

CITY OF PINE FOREST
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SPECIAL MEETING: Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM, held at Temporary City Hall due to Hurricane Harvey. Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Council Present: Cathy Nagel Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem/ Place 2 Council Member Wesley Brown, Place 3 Council Member Tim Townley, Place 4 Council Member Mike Lea and Place 5 Council Member Jason Dunwoody

Absent: Place 1 Council Member Katie Fox

Others Present: Robert Viator- Orange County Commissioner, Rodney Price-City Attorney, George Garza, Ann Reisner, Connie Stanton, Duane Gordy, Suzan Hall, Brenda Grubbs, Beth Eddings and Melinda Smith of Traylor and Associates, Karen Fisher Tax Accessory Collector of Orange County.

Item 1: Invocation and Pledge: Mayor Nagel

Item 2: Mayor's Report. See attached report.

Item 3: Citizen/Visitor's Forum: Susan Hall requested letter from City stating that she had over \$17,000 in damages to receive assistance from Endeavors.

Item 4: Report from Connie Stanton, CFO.

Mayor Pro Tem/ Place 2 Council Member Wesley Brown made motion to approve bills for March 2019. Place 4 Council Member Tim Townley 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Place 3 Council Member Tim Townley made motion to approve pending purchase orders. Place 4 Council Member Mike Lea 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS.**

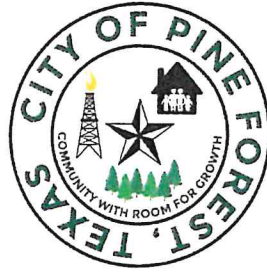
Item 5: Melinda Smith with Traylor & Associates, gave an update on the DR-4332 CDBG-DR Infrastructure grant application. Application is due July 31, 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem/ Place 2 Council Member Wesley Brown made motion to post for public review a draft of the City's DR-4332 CDBG-DR Infrastructure application. Place 5 Council Member Jason Dunwoody 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNAMIOUS**

Item 6: Karen Fisher with Orange County Tax Accessor Collector spoke regarding property taxes for next year.

Mayor Pro Tem/ Place 2 Council Member Wesley Brown made motion on the approval of Local Option Residence Homestead Exemptions for the Tax Year 2019 in the amount of 20% and allow \$20,000 for the Portion of Value Approved for 65 or older Exemption and \$20,000 Portion of Value Approved for Disabled Exemption. Place 4 Council Member Mike Lea 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

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Item 7: Mayor Pro Tem/ Place 2 Council Member Wesley Brown made motion to pass resolution number 41119-1, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR TO AMMEND THE ORANGE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. Place 4 Council Member Mike Lea 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS.**

Item 8: Mayor Pro Tem/ Place 2 Council Member Wesley Brown made motion to pass Ordinance # 41119-2 for THE CITY OF PINE FOREST, TEXAS TO SUSPEND THE RATES PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS COMPANY'S GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM ("GRIP") FILINGS MADE WITH THE CITY ON MARCH 28, 2019; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKIING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Place 5 Council Member Jason Dunwoody 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Item 9: Mayor Pro Tem/ Place 2 Council Member Wesley Brown made motion to pass Resolution # 41119-3, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PINE FOREST, TEXAS, SUPPORTING REAUTHORIZATION OF CHAPTER 312 AND CHAPTER 313 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE. Place 3 Council Member Tim Townley 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Item 10: Discussion and possible action regarding Police Department, including re-instituting operation, appointing Chief of Police and amending budget. **POSTPONED**

Mayor Pro Tem/ Place 2 Council Member Wesley Brown made motion to pursue the MOU with Orange County to provide jail service for the City of Pine Forest. Place 4 Council Member Mike Lea 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Item 11: Discussion and possible action regarding 2019 Municipal Election. **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Item 12: Place 4 Council Member Mike Lea made motion for the City of Pine Forest to join the Vidor Chamber of Commerce. Place 3 Council Member Tim Townley 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Item 13: Discussion and possible action regarding the reconstruction of City Hall. Duane Gordy spoke about plans for City Hall and the Mitigation side of the project. **NO ACTION**

Item 14: This item skipped per Rodney Price, City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (entered in to 7:27 pm)

Item 15: Executive session pursuant to Section 551.074(1). Texas Government Code, appointment, employment and duties of Grant Administrator.

REGULAR SESSION (returned 7:57 pm)

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Item 16: Mayor Pro Tem/ Place 2 Council Member Wesley Brown made motion to have Lacey Turner moved into a Grant Administrator position added at \$16.00 per hour, 32 hours per week. Place 3 Council Member Tim Townley 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS.**

Item 17: Discussion regarding Website proposals for City website. **TABLED**

Item 18: Mayor Pro Tem/ Place 2 Council Member Wesley Brown made motion to approve March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Place 5 Council Member Jason Dunwoody 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Item 19: Citizen/Visitor Forum: George Garza requested he be notified when Grant Application was posted on City website.

Item 20: Place 3 Council Member Tim Townley made motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem/ Place 2 Council Member Wesley Brown 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Adjournment at 8:22 PM

Mayor's Report April 2019

- March 13, Commissioners Court - Resignation of Judge Dean Crook
- March 18 Orange County Economic Development
- March 20, SETRPC
- March 21, EMPAC Prioritization Meeting
Region 16 Quarterly Meeting hosted by Rose City, Pine Forest and Vidor
- March 22, CED's - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- March 26, Traylor & Assoc. Melinda Smith discussed Acquisitions options
- March 27, SETRPC Special Meeting
Commissioners Court – Judge Carl Thibbodeaux appointed Interim Judge to fill Judge Dean Crooks term through Dec. 31, 2020
FEMA – Detention Pond fence \$24,974.87 Obligated and paid
- April 4 OCEM – Disaster Recover for 2019
FEMA – Lakeview Bridge \$7,376.30 obligated should receive funds any day
- April 5, Go Blue Day – Child Abuse Awareness
- April 8, Voting machine at City Hall Tina Barrow
- April 11, FEMA Several have been pushed through and we are Waiting for obligation

FYI

Saturday April 21, 8:00am til 1:00pm, SETRPC is sponsoring household hazardous West and Scrap Tire Collection Event at Silsbee High School Parking lot located at 1575 Hwy. 96

HB 3535 and companion SB 1152.

Letter from ESD1 about terminating contract between County and Acadian Ambulance Services and accept a proposal from Allegiance Mobil Health

City of Pine Forest



Signed and agreed this 13th day of May 2019.

Cathy Nagel
Cathy Nagel, Mayor

Tim Townley
Tim Townley, Council Place 3

Janet Smith
Janet Smith, Council Place 1

Wesley Brown
Wesley Brown, Mayor Pro Tem/
Council Place 2

Mike Lea
Mike Lea, Council Place 4

Jason Dunwoody
Jason Dunwoody, Council Place 5

Attest: Rodney Price
City Attorney, Rodney Price

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