



THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ANGLETON CITY COUNCIL IN THE ORDER THEY OCCURRED DURING THE MEETING. THE CITY COUNCIL OF ANGLETON, TEXAS CONVENED IN AN EMERGENCY MEETING DUE TO PUBLIC NECESSITY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, ON TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ROOM, LOCATED AT 104 CANNAN DR., ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Wright called the Council Meeting to order at 5:59 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor John Wright
Mayor Pro-Tem Travis Townsend
Council Member Terry Roberts
Council Member Cecil Booth
Council Member Tanner Sartin
Council Member Christiene Daniel

City Manager Chris Whittaker
City Attorney Judith EIMasri
City Secretary Michelle Perez

REGULAR/EMERGENCY AGENDA

1. Update, discussion and possible action on the emergency weather situation, and municipal response, and urgent public necessity due to Hurricane Beryl that resulted in flooding, severe property damage and destruction, including downed electrical power lines, and damage to city facilities that impacted the City and its residents on July 8, 2024, creating dangerous conditions for the population. ANY ACTION TAKEN BY CITY COUNCIL SHALL BE AN ACTION ONLY RELATED TO RESPONDING TO THE EMERGENCY OR URGENT PUBLIC NECESSITY.

Jamie Praslicka, Director of Emergency Management, addressed Council and gave an update on the impact of Hurricane Beryl. She stated that 66 percent of the city was without electricity, including one nursing facility in which the state would be working with them to remedy the power issue. There will be a shelter at the Recreation Center and will expand to include one hundred more cots. This would be the only shelter in southern Brazoria County. A semi-truck with water and ice would be located at Angleton Junior High School and will be available as needed. The Parks Department and Public Works Department assisted in tree removal from the roadways. The city is to be divided into eight quadrants for debris removal and the debris will be chipped. Damage and debris costs throughout the city is estimated to be about 2.1 million.

Lupe Valdez, Police Chief, addressed Council and stated that all personnel were called in to work the night of the storm. Fencing at the Police Department and two port doors at Animal Control sustained damage, they were however able to operate generators and fans, along with securing any openings.

Lloyd Ayers, Chief of EMS at Angleton Area Emergency Medical Corps, addressed council and stated all emergency trucks were running as normal during the storm.

Neal Morton, Fire Chief, addressed Council and reported that 56 calls had been received since the storm, with four regarding power lines.

Hector Renteria, Director of Public Works, addressed Council and stated the Wastewater Treatment Plant and lift stations had issues with storm water pumps. Every lift station lost power and 28 out of 47 were still without power. The water was pumped out and the lift stations are running on generators. Water facilities are still running on generators and operating normally.

Megan Mainer, Director of Parks and Recreation, addressed Council and stated that damages occurred at the Recreation Center, B.G. Peck Soccer Complex, Freedom Park concession stand, and Bates Park concession stand. Bates and Dickey Park are closed to the public and staff are on call to work the Red Cross Facility. Bagged ice and cases of water were made available, and power was restored to the Red Cross shelter late Monday night. The Parks Department cleaned up water damage to the Recreation Center and assisted Public Works in clearing roadways.

Jason Crews, Director of Information Technology, addressed Council and stated that the information technology infrastructure incurred a four-hour outage during the storm but is currently in good condition.

Martha Eighme, Director of Communications and Marketing, addressed Council and stated that social media notifications regarding storm response and recovery efforts were sent.

Otis Spriggs, Director of Development Services, addressed Council and stated that the department would be working on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping in quadrants to track any debris and will help with the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) list visits for welfare checks. Mr. Spriggs stated that Kyle Reynolds, Assistant Director of Development Services, is in contact with communities regarding large equipment.

Phillip Conner, Director of Finance, addressed Council and stated that the department was working on purchase orders and writing checks. He will also be supporting the call center as needed.

Michelle Perez, City Secretary, addressed Council and stated that shifts will be covered by Municipal Court, Utility Billing and Finance staff to support the call center.

Council discussed transitioning back to normal schedule on Monday. Council directed staff to hold a special council meeting for July 16th to include agenda items from the canceled July 9th agenda, the Disaster Declaration and disaster updates.

Upon a motion by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Daniel, Council approved to waive repair permit fees for three months for fence, roof and electrical repairs, subject to emergency permits only. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

Upon a motion by Council Member Daniel and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend, Council approved to extend the Disaster Declaration for seven days. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved to close the Red Cross shelter Sunday at noon to use as a cooling center starting Monday, subject to ninety percent of total homes with restored power. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

These minutes were approved by Angleton City Council on this the 22nd day of October, 2024.

CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS

John Wright
Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Perez, TRMC
City Secretary