

# The City of Galena Park

## City Commission Meeting

Date: April 19, 2016

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Galena Park was held at City Hall in the Council Chambers, Tuesday evening at 6:00 P.M. on April 19, 2016.

Present were:	Esmeralda Moya	Mayor
	Danny Simms	Commissioner
	Cruz R. Hinojosa, Jr.	Commissioner
	Maricela Serna	Commissioner
	Juan Flores	Commissioner
	Mayra Gonzales	City Secretary
	Robert Pruett	City Administrator
Absent:	Jim Defoyd	City Attorney

Item # 1-Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Item # 2- Mr. Robert Clowers gave the invocation and Mayor Moya led the pledge.

Item # 3-Comments from audience.

Mr. Sam Henry, a citizen, stated that he had a concern about the abatement and demolition of the meter shop. Mr. Henry stated that he agreed with the abatement, but not the demolition. Mr. Henry stated that the building is 74 years old and used to be the old city hall and old fire department. Mr. Henry asked the council to not demolish the building and that they were taking away from the City of Galena Park history. Mr. Henry stated that it was the last original building of the city. Mr. Henry asked if the city could advertise when the council meetings were held on the marquee.

Mr. Jerry Patton, a citizen, stated that the water tower behind the American Legion has a red blinking light that has been out for some time. Mr. Patton stated that he reported it to public works and it is a liability and a safety hazard to the city. Mr. Patton stated that the yard at 1511 14<sup>th</sup> St. is horrible. Mr. Patton asked if the code enforcement officer could go by and take a look at it. Mr. Patton stated that at the last council meeting Mr. Pruett made a comment about comments from the audience. Mr. Patton stated that Mr. Pruett was not going to infringe on their first amendment rights.

Mr. Robert Clowers, a citizen, stated that he noticed that the night deposit was moved closer to the road. Mr. Clowers stated that he thinks he made that suggestion, but he has also suggested for the city to provide the accounts payable to the audience at the council meetings and everyone at the council table thought it was a good idea, but it has not happened yet. Mr. Pruett stated that Mr. Clowers can get any of those records under the open records act anytime he would like. Mr. Clowers stated that Pasadena and Deer Park makes them available and out of respect to the tax payers they should make them available. Mayor Moya stated that maybe it can be incorporated on the website. Mayor Moya stated that she will sit down with the City Secretary and see what can be done.

Item# 4 -Consider approving the minutes of regular meeting on April 5, 2016. Commissioner Serna moved to approve the minutes of regular meeting on April 5, 2016. Commissioner Flores, 2<sup>nd</sup>...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion carried.

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Item# 5 -Consider ratifying accounts payable through April 19, 2016. Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve ratifying accounts payable through April 19, 2016. Commissioner Flores, 2<sup>nd</sup>...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 6-Consider approving the quarterly investment report ending March 31, 2016. Ms. Nanette Moreau, Bookkeeper, read report as follows: Beginning Balance \$1,706,415.13 with an addition of \$887.50 for interest and an addition of \$275,00.00 with an ending balance of \$1,982,302.63. Commissioner Simms moved to approve the quarterly investment report ending March 31, 2016. Commissioner Flores, 2<sup>nd</sup>...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 7-Consider authorizing the advertisement and invitation for bids for the asbestos abatement and demolition of a city building (meter shop) at 304 Stewart Street, Galena Park, TX. Commissioner Simms made a motion to authorize the advertisement and invitation for bids for the asbestos abatement and made a motion to table the demolition of the city building (meter shop). Commissioner Serna, 2<sup>nd</sup>...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 8- Consider authorizing the advertisement and invitation for bids on the closure and demolition of abandoned units at the wastewater treatment plant. Commissioner Simms moved to approve the advertisement and invitation for bids on the closure and demolition of abandoned units at the wastewater treatment plant. Commissioner Flores, 2<sup>nd</sup>... Mayor Moya asked which building this was. Mr. Pruett stated that it was the old sewer plant across from public works. Ms. Tojuana Cooper, Water and Sewer Superintendent, stated these were old units at the wastewater treatment plant that are no longer in use. Ms. Cooper stated that TCEQ required that the city submit a closure plan that has been submitted and now the city needs to demolish the two facilities. Mayor Moya asked if this was the food pantry. Ms. Cooper stated no it is two structures that have been unused for some time on 5<sup>th</sup> at the public works and on Dunaway. Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item #9- Consider changing the employment status of Kirk Garza from part time to full time- Water Department. Commission Flores moved to approve the employment status of Kirk Garza from part time to full time- Water Department. Commissioner Hinojosa, 2<sup>nd</sup>...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

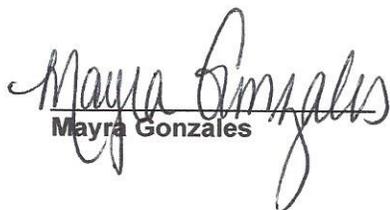
Item #10- Consider approving the part time employment of Jonathan Rojo as meter reader- Water Department. Commissioner Flores moved to approve the part time employment of Jonathan Rojo as meter reader- Water Department. Commissioner Serna, 2<sup>nd</sup>...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Mayor Moya asked for Announcements

Ms. Dorothy Harding, a citizen, announced that on Thursday from 1-5 p.m. at the Community Building they will be celebrating some of the senior birthday, and anybody that wants to come by is welcome.

Commissioner Simms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Flores, 2<sup>nd</sup>...Vote 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned: 6:14 P.M

  
Mayra Gonzales

  
APPROVED