

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 1, 2016**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday August 1, 2016 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present: Mayor Don Tottingham, Alderman Joe Honeycutt, Alderwoman Barnes, Alderman Chalky Wells, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderwoman Viki Narancich, Alderman David Arthur and City Administrator Larry Sutton, City Clerk Tonya Foster, City Attorney Brad Eidson and Dustin Hartman with the police department were also present.

Mayor Tottingham established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to approve the minutes for the July 18, 2016 regular meeting. Motion passed with six 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			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve payment for payroll of July 25, 2016. Motion passed with six 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			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to approve payment of invoices for July 29 & August 1, 2016 (\$234,781.87) as presented. Motion passed with six 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 Narancich	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Guests: Martin Fisher, Cody Ice, Dennis Wilson, Richard Green, Charlie Clouse, Kirk Manier, Gary Brandon, Carl Honeycutt.

Discussed Bill 107 to become Ordinance 2016-107. (Airport leases) No action taken. Will have a meeting with current lease holders on Monday August 8, 2016 at the Storm Shelter at 7 p.m.

The request for the Mayor's Golf Tournament was approved with the current invoices earlier in the meeting.

Received quarterly report from Fire Chief Joey Moore.

Administrator Report

August 1, 2017

1. New water tower lifted into place on July 20th, assembly crew is going to work, without a break, until completed (should be any day). Hydraulic valve work on Hawthorne and Airport complete (only Holder street remains). Painting contractor is expected first week of August. Work continues to be ahead of schedule.
2. Power outages July 20th occurred when a tree fell across the line on Millstone and later fuses blew in the Augusta well transformer. Power was restored in a timely manner. Power outages reoccurred July 28th due to lightning. Several fuses blew and a tree fell on a line.
3. Asphalt overlay has been delayed due to rain, hopefully start soon.
4. Department Supervisor meeting was held and discussed all the different projects the city has going on. Asked that budget requests be turned in.
5. Advised to budget at least 12% increase for health insurance for 2017 budget. Currently working on budget and plan to start meet with budget committee in early September.
6. Electric Department is installing power lines along Millstone to provide power for new businesses locating there. Also have been assisting school with trenching the irrigation system for the baseball field.
7. Would like council input regarding the home we own on 3rd street being used by adult education. Our insurance audit requires extensive work to building if we continue to insure.

Addition's to Administrator's Report:

Handed out proposed 2017 budget to the finance committee to look over.

MoDot starting the process to give the city Millstone Rd.

Received findings from the insurance audit. Several items needing repaired. The building on 3rd Street that the Adult Education now uses needs extensive repairs. Estimate on those repairs are more than the building is worth. Council recommends that we give the Adult Education notice to vacate the building by December 1, 2016. The building will be tore down at a later date. Will notify the insurance company of the city's plans.

Will speak to Terry Snelling about the amount of brush he is putting out on the street on the property he is cleaning up on Walnut Street.

Attorney Eidson has letters ready to go out for the three properties the city is needing cleaned up that we have not had any response on. Will notify owners of public hearing to be held about these properties. Hearing set for September 19, 2016 at 5 p.m.

City Administrator still working with FEMA on the monies we are to receive on flood damage.

Mayor Tottingham spoke with Gwen Ross who is on the Library Board about the lot they own next to the Post Office. City would like to make a parking lot there.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion passed with six 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			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Minutes Taken By

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk