

***MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING*****Call to Order**

The City Council of the City of Katy, Texas, convened in regular session Monday, September 11, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., at Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. The following City Officials were present:

Chuck Brawner, Mayor  
Durrant Dowdle, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ray Boothe, Councilmember  
J. Gary Jones, Councilmember  
Jimmy Mendez, Councilmember  
Steve Pierson, Councilmember  
Paula Alexander, Interim City Attorney  
David Leyendecker, City Engineer  
Byron Hebert, City Administrator  
Melissa A. Bunch, City Secretary

The following City Official was absent:

Art Pertile, III, City Attorney

**Public Comments**

All were given an opportunity to be heard and the following spoke during Public Comments:

J.D. Schuck, Pin Oak Village, 24603 Stoughton Court, spoke of Hurricane Harvey being a catastrophic event that he believes should not have happened to the residents of Pin Oak Village and Falcon Point subdivisions. He believes it could have been prevented. He commented he had no voting rights in the City; but the City needs to find a resolution. Schuck believes the City needs to look into the Katy Mills detention pond, he referred to as Katy Lake, to have controlled release of the water. He believes the City should be held accountable. He stated there was debris clogging the drainage pipe, near his home.

After Mr. Schuck spoke, the City Attorney explained the public can speak during Public Comments; however, the City Councilmembers cannot, that is why they responded to no questions.

Dave Herlinger, 6110 Pecan, explained he had resided in Katy for 38 years and his home is Pine Forest had only flooded two times during this time. He stated he had spoken with the Mayor and Councilmember Dowdle about the ditches along Morton Road. He watched as the water was coming down from the north and he believes it should be going to Morton Road. He commented the City should not focus on the Mall, but the neglect older subdivisions. He spoke of Katy being a small town and believes the City does care, unlike his neighbors. He had met with City Engineer Leyendecker about the drainage pipes/ditches, which he believes are not adequate and the City should not wait for the study, they should clean out the ditches. He stated he had received 3.5 inches in a two hour period, which flooded he and his neighbors' homes and something needs to be done. He expressed concern with the improvements to Morton Road and the drainage issues. Herlinger explained he had torn down fencing to keep his house from flooding.

**Public Comments (cont'd)**

Stephen Christian, 6125 Pecan Lane, spoke of his home being taken out of the 100 year flood zone, being placed in the 500 year flood plain, but thankful he retained his flood insurance in place. He witnessed the drainage at Avenue D spitting water out, then Magnolia Street sucking back in, lifting a manhole cover. He encouraged City Council to have the ditches in his area cleaned out, he does not want to spend the next few years of his life, repairing his home.

Michael Pritchard, 2002 Saddlehorn Trail, spoke about Katy Lake, Katy Mills detention pond, which boundaries his home and came from within a few feet of flooding his home. He commented on the homes flooded in Pin Oak Village, that he has been watching the lake, does not want Katy to become a destination city and believes the boardwalk project is ill-conceived. Pritchard told that he has been catching catfish coming out of the drain from the lake, catching them with a net and his horses were in high water. He stated it was a scary situation to see the outpouring from Katy Lake which was to drain through the ditch, but the water was reversed and coming from both sides. Pritchard is the last home on Saddlehorn Train and wants the City to do something about the infrastructure, the kids with pot near his home and the negative effects to come from Katy Boardwalk project. He encouraged the City to do something.

Alexis Carrico, Pin Oak Village, 1935 Cloverfield Drive, explained her home backs up to the Katy Mills berm and commented that she was out of town when the flooding hit. She blames the City for the flaws with the detention pond and its upkeep. She has pictures of the berm and the depth of the water, the drainage water that turned into a river running behind her house. She stated her home has about two to three foot of water in it, water damage to her car. She believes the drainage ditch needs to be addressed and the water should go to Buffalo Bayou. She stated fix the problem.

Luanne Zacek, 6521 Patricia Lane, spoke about the homes that flooded in West Katy, all of the water drainage into Cane Island Creek, which has not been cleaned recently. Zacek explained she did not flood, but he came close and believes it is because the natural flow on drainage has been changed. She commented water ran down Cane Island directly into West Katy and the ditches/ponds are not deep enough. She stated she pays tax and want the City to do something to keep citizens from flooding.

Kyle Kotzebue, 6817 Ash Lane, West Katy, spoke of growing up in the house he bought from his parents and only one time did the water get within ten foot of his house, but he had 18 in his home and believes the railroad south of the subdivision became a dam, holding the water in their subdivision. He has never seen the water this high before, something needs to be done.

David Kotzebue, 6006 A Street, spoke about Cane Island Subdivision coming in and now there has been flooding for the past two years. Kotzebue commented because his wife was persistent in calling the City and the City finally came to dig out the ditches on A Street, and by being proactive, the City kept them from flooding; however, their neighbors flowed even with the ditches being dug out. He believes the City does not been to worry about growing, but should be taking care of the people who have lived her 30-40 years.

Kathleen Wedemeyer 2706 Avenue D, explained she did not get water in her house, because it is on pier and beam. She asked why the water coming down Avenue D, like a raging river, which goes around houses is not drained properly. She asked who made the decision to install a 24" drainage pipe between Morton and Franz Roads, because it is not sufficient.

**Public Comments (cont'd)**

JoElla Exley, 6409 Magnolia, spoke of driving over Mason Road at Mayde Creek and one would think they are living in the Grand Canyon, but behind her house there is a small ditch and she want to know why it is not as dug out as the Grand Canyon on Mason Road.

The Mayor closed the Public Comments session at 7:15 p.m.

**TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR (for the record only, no action required.)****2017 Certified Appraisal Roll (Certified Approved Taxable Value \$2,180,244,116)**

The Mayor presented the 2017 Certified Appraisal Roll (*Certified Approved Taxable Value of \$2,180,244,116*).

**2017 Certified Collection Rate (100 Percent Debt Tax Collection Rate)**

The Mayor announced the 2017 Certified Collection Rate (*100 Percent Debt Tax Collection Rate*).

**PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET****Announce Public Hearing on Proposed 2017-2018 Budget: 6:30 p.m., Monday, September 25, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting**

The Mayor announced there would be a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2017-2018 Budget on September 25, 2017, at the Regular City Council Meeting.

**Discuss Proposed Tax Rate, Take Record Vote and Schedule Two Public Hearings on Tax Increase:**

- **First Public Hearing – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 21, 2017; and,**
- **Second Public Hearing – 6:30 p.m., Monday, September 25, 2017**

*[Since the proposed 2017 Tax Rate of \$0.486720 Exceeds the 2017 Effective Tax Rate of \$0.469618, a Record Vote (Roll Call Vote) on the proposed 2017 Tax Rate and Scheduling of Two (2) Public Hearings are required at this time.]*

The Mayor announced, in relation to the proposed tax rate, that since the proposed 2017 Tax Rate of \$0.486720 exceeds the 2017 Effective Tax Rate of \$0.469618, a Record Vote (*Roll Call Vote*) on the proposed 2017 Tax Rate and the scheduling of two public hearings are required.

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- Second Public Hearing – 6:30 p.m., Monday, September 25, 2017

**Consider a Resolution (No. 817) Authorizing Mayor to Sign a Purchase and License Agreement with Xavus Solutions, LLC, for Reservation and Notification Software (Social Services)**

Motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Boothe, approving as printed and presented a Resolution (*No. 817*) Authorizing Mayor to Sign a Purchase and License Agreement with Xavus Solutions, LLC, for Reservation and Notification Software (Social Services). All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Councilmembers' Reports**

Councilmember Pierson stated hi heart goes out to the citizens who have been effected by Hurricane Harvey. He believes he was blessed, since he did not get water in his house. He commented that there are several issues that need to be addressed and that the leadership is in place to handle these issues Pierson commented that today is a solemn day as he remembered the horrific event that happened to the United States during the 9-11 event, in which several people died, including public servants and first responders, who put their life on the line to help

**Councilmembers' Reports (cont'd)**


those who were trapped. He thanked God for him being cancer free. God Bless the City of Katy. Councilmember Mendez explained there is so much he wants to say about the flooding. He reported he had water knee deep in his house and was shocked by all the help his family received from strangers, it was a true blessing. He assured the citizens there are a great deal of projects going on behind the scenes to improve the quality of life for them. Councilmember Dowdle commented he appreciated all of the comments made about the recent flooding. He spoke of Katy being a wonderful community where people go out of their way to help one and other. Dowdle spoke of the numerous organizations who were fed by the churches, and given places to sleep. He comment there were thing lost and this was not a position anyone would want to be in, but from a community standpoint our citizens are awesome. Councilmember Jones welcomed Councilmember Pierson back from surgery and happy to see Councilmember Boothe's recovering. He spoke of the V.F.W. holding a flag ceremony earlier in the day at the Police Station for remembrance of the 9-11 event and those that perished and first responders. He commented his heart goes out to all who spoke about the flood. God Bless you and God Bless America. Councilmember Boothe thanked all who spoke and those who came out today. He encouraged all to get involved in the processes of the City, such as a member on a board. He commented it is wonderful to see all the people in the audience.

**Mayor's Reports**


The Mayor thanked all who came and spoke. He understood the flood was not pleasant and did not want to see it happen to anyone. The Mayor thanked the first responders for their action during the event. He commented on the numerous rescues, the large number of out of town assistance received and the loss of life. He explained after the 2016 Tax Day Flood, Costello Engineering was hired to do a study on drainage in and around the City of Katy. He is hopeful the study will help with future drainage.

**Adjourn**

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Dowdle, adjourning the meeting. All voted Aye, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

  
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 Mayor

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 City Secretary