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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2022**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVERTON, TEXAS THAT WAS HELD APRIL 21, 2022 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1200 SOUTH COMMERCE, OVERTON, TEXAS.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>ATTENDED</u>
Curtis Gilbert	Mayor	Y
Josh Hill	1	Y
Chris Hall	2	Y
Reggie Thompson	3	N
Monty Ward, Jr.	4	Y
Michael Paul Williams	5	Y

Staff in attendance were City Manager, Shane West, Police Chief Bryan Pool, City Secretary, Laurie Kaczmarek, Finance, Connie Chasteen, and Public Works Supervisor, Richard Chasteen

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation was led by Councilmember Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Williams.

PUBLIC FORUM

Charles Mann of 1703 SH 135E, Overton, Texas proposed that the city having a meet and greet or even a monthly family day at the park.

Robbi Carnes of 512 Kingsway, Overt, Texas spoke about the City Council, Earth Day and the Heritage Foundation.

CITIZEN/CUSTOMER REQUEST

Lance Dunton, an area contractor spoke about a 2-acre lot he has on Elm and Holly. He would like to turn it into 9 lots for new housing. Mr. Dutton will have to apply for a variance.

This will have to go before Planning and Zoning and then the Zoning Board of Adjustments

No action taken on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider approval of the following minutes: March 17, 2022.

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Councilmember Hall and was seconded by Councilmember Ward

Motion carried 4 – 0 - Councilmember Thompson was not present

BUSINESS

Consider a Resolution 2022.4.21A suspending the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy (“CenterPoint Energy”) to increase rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program for 45 days, and authorize the city’s continued participation in a coalition of cities known as the “Alliance of CenterPoint Municipalities”.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVERTON, TEXAS, (“CITY”) REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., BEAUMONT/EAST TEXAS DIVISION, TO INCREASE RATES UNDER THE GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM; SUSPENDING CENTERPOINT’S PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR FORTY-FIVE DAYS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY’S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN A COALITION OF CITIES KNOWN AS THE “ALLIANCE OF CENTERPOINT MUNICIPALITIES;” 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..

Councilmember Hill made the motion

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 - 0 - Councilmember Thompson was not present

Discuss, consider and/or act on the remote system for storm warnings at City Hall and at the Fire Station.

Bryan Pool, Chief of Police proposed VHF radios to manually activate the sirens. One for the Police Department and one for the Fire Department. The cost would be no more than \$4,000. This needs to be pursued for the protection of the employees and the citizens.

Councilmember Hill made the motion and Councilmember Hall seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 - 0 - Councilmember Thompson was not present

Discuss, consider and/or act on the repair of the ground storage tank for Well 5.

Shane West, City Manager stated that this needs to be repaired before the City gets penalized. It has possibly been 20 years since it has been repaired. One bid proposed was for \$79,999 and the CARES Act money can pay for this.

Councilmember Williams asked if it was just for the cost of repairs or so it can be brought up to code.

Shane West, City Manager stated that is something we can ask in the bid.

Councilmember Hill stated that we could spend \$80,000 to repair it or spend over \$100,000 in fines, over the course of years, if it does not get repaired.

Councilmember Williams made the motion to repair the ground storage tank for Well #5 and Councilmember Hall seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 - 0 - Councilmember Thompson was not present

FUTURE MEETINGS

No Council Member requested a leave of absence at this time.

CITY ADMINISTRATION'S MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Administration Monthly Reports

City Manager's Report

Shane West, City Manager spoke about:

New buildings coming to Overton

Rusk County Tax Interlocal agreement and Linebarger/Perdue & Brandon

Rusk County Commissioner's Court on May 9, 2022

Police Department Report

Bryan Pool, Chief of Police spoke about:

Archiving software

Drugs are on the decline in Overton

Training for the Overton officers

The new Police Department building

Warrants/Round Up

Courts and raising fines

Public Works Department Report

Richard Chasteen, Public Works Supervisor spoke about:

The Public Works employees got the park mowed

Massive sewer leak on 135 and TCEQ was notified within 24 hours and 127' of line was replaced. TCEQ stated the City was in compliance and there were no fines.

Christus EMS report

No questions at this time.

Putting EMS on a Future Agenda

Overton Volunteer Fire Department Report

Terry Lewis, Assistant Fire Chief spoke about:

8 active Fire Fighters/accepting volunteers

25-30 brush fires for the month already

No burn permits at this time

Received a new Tanker

Brush truck is in the shop

Received new bunker gear from a grant

Certification classes

B. Finance Monthly Reports

- a. Income Statement
- b. Expense Approval Report
- c. Monthly Bank Statement
- d. Sales Tax Report

No questions at this time

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- A. Overton Economic Development Corporation (OEDC) Board Update
- B. Overton Municipal Development District (OMDD) Board Update

CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:14 pm

The Overton City Council will convene in an Executive Session to discuss the following matters as authorized by §551.074 of the Texas Government Code – regarding personnel matters including the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

City Council to deliberate regarding the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of the

City Manager

ACTION ON ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:28 p.m.

Consider and/or act on executing a salary/terms agreement with Shane West, City Manager for the City of Overton.

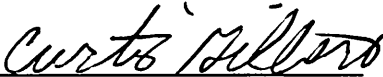
Councilmember Hall made a motion to enter into a three (3) year contract with City Manager with a base salary of \$77,000 and Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion tied 2 - 2 with Mayor Gilbert being the deciding vote. Motion passes 3 – 2. Council Members Hill and Ward voted against and Councilmember Thompson was not present

ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Hill and was seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.



Curtis Gilbert
Mayor

ATTEST:


Laurie Kaczmarek
City Secretary

