Katy Municipal Complex, 910 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. The following City Officials were present:

Don Elder Jr., Mayor  
 Hank Schmidt, Mayor Pro Tem  
 Carol Adams, Councilmember  
 Kenneth Berger, Councilmember  
 Larry Gore, Councilmember  
 Fabol R. Hughes, Councilmember  
 Martha Williams, City Attorney Representative  
 Missy Bunch, City Secretary  
 Johnny Nelson, City Administrator  
 David Leyendecker, City Engineer

The following City Official was absent:

Art Pertile, City Attorney

**Proclamation for National Student Leadership Week, April 17-23, 2011**

The Mayor read and presented a Proclamation for National Student Leadership Week, April 17-23, 2011, to Taylor High School Student Council Representatives Allison Gordon and Jacob Bottorff.

**Comments from the Audience**

All were given to be heard and the following spoke: 1) Steve Allender, 1980 Katy High School Graduate and formerly of Allender Enterprises, expressed his deep concern of an incident that occurred at the 2006 Chamber of Commerce Rice Harvest Festival and wanted the City to be aware of the situation. Allender understood the City gave approval for the Chamber to close off the downtown streets until 8:00 p.m. on Sunday for their annual Rice Harvest Festival; however, at 6:18 p.m. while assisting his wife (a vendor) at her booth he was run over by a car, while the tents were still in place. He was concerned the Chamber allowed traffic from Avenue A to Avenue D while there were still people in the streets. Allender suggested the streets be clearly marked with sign being posted for a lowered speed limit. He spoke of having been unemployed since the incident. He asked City Council to consider a change in the upcoming event, that no cars be allowed on the streets while customers are still in attendance. He thanked City Council for their time.

**Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Gore asked that Item No. 7 – Approve 2011 Annual Membership Dues for Waller County Economic Development Partnership in the Amount of \$1,000.00 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Councilmember Berger, seconded by Councilmember Adams, approving the Consent Agenda as amended as follows:

- 6) Approve Minutes
  - A) 03-14-2011 Regular Meeting
  - B) 03-28-2011 Regular Meeting

All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Approve 2011 Annual Membership Dues for Waller County Economic Development Partnership in the Amount of \$1,000.00**

Councilmember Gore had removed consideration of the approval of the 2011 Annual Membership Dues for Waller County Economic Development Partnership (EDP) from the Consent Agenda to allow for further discussion. He asked if any representatives from Waller County EDP were present. He had intended on asking what benefit the City was receive for this membership. There were no representatives present. Mayor Elder reported the City of Katy hosted a recent Waller County EDP meeting at the Katy Heritage Museum. He believes it is a benefit to the City, since growth is moving west through the City of Katy into Waller County. He believes the City should have a good working relationship with Waller County EDP, as it does with Katy Economic Development Council. Councilmember Gore was concerned with the use of taxpayer's monies; he believes the majority of the membership is non-governmental entities and was concerned there was no one present. The Mayor explained all Economic Development organizations have membership dues. Motion was made by Councilmember Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember Berger, approving the 2011 Annual Membership Dues for Waller County Economic Development Partnership in the Amount of \$1,000.00. Votes were cast as follows: Ayes – Adams, Berger, Schmidt; Noes – Gore, Hughes. The motion to approve carried.

**Consider Convention and Tourism Bureau Application for Southland Conference – 2012 Basketball Tournament - Amount Requested \$110,000.00 (Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion; Sporting Events in which Majority of Participants are Tourists in Cities in a County with Population of One Million or Less) (approved by Convention and Tourism Bureau 3-30-2011)**

Tom Burnett, Southland Conference, reported on another successful basketball event and commented on the increasing attendance. He spoke of the additional hotels located within the city limits and complimented the City on their hospitality. He gave a brief presentation on the recent "Destination: Katy", Southland Conference held on March 8-12, 2011, at the Merrell Center and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the catch phrase. He reported the tournament involved 16 teams and over 10,000 fans throughout the event. Burnett reported the event accounted for approximately 1200 hotel room nights, which is an increase from the 1100 hotel room nights from 2010. He believes an additional 500-800 rooms were occupied during the event. He spoke of the winning teams, the various types of advertising throughout the Southland Conference area, the City's promotional video being run on various broadcast stations and the numerous vouchers presented to students in the local schools. Burnett explained because of the great success of the event in Katy, several other cities have shown interest in hosting the event. He commented that Southland Conference personnel were considering all who have bid for the event. He spoke briefly of the other cities. Burnett spoke highly of amenities in Katy. The Mayor spoke of the great relationship the City had with Southland Conference personnel. Councilmember Gore asked when the decision for the 2012 event would be approved. Burnett anticipates a final decision no later than May 25, 2011. Burnett explained the Merrell Center has reserved the dates for the 2012 event and he asked for Council's approval of the requested funds contingent upon the event returning to Katy. Councilmember Adams thanked Burnett for holding the event in Katy, commented she had attended several games. Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Berger, approving the Convention and Tourism Bureau Application for Southland Conference, 2012 Basketball Tournament, Amount Requested \$110,000.00 (Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion; Sporting Events in which Majority of Participants are Tourists in Cities in a County with Population of One Million or Less). All voted Aye and the motion carried.

**Consider Convention and Tourism Bureau Application for City of Katy – Image and Branding Graphics Ad Campaign 2011 – Amount Requested \$2,100.00 (Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion) (approved by Convention and Tourism Bureau 03-30-2011)**

City Treasurer Byron Hebert presented Councilmembers with two different advertisements for the City to use in various publications. He explained there are two different ads, a full page and a half page, in which an attempt was made to capture all of the happenings in Katy. Hebert commented the proposed ads would be used in the Texas Monthly Magazine and in the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce relocation packets. Hebert briefly described the new ads which included the Katy Heritage Museum mural, the old Post Office located in Katy Heritage Park, the various hotels, the Katy High School Tigers Varsity Football Team, Southland Conference, Katy Mills and faded portion of high rises from Houston, including a small map of the close proximity of Katy to Houston. Motion was made by Councilmember Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember Adams, approving the Convention and Tourism Bureau Application for the City of Katy – Image and Branding Graphics Ad Campaign 2011 – Amount Requested \$2,100.00 (Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion). All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Consider Awarding Bid for 2011 Emergency Generator Installation at Water Plant No. 2 to McDonald Electric, Houston, Texas, in the Amount of \$262,469.00**

Motion was made by Councilmember Berger, seconded by Councilmember Gore, awarding the Bid for 2011 Emergency General installation at Water Plant No. 2, to McDonald Electric, Houston, Texas, in the Amount of \$262,469.00. City Treasurer Byron Hebert reminded Councilmembers that the project will be funded with Reserve monies, remaining funds from drainage bonds. City Engineer David Leyendecker asked Council to amend the motion to include contingencies, engineering, surveying, inspection fees and CenterPoint gas line, for a total project amount of \$317,813.00. Councilmember Berger and Councilmember Gore amended the main motion to include the additional fees, for a total project amount of \$317,813.00. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Councilmembers' Reports**

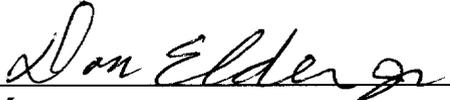
Councilmember Gore thanked Hebert and those involved with City's new ad. Councilmember Berger announced the Katy Police Officers' Fish Fry to be held on Tuesday, 04-12-2011.

**Mayor's Reports**

The Mayor thanked all involved with the Paws in the Park Golden EGGvent held on Thursday, 04-07-2011, at the City Dog Park. He reminded all to attend the upcoming Breakfast with Easter Bunny to be held on Saturday, 04-16-2011 at Katy Harvest Plaza.

**Adjourn**

Motion was made by Councilmember Hughes, seconded by Councilmember Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting. All voted Aye, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

  
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 Mayor

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 City Secretary