

**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS
October 12, 2015
7:00 PM**

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Denman, Mayor Pro Tem Mossman, Councilmembers Harry Dollar, John Mahon, Bryce Klug, Jonathan Amdur, and Bob Warters.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Attorney Dick Gregg, Jr., City Manager Chris Reed, Assistant City Manager Mary Chambers, City Secretary Marisela Garcia, Finance Director Csilla Stiles, Police Chief Joey Cashiola, Public Works Director Paul Lopez, Fire Chief Tom George, Human Resource Administrator Isela Castillo, Communications Director Kristi Sykora, Planning Commission Chair Roscoe Lee, and Parks Committee Chair Buck Gay.

PRESIDING: Mayor Denman.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Denman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced a quorum of Council was present with six elected officials in attendance.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

The invocation was given by Father Wencil Pavlovsky of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

The Pledges of Allegiance were led by Scout Troop 957. Mayor Denman gave the troop a Certificate of Appreciation and posed for a photo with them.

APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS

Presentation of a Proclamation for Boeing Centennial Anniversary

Mayor Denman proclaimed July 15, 2016 as Boeing Centennial Anniversary in the City of Nassau Bay and presented a proclamation to Kelly Kaplan.

Presentation of a Proclamation for Beautification Day

Mayor Denman proclaimed November 14, 2015 as Beautification Day in the City of Nassau Bay and presented a proclamation to Councilmember Bryce Klug. Councilmember Klug noted there would be more information in the upcoming newsletter and encouraged everyone to participate in the event.

Presentation of a Proclamation for World Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day

Mayor Denman proclaimed November 13, 2015 as World Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day in the City of Nassau Bay in honor of the late Bob Forde.

Check Presentation to Gulf Coast Film & Video Festival

Mayor Denman presented Hal Wixon a \$1,000 check for the Gulf Coast Film & Video Festival. Mr. Wixon thanked the City and said the film festival marked its 17th anniversary. Funds came from the Hotel/Motel Fund.

Check Presentation to Wings Over Houston

No one was present to accept the check for Wings Over Houston.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on the Adoption of an Ordinance Providing for the Levy, Assessment, and Collection of an Ad Valorem Tax for Tax Year 2015 (Fiscal Year 2016)

Finance Director Csilla Stiles gave an overview of the item noting that the proposed tax rate is .742120, which does not exceed the effective or the rollback rate and was published properly in the Bay Area Citizen and must be adopted before October 27.

Mayor Denman opened the public hearing for anyone wishing to comment on the proposed tax rate.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:14 p.m.

There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

Adoption of an ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of an ad valorem tax for Tax Year 2015 (Fiscal Year 2016)

Finance Director Csilla Stiles gave an overview of the item noting that the proposed tax rate is .742120, which is the same tax rate as the previous year.

Brief discussion was held regarding the outstanding RDA debt. There should be some decline in the tax rate once that debt is paid off.

Councilmember Warters noted that Nassau Bay's taxes are not a fair comparison with other cities due to other cities including other tax which Nassau Bay does not include and we provide trash service, etc.

The caption of the ordinance reads as follows (first and only reading):

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CURRENT TAX YEAR OF 2015 AT THE RATE OF SEVENTY FOUR AND TWO

HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSANDTHS CENTS (74.2120¢) ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND SUPPORTING THE CITY AND OF PAYING THE INTEREST ON AND ESTABLISHING A DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mossman, seconded by Councilmember Warters, to approve the first and only reading of Ordinance No. O2015-740 adopting the tax rate of 74.2120¢.

Upon a roll call vote, votes were cast as follows:

Councilmember Warters	Yes
Councilmember Amdur	Yes
Councilmember Klug	Yes
Councilmember Mahon	Yes
Councilmember Dollar	Yes
Councilmember Mossman	Yes
Mayor Denman	Yes

Motion passed 7 – 0.

Mayor Denman introduced new City Manager Jason Reynolds. He will begin on November 1, 2015 and Chris Reed will stay on until December 31, 2015.

CITIZENS' REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

There were no citizens requesting a hearing before City Council.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

Councilmember Amdur recognized City staff for their efforts during National Night Out and thanked them for their dedication. Mr. Amdur welcomed Jason Reynolds to Nassau Bay and looks forward to his leadership of this city.

Communications Director Sykora indicated Halloween in the Park would be held on October 24 from 6 pm – 9 pm with a haunted trail and family activities.

Councilmember Warters thanked the Fire Department for a great open house and noted it was a great event.

Councilmember Klug welcomed Mr. Reynolds to Nassau Bay. He gave credit to Dr. Mossman, Mayor Denman, Harv Hartman, and Don Matter on the City Manager selection committee.

Councilmember Mahon welcomed Mr. Reynolds to Nassau Bay. Mr. Mahon stated National Night Out was the best one yet and thanked City staff for their hard work putting it together.

Councilmember Dollar thanked City Staff for making National Night Out a success. Mr. Dollar also welcomed Mr. Reynolds to Nassau Bay.

Mayor Pro Tem Mossman welcomed Mr. Reynolds to the Nassau Bay staff. Dr. Mossman also thanked City staff for National Night Out and for the budget preparation.

Mayor Denman noted there were no major water leaks in the last month. Mr. Denman announced that Officer Jerel Crowder was recognized by Rotary as one of the five excellent officers in our area. Mr. Denman noted National Night Out was a great event and the Fire Open House had the best turn out it has ever had.

REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS & COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES

City Manager

City Manager Reed gave an overview of National Night Out noting there were approximately 650 to 700 in attendance. Mr. Reed thanked Mediterraneo Café for their assistance in the ordering and preparation of the food for the event. Mr. Reed indicated the lake dredging project was going well and should be completed soon. He also gave an overview of the playground equipment noting they would be including rubberized mulching instead of the pebbles underneath the playground equipment.

Fire Department

Fire Department President Roper reported there were currently 38 members. The members logged 818 standby man hours at the station in September with 24 calls. Mr. Roper gave an overview of the Open House and agreed that it was the biggest turnout they have had and noted it was a great opportunity to be hosted during Fire Prevention Week.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda listed the following items for approval:

Approval of Council Minutes:

A. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Budget Workshop on August 17, 2015; and**
- 2. Regular Meeting on September 14, 2015; and**
- 3. Special Meeting on October 4, 2015; and**

B. Approval of a resolution reappointing members to the Parks Committee

C. Second reading of ordinance amending zoning ordinance

The caption of the ordinance reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2013-712, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE BY MODIFYING APPENDIX A, ATTACHED HEREWITH AS EXHIBIT A AND MADE A PART OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, PUBLICATION, AND A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

(Said Ordinance is of record in Ordinance Book No. 13 of the City of Nassau Bay, Texas, being Resolution No. O2015-738.)

It was moved by Councilmember Mossman, seconded by Councilmember Amdur, that the above items on the Consent Agenda be approved.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of a resolution designating a representative and alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2016 General Assembly

Mayor Denman gave an overview of the item noting this was a housekeeping item and indicated that both Councilmember Amdur and Councilmember Mahon were willing to continue serving.

The caption of the resolution reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS, DESIGNATION A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Said Resolution is of record in Resolution Book No. 19 of the City of Nassau Bay, Texas, being Resolution No. R2015-2048.)

It was moved by Councilmember Mossman, seconded by Councilmember Klug, to approve the resolution appointing Councilmember Amdur as the representative and Councilmember Mahon as the alternate to the 2016 Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of writing off uncollectible accounts receivable aged 360 days or older as identified in the July 31, 2015 Write-Off Report

Finance Director Stiles gave an overview of the items noting she had addressed some of the concerns Council had and included audit sheets.

Brief discussion was held regarding the breakdown of users of the EMS services.

It was moved by Councilmember Klug, seconded by Councilmember Amdur, to table the item and break out resident users, third party payers, and within three years.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

Receive an update regarding solar street lights and direct staff to advertise bids to complete the solar light project

City Manager Reed gave an overview of the item noting the first 50 street lights are approximately 75% completed. There are 184 remaining lights totaling \$708,000.

Councilmember Warters briefly discussed the issue of controlling the lights that are currently installed prior to purchasing the total remaining lights and would like to table the item until further information is reviewed.

Discussion was held regarding gathering usage data prior to purchasing the remaining lights required.

It was moved by Councilmember Warters, seconded by Councilmember Amdur, to table the item.

Motion passed 4 – 3, Amdur, Mahon, Denman opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. with Mayor Denman reading from the posted agenda the following topic to be discussed in Executive Session:

1. §551.072 Deliberations about Real Property – Discussion regarding the appraisal of city-owned property on Point Lookout Drive and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate the sale.
2. §551.074 Personnel – Discussion regarding the compensation, terms and conditions of an employment contract for the Assistant City Manager.

Meeting returned to Open Session at 9:00 p.m.

1. Consider and take action regarding real property item as discussed in Executive Session.

No action was taken on this item.

2. Consider and take action regarding personnel matter as discussed in Executive Session.

It was moved by Councilmember Amdur, seconded by Councilmember Klug, to table this personnel item.

Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or amended this 14th day of December, A.D., 2015.



CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS

Mark A. Denman
Mayor

Marisela Garcia, TRMC
City Secretary