

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order

The City Council of the City of Katy, Texas, convened in regular session Monday, October 8, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., at Katy Municipal Complex, 910 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. The following City Officials were present:

Don Elder Jr., Mayor
 Carol Adams, Councilmember
 Larry Gore, Councilmember
 Bill Lawton, Councilmember
 Steve Pierson, Councilmember
 Art Pertile, III, City Attorney
 Missy Bunch, City Secretary
 Johnny Nelson, City Administrator
 David Leyendecker, City Engineer

The following City Councilmember was absent:

Fabol R. Hughes, Mayor Pro Tem

Proclamation Recognizing October 2012 as International Alpha Delta Kappa Month

The Mayor read and presented a Proclamation recognizing October 2012 as International Alpha Delta Kappa Month to representatives of Alpha Delta Kappa.

Proclamation Recognizing November 5-9, 2012 as Municipal Courts Week

The Mayor read and presented a Proclamation recognizing November 5-9, 2012 as Municipal Courts Week to Katy Municipal Court representatives.

Keep Katy Beautiful Board - Recognize Keep Texas Beautiful Education Award Winner – Ready to Recycle Club of Morton Ranch High School

Jamie Wolman, Keep Katy Beautiful Board Member, recognized the Keep Texas Beautiful Education Award Winner – Ready to Recycle Club of Morton Ranch High School. She spoke of these students being true leaders of recycling at their school by delivering the recyclable items from their school cafeteria to a recycling center in Waller County once a week.

Comments from the Audience

All were given an opportunity to be heard and there were no comments from the audience.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Lawton, approving as printed and presented the Consent Agenda as follows:

- 7) Consider Approval of 09-24-2012 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 8) Consider Approval of 2013 City Holidays
- 9) Consider Cancelling Regular City Council Meetings (*due to holidays*)
 - A) Monday, November 26, 2012 (*Thanksgiving*)
 - B) Monday, December 24, 2012 (*Christmas*)
- 10) Consider Approval of Annual “Tour De Donut”, Benefitting Make-A-Wish Foundation, Sunday, 11-04-2012 (*start/finish at Katy Mills Mall*) (*portion within Katy City Limits only*)
- 11) Consider Declaring of Surplus Property - Electronics to be Recycled at Keep Katy Beautiful Board’s Don’t Mess with Texas Trash-Off on November 17, 2012

All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Convention and Tourism Bureau Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Application - Katy Area Chamber Of Commerce 32nd Annual Katy Rice Harvest Festival, Downtown Historic Katy, October 13-14, 2012, Amount Requested is \$68,690.00 (Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion; Funding Programs that Enhance the Arts) (approved by CTB 09-26-2012)

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Pierson, approving as printed and presented the Convention and Tourism Bureau Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Application - Katy Area Chamber of Commerce 32nd Annual Katy Rice Harvest Festival, Downtown Historic Katy, October 13-14, 2012, Amount Requested is \$68,690.00 (*Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion; Funding Programs that Enhance the Arts*). Ann Hodge, President/CEO, Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, gave a brief presentation on the upcoming Rice Harvest Festival. She congratulated Mayor Elder on being the Grand Marshal at the Rice Harvest Festival Parade held on Saturday, October 6, 2012. Hodge announced the different sub-events, such as an area for history, cooking competition and photo contest themed "What is Katy to You". She explained the entrance/ticket gates are manned by the eight local high schools. Hodge had received several positive comments about the placement of a professional fence around the perimeter of the event and gave a brief report on the monies distributed among several organizations, including the City of Katy. She spoke of various types of advertisement, which included radio, newspapers, posters and social media. Hodge commented there will be additional shuttle buses and the partnering with Katy Mills Mall for all riders to receive a coupon book for shopping at the mall, special hotels rates, large and increasing number of vendors, various talent to be appearing and more detailed demographics of the makeup of the event. Hodge reported the weather is projected to be sunny and warm, with cool evenings and will be a great improvement from last year's rain. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Convention and Tourism Bureau Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Application - Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post No. 9182 - "Katy Commemorates Operation Enduring Freedom" Featuring The Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon - Katy ISD Rhodes Stadium - October 9, 2012, Amount Requested is \$4,518.39 (Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion; Funding Programs that Enhance the Arts) (approved by CTB 09-26-2012)

Motion was made by Councilmember Gore, seconded by Councilmember Lawton, approving as printed and presented the Convention and Tourism Bureau Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Application - Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post No. 9182 - "Katy Commemorates Operation Enduring Freedom" Featuring The Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon - Katy ISD Rhodes Stadium - October 9, 2012, Amount Requested is \$4,518.39 (*Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion; Funding Programs that Enhance the Arts*). The Mayor encouraged all to attend and spoke of American Airlines being committed to having the Marines in Katy for this event. He reminded all of the sacrifices made by veterans, so that all could be in attendance at this meeting. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Convention and Tourism Bureau Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Application - City Of Katy - Texas Independence Trail (Texas Historical Commission) Partner Program Membership Fees 2012-2013, Amount Requested is \$2,500.00 (Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion) (approved by CTB 09-26-2012)

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Adams, approving as printed and presented the Convention and Tourism Bureau Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Application - City Of Katy - Texas Independence Trail (*Texas Historical Commission*) Partner Program Membership Fees 2012-2013, Amount Requested is \$2,500.00 (*Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion*). All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2549 Creating, Appointing and Establishing Duties for the 2012-2013 Charter Review Commission

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Lawton, approving as printed and read (*caption*) an Ordinance (No. 2549) Creating, Appointing and Establishing Duties for the 2012-2013 Charter Review Commission. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2550 Amending Katy Code of Ordinances Section 1.701(A), by Determining Salary of the Mayor and Fixing the Salary of City Council

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawton, seconded by Councilmember Pierson, approving as printed and read (*caption*) an Ordinance (No. 2550) Amending Katy Code of Ordinances Section 1.701(A), by Determining Salary of the Mayor and Fixing the Salary of City Council. Councilmember Gore expressed thoughts that City Councilmember's positions are more part-time and the Mayor's position is more of a full-time position; therefore, he thought the Mayor to be underpaid for the amount of work he does. He said the City is running good and explained, that since being on City Council he had received approximately \$10,000 a year for a part-time job and believes this to be a good amount and it should not be increased. Councilmember Gore believed it was good to give employees a raise and to give back to the citizens; however, he expressed he had a problem with voting himself a raise. He believes with the work the Mayor performs, that this this position should be voted on separately and should be increased. The Mayor explained that he believes consideration of an additional increase for the Mayor's position should be considered after the upcoming election of the new Mayor and believes sometime in the future there will have to be consideration of a full time Mayor. He commented he wanted to give back to the community and by being Mayor he has been able to do that. Councilmember Lawton agreed with Councilmember Gore's comments that for the amount of work the Mayor does, he is underpaid and an increase should be considered. Votes were cast as follows: Ayes – Adams, Lawton, Pierson; and, Noes – Gore. The motion carried.

Councilmembers' Report

Councilmember Pierson explained he had enjoyed the Rice Harvest Festival parade and spoke of his recent horse riding experience. He is looking forward to the event and the good weather projected. He thanked the students and scouts who were in attendance and encouraged them to pursue their dreams and he expressed appreciation for what they do for their schools and the difference they make in the community. Councilmember Adams thanked Morton Ranch High School students and the Boy Scouts in attendance. She thanked American Airlines for contributing and making the VFW's Operation Enduring Freedom Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th even more special by flying the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill platoon in for the event. She thanked Ann and Bob Hodge for heading up the upcoming Rice Harvest Festival and commented she was glad to be a part of it. She expressed belated birthday wishes to Fire Chief Marc Jordan. Councilmember Gore thanked Morton Ranch High School students for their efforts in recycling. He recognized the Boy Scouts and believes the VFW's upcoming ceremony and the upcoming Rice Harvest Festival are both great events. He explained that Councilmember Hughes was not in attendance this evening because he daughter was having stents put in. Councilmember Lawton reiterated the previous comments from Councilmembers, glad to see Boy Scouts in attendance, thanked them for being dressed in uniform and for attending in larger numbers. He thanked Morton Ranch High School for stepping out in the community, a job well done. He thanked Ann and Bob Hodge for waving a large flag for the City and for working tirelessly on the upcoming Rice Harvest Festival. He spoke of keeping Councilmember Hughes' daughter Robin in everyone's' prayers.

Mayor's Reports

The Mayor spoke of the young people in attendance being the upcoming leaders of the future and expressed how proud he was of them. The Mayor announced the upcoming VFW's Operation Enduring Freedom Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2012, at Rhodes Stadium. He thanked Ann Hodge for the Rice Harvest Festival, which brings a large group of people into the community and he thanked Bob Hodge for ordering the good weather.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Pierson, to adjourn the meeting. All voted Aye, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary