



## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, May 2, 2017

7:00 pm

Clubhouse - 931 Cedar

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**Present:** Mayor Vern Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Amanda Fenwick, Councilwoman Jan Bailey, Councilman Bud Solmonsson, Councilwoman Diana Hoerner, Councilman Mike McNamara, City Secretary Christy Stroup, Bldg. Official Kevin Harrell, Chief K. Cook, City Admin. George Jones

### 1. CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

*Mayor Vern Johnson* called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE TEXAS FLAG

*Mayor Vern Johnson* lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Texas Flag

### 3. PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY AS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH.

Proclamation read by *Councilman McNamara*

### 4. REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

**Councilwoman Bailey** - No report

**Councilman Solmonsson** – Attended the Galveston County Transit Board meeting last week. He inquired about transportation from Clear Lake Shores to Galveston and Mr. Goodman G.C.T.B. stated that he would be happy to appear before City Council and discuss the possibility of transportation to Galveston.

**Councilman Hoerner** - Ice Cream Social will be at the pool Thursday evening at 6:30; residents need to be aware that Council cannot reply on social media concerning city projects. If the residents have questions they can e-mail the council their questions.

**Councilman McNamara** – Attended the Kemah Volunteer Fire Department Banquet and said it was a nice affair. The fire department has a really group of firefighters and everyone should take the time to thank these volunteers for the service they provide to our City.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Fenwick** – The Kemah Volunteer Fire Department is looking for volunteers and if anyone is interested contact them; Councilwoman Hoerner, Christy Lyons, Suzanne Hubbard and herself attended the Legislative Coffee hosted by the L.C. Chamber of Commerce and it was stated that they are still moving forward on the Hwy 146 expansion project but are waiting on the railroad; Urged everyone to get out and vote Saturday.

**Mayor** – Last full meeting he will attend before his term is up

## 5. STAFF REPORTS:

*City Administrator George Jones:* Ice Cream Social Thursday night at the pool at 6:30; showed a photo to the residents and is hoping someone could date it so we can hang it; it has been brought up and requested for the city to change out its street lights so he is looking into pricing; Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> the EDC will host a town center open house for all who are interested in finding out what is happening with the Town Center.

*Chief Cook:* Read the stats for April 2017; All officers are now certified in Marine Safety

*Building Official Kevin Harrell:* no report

## 6. UNSCHEDULED VISITORS:

None

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Check Register: Nov. 10th thru Nov. 30th, 2016
- b. Minutes from Regular Meeting held November 15, 2016

*Councilman McNamara* made motion to approve items a & b  
*Councilwoman Hoerner* second motion

**MOTION PASSED**

## 8. COUNCIL BUSINESS - Discussion and possible action may be taken on the following items:

- a. Review and possibly approve recommendation from Parks Committee for planting trees on Jarbo Bayou islands.

*Councilwoman Hoerner* said that she talked to Julie Massey who is with the Galveston County Environmental Extension and was told that we should not plant any trees on the islands because they will not live due to the saltwater.

- b. Discuss and decide what projects to submit to Galveston County Commissioners Court for inclusion on the planned County Bond Issue.

*George Jones* gave a list of items to City Council to consider:

- Pedestrian/golf cart path from Clear Lake Rd. to Watergate
- Rebuild road/bridges from Birch through Lazy Bend
- Jarbo Bayou bridge
- Pedestrian/golf cart path on the Southside of FM 2094 down to Lawrence Road
- Pedestrian/golf cart path from Clear Lake Rd. to Legend Point

*Councilman McNamara* made a suggestion to extend Hanson Road to FM 518 to help with the connection to Clear Lake Shores once the Hwy. 146 expansion starts and is in place.

*Councilwoman Hoerner* asked if the Jarbo Bayou bridge would also include the pedestrian bridge and *George Jones* said that he would include that in his description.

*Mayor Pro-Tem Fenwick* made motion to approve recommendations from *George Jones*  
*Councilwoman Bailey* second motion

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUS**

- c. **Resolution 2017-08: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Clear Lake Shores, Texas supporting a no wake zone in and around Clear Lake Shores Clear Lake Area on June 23, 2017 during the Texas Outlaw Challenge.**

*Councilwoman Hoerner* made motion to approve resolution  
*Councilman McNamara* second motion

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUS**

- d. **Resolution 2017-09: A resolution of the City of Clear Lake Shores, Texas amending the Clear Lake Shores Community Pool rates for 2017-2018 pool season.**

*Mayor Pro-Tem Fenwick* made motion to approve resolution  
*Councilman Solmonsson* second the motion

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUS**

- e. **Ordinance 2017-03: An ordinance establishing standards for any hotel constructed in a commercial district; establishing an effective date.**

*George Jones* stated that he removed a couple of the requirements that were presented previously to Council as part of the hotel standards. This will allow less restrictions on the hotel builder/owners if they wish to pursue the building of a hotel.

*Councilwoman Hoerner* made the motion to accept ordinance as written  
*Mayor Pro-Tem Fenwick* second the motion

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUS**

- f. **Ordinance 2017-08: An ordinance prohibiting fishing from the northern and western banks of Jarbo Bayou and the Jarbo Bayou bridge located in the City of Clear Lake Shores, Texas and setting forth the penalty for the violation.**

*Councilwoman Hoerner* made motion to accept ordinance as written  
*Councilman Solmonsson* second the motion

**Discussion:**

*George Jones* stated this is being brought before Council as a safety issue and as a debris management issue. There have been a lot of lures, fishing lines and other debris along the water's edge and the ducks are getting tangled up.

*Councilman McNamara* wanted to know why just this area and not everywhere else on the island? *Councilwoman Hoerner* stated that this area up front is more hazardous being at the entrance of the island. Some people are fishing from the rocks around the bridge and she has had to dodge fishing lines while kayaking under the bridge.

*Mayor Pro-Tem Fenwick* asked if this ordinance had been read and approved by the city attorney or Parks and Wildlife? *George Jones* said that it has not.

*Mayor Johnson* called for a vote

4 yes – *Mayor Pro-Tem Fenwick, Councilwoman Hoerner, Councilwoman Bailey and Councilman Solmonsson*

1 no – *Councilman McNamara*

**MOTION PASSED**

- g. **Recommend and approve action to be taken on the Main Boat Pier (along Clear Lake Road).**  
**Note: The Waterfront Compliance Committee stated two years ago that action needed to be taken to either renovate, replace or remove the pier.**

**George Jones** said that this has been brought up several times and nothing has ever been resolved and the pier has now become a safety hazard and Council needs to decide what to do with the pier before someone gets injured while on the pier.

**Councilwoman Hoerner** asked what previous recommendations have been made? **George Jones** said that it has been proposed that the City repair/replace the pier and last estimated cost to do that was somewhere between \$150,000 and \$175,000.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Fenwick** said that part of the debate is that all the other leaseholders around the island are responsible for the upkeep and expense of repairing their bulkheads and piers. **George Jones** said that these leaseholders signed the same lease agreement as all the other waterfront leaseholders.

(Several conversations were going on at the same time – could not understand)

**Councilman McNamara** stated that he thinks the leaseholders should be responsible for the repair of the pier or it needs to come down.

**Councilman McNamara** asked if anyone has spoken to the leaseholders? No answer

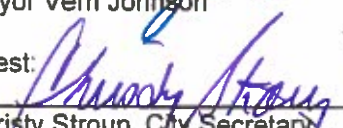
**Linda Michaelski** asked if the pier was torn down would it be possible to put the pedestrian bridge in its place? **Mayor Johnson** said that has been brought up before but due to the ADA regulations it was not feasible.

**Chuck Mazoch** asked City Council if any of the council members had a lease on this pier? No they do not.

**Mr. Mazoch** thinks that the City and the leaseholders should sit down with an attorney and review the lease.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Fenwick** suggested that these leaseholders sit down with Waterfront Compliance Committee and discuss the options and bring the recommendations to City Council.

9. Adjournment: 8:00 pm

5-15-17  
Date Approved  
  
Mayor Vern Johnson  
Attest:   
Christy Stroup, City Secretary

