

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 21, 2016**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday March 21, 2016 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present: Mayor Don Tottingham, Alderman Joe Honeycutt, Alderwoman Mary Barnes, Alderman Chalky Wells, Alderman Don Romines, Alderman David Arthur and City Administrator Larry Sutton, City Clerk Tonya Foster, City Attorney Brad Eidson and Chief Tim Ceplina were also present.

Mayor Don Tottingham established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to approve the minutes for the March 7, 2016 regular meeting. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker				x
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to approve payment for payroll of March 7, 2016. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker				x
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to approve payment of invoices for March 18 & 21, 2016 (\$42,062.97) as presented. Motion passed with four yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker				x
Alderman Romines			x	
Alderman Arthur	x			

Guests: Brenda Jarrett, Gayla Bratton, Tammy Cantrell, Delbert & Elaine Campbell.

Brenda Jarrett with the Chamber gave an update of the activities and the plans the Chamber has for the current year. The Chamber currently has 110 members. The sign has been updated at the fairgrounds. Work progressing on the fairgrounds ball field. Chamber has an event scheduled for each month of the year.

Elaine Campbell gave update on the demolition grant.

70% participation is needed to qualify for the grant. Ms. Campbell has sent letters and made phone calls with very little feedback on property owners willing to participation. She needs to know how the council wishes to proceed. After some discussion was decided that each alderman needs to prioritize the list. Will narrow down the list at the next meeting.

Bill 102 to become Ordinance 2016-102. An Ordinance authorizing City Administrator to execute contracts for the airfield. (Bill 102 has been posted) The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Honeycutt to place Bill 102 on first reading by title only. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker				x
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Bill 102 to become Ordinance 2016-102. The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Honeycutt to place Bill 102 on seconded reading by title only. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker				x
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Honeycutt to adopt Bill 102 as Ordinance 2016-102. Motion passed with five yes roll call votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker				x
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Administrator Report
March 21, 2016

1. Staff from Electric and Water/Sewer Departments and I attended Spring Tech in West Plains last Thursday.
2. Demolition work on the old Triangle station has begun. Roofing material has been removed, glass taken out along with some other items.
3. Have bid out asphalt overlay for 2016. Tentative streets scheduled include; Millstone from North Hwy 63 entrance to Millers Grill, Sugar Maple, Red Bud, Dooley, Hawthorne, Maple and portions of Augusta and Oak Streets. Bids are due April 10th for council OK on April 11th.
4. All contractors for the new tower and well were present for the preconstruction meeting March 9th.
5. The annual manual meter reading for water and electric meters took place last week. Public Grounds assisted with the reading.
6. Teleconference with MMMPEP attorney and engineer regarding the new electric purchase power agreement was held last Friday.
7. Midwest Hydro has started staging equipment for drilling the new well. Well work will begin soon after easement and testing is completed.
8. New slide for pool has arrived. Preparation work prior to installation is being done.

Addition's to Administrator's Report:

City Administrator and Elaine Campbell will be meeting with consulting firm on the airport this week.

Received three bids for the replacement LED lights. Recommend we purchase from Fletecher-Reinhardt.

The motion was made by Alderman Arthur and seconded by Alderman Romines to approve the recommendation to purchase the LED lights from Fletcher-Reinhardt for a cost of \$9,362.00.

Motion passed with five yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker				x
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

SCOCOG is applying for a grant to purchase a recycle trailer to be used by the city's recycle department. They would like a letter of support from the city.

Airport committee has met. Alderman Honeycutt to meet with Attorney Eidson on some ideas to finalize new hanger lease.

Will have a report from county tax collector on the collection of the city's taxes at the next meeting.

Two aldermen will be absent for the April 18th meeting.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Wells to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker				x
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Minutes Taken By

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk