

**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS  
DECEMBER 10, 2018  
7:00 PM**

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Mark Denman, Mayor Pro Tem Don Matter, Councilmembers Ashley Graves, Bryce Klug, and Matt Prior

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ABSENT:** John Mahon and Jonathan Amdur (arrived 7:03pm)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Attorney Dick Gregg Jr., City Attorney Chris Gregg, City Manager Jason Reynolds, City Secretary Sandra Ham, Assistant City Manager Mary Chambers, Police Chief Tim Cromie, Public Works Director Paul Lopez, Fire Chief Tom George, and Planning Commission Chairman Roscoe Lee

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Mark Denman

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was given by Pastor Dan Schepmann of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The Pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Park Place Commandery #106. Mayor Denman presented Park Place Commandery #106 a certificate of appreciation and posed for a photo.

**APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

**Recognition of Officer Stephen Snook's Promotion to Corporal**

Police Chief Tim Cromie recognized Officer Stephen Snook for his recent promotion to Corporal. He noted Corporal Snook was an Officer with the University of Houston-Clear Lake Police Department for almost 9 years before joining Nassau Bay in August 2017. Chief Cromie congratulated Corporal Snook and both posed for a photo.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**CITIZENS' REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Denman announced a Public Hearing for citizens to address Council regarding issues and concerns.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:08 p.m.

Susan Taylor, 2414 Baycrest Drive, provided an overview of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Coastal Texas Study, which will develop and evaluate coastal storm risk management solutions to reduce the damage from tropical storms and hurricanes incurred by coastal communities and

industries. Ms. Taylor recently attended a Public Hearing on the project, and voiced concern on the proposed coastal barriers, which would include two floating gates. She questioned the effectiveness of these barriers, and the resulting impact to the City of Nassau Bay. She encouraged City Council to provide input on the project and noted January 9, 2019 would be the last day to do so.

There were no other public comments and the hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

### **COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Councilmember Matt Prior expressed appreciation to all those involved with Holiday in the Park, especially the Special Events Committee and the Public Works Department. Additionally, he recognized JJ and August of the Nassau Bay EMS Department for their quick response and effective treatment after his recent outdoor accident.

Councilmember Jonathan Amdur congratulated Corporal Snook and praised the Fire Department and Public Works Department for their successful moves into their respective new facilities. Councilmember Amdur also recognized the Special Events Committee and City staff on another successful Holiday in the Park event.

Councilmember Bryce Klug noted it was the last City Council meeting of 2018 and wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all in attendance.

Councilmember Ashley Graves also congratulated Corporal Snook and praised the Special Events Committee for their efforts towards a successful Holiday in the Park event. She noted Nassau Bay's continued partnership with Communities in School Bay Area and stated a small Christmas gifting tree has been setup at City Hall for those wishing to make holiday donations.

Mayor Pro Tem Don Matter echoed similar sentiments of appreciation the Special Events Committee. Additionally, Mayor Pro Tem Matter commented on the Harris County Flood Control District Bond, as the City is in project discussions with the District. He stated a need for the City to concentrate on local efforts as a means to reduce future flood damage in Harris County.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Mayor Mark Denman expressed appreciation to the Special Events Committee. Additionally, Mayor Denman recognized Paul and Robert of the Public Works Department for their assistance in getting an event truck unstuck after the Clear Lake Boat Parade fireworks.

### **REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS & COMMITTEES**

#### **City Manager**

City Manager Jason Reynolds began his comments by congratulating the City's Employees of the Year. He recognized Tom George as Employee of the Year, Jaime Vasquez as Supervisor of the Year, and Moses Velasco as Officer of the Year. He continued by also congratulating Corporal Snook on his recent promotion. He expressed thanks to all involved with Holiday in the Park and the Clear Lake Boat Parade. Lastly, he highlighted the Fire Department and Public Works Department's recent move into their new facilities, noting the Public Works Department's ability to move in 1.5 days.

## **Fire Department**

Fire Department President Matt Roper began by stating the Department is officially moved into the new Fire & EMS Station. Although the Department is still unpacking and organizing, the Fire & EMS Station Grand Opening will be held on January 19th. At the time, the Department is still working on getting full IT operations secured, and Mr. Roper was unable to provide the November status report. Current membership stands at 37 members. Lastly, he noted the station will be ready to host the January 14, 2019 City Council meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda listed the following items for approval:

### **Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 13, 2018**

### **Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting on November 19, 2018**

### **Approval of resolution reappointing John Nugent, Ian Young, Louis Nguyen, and Angela Braun to the Planning Commission for two-year terms to expire January 1, 2021**

The caption of the resolution reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASSAU BAY,  
TEXAS, REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

(Said Resolution is of record in Resolution Book No. 19 of the City of Nassau Bay,  
Texas, being Resolution No. R2018-2161.)

### **Authorization of the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Harris County to house, support, maintain, and confine or detain City prisoners in any of the Harris County Jails**

### **Approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a joint agreement with CCISD to share the City's polling place on May 4, 2019**

The caption of the resolution reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASSAU BAY,  
TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A JOINT ELECTION  
AGREEMENT WITH CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO  
SHARE THE CITY'S POLLING PLACE AT CITY HALL ON ELECTION DAY, MAY  
4, 2019.

(Said Resolution is of record in Resolution Book No. 19 of the City of Nassau Bay,  
Texas, being Resolution No. R2018-2162.)

### **Approval of a request from Dr. Moshe Allon for a Specific Use Permit for Office/Storage Facilities located at TR 9 ABST 13 S Deel (Space Park Drive) (second reading)**

It was moved by Councilmember Ashley Graves, seconded by Councilmember Matt Prior, to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of a resolution expressing opposition to legislative interference with local services, local revenue and local control**

City Manager Jason Reynolds began discussions with a PowerPoint presentation on the Texas Municipal League's (TML) "Our Home, Our Decisions" campaign. The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness about the State of Texas eroding the ability of Texans to have a voice in developing local solutions to local problems. Mr. Reynolds cited Governor Greg Abbott's platform encouraging a property tax cap, which could affect the City of Nassau Bay. Discussions continued on the theoretical impact of a property tax cap to the City's budget, with Mr. Reynolds's providing an overview of the more arduous process for raising Nassau Bay's property tax rate should a cap be in effect. Overall, Mr. Reynolds emphasized the TML stance, and approval of the resolution would allow Nassau Bay to become part of the efforts to promote local control on local issues.

Councilmember Jonathan Amdur disagreed with the language of the resolution, noting the template resolution to be poorly written and overly bias. He agreed the City should engage with local state representatives to ensure local control is maintained, but stated his belief that the City should not associate itself with the TML campaign.

Mayor Pro Tem Don Matter and Councilmember Bryce Klug offered support of the resolution. Mayor Denman was in favor, stating local control to be more advantageous for smaller cities like Nassau Bay.

Councilmember Amdur continued and asked for Council to consider another approach. He ended his comments by stating he is in support of local control, but rather, did not approve of the wording within the resolution.

The caption of the resolution reads as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASASAU BAY,  
TEXAS, EXPRESSING ITS OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATIVE INTERFERENCE  
WITH LOCAL SERVICES, LOCAL REVENUE AND LOCAL CONTROL.**

(Said Resolution is of record in Resolution Book No. 19 of the City of Nassau Bay, Texas, being Resolution No. R2018-2163.)

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Don Matter, seconded by Councilmember Bryce Klug, to approve the resolution expressing opposition to legislative interference with local services, local revenue and local control.

Motion passed 5 – 1, Amdur opposed.

### **Awarding of bid to E.J. Chris Contracting for the Rehabilitation of 750,000 Gallon Ground Storage Tank**

Mayor Pro Tem Don Matter recommended awarding the bid to E. J. Chris Contracting, as the firm was the lowest qualified bid, bidding \$239,000 for the project. Additionally, he requested additional authorization for the City Manager to approve additional hours of construction time if needed.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Don Matter, seconded by Councilmember Bryce Klug, to award the bid to E.J. Chris Contracting for the rehabilitation of the 750,000 gallon ground storage tank, and allow the City Manager to authorize additional hours of construction time if needed.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Open Meetings, Subchapter D, Exceptions to Requirement that Meeting be Open, with Mayor Denman reading from the posted agenda the following topic to be discussed in Executive Session:

1. §551.074 Personnel – Discuss the employment, evaluation, compensation, goals, and duties of the City Manager.

Meeting returned to Open Session at 8:04 p.m.

### ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### Action regarding personnel matter(s) as discussed in executive session – City Manager

No action was taken on this agenda item.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or amended this 14th day of January, A.D. 2019.

ATTEST:



Sandra V. Ham  
City Secretary

CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS

Mark A. Denman  
Mayor Pro Tem