

# CITY OF ANGLETON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 120 S. CHENANGO STREET, ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

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 A MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE CITY OF ANGLETON COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 120 S. CHENANGO STREET ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515.

### DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

#### **PRESENT**

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 ElMasri City Secretary Michelle Perez

#### **ABSENT**

Mayor John Wright

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Terry Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **INVOCATION**

Council Member Booth led the invocation.

#### CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

Andrew Hamilton, Angleton resident, stated he wished to speak during agenda item No. 10.

#### **CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of the Municipal Court Week proclamation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Travis Townsend presented the Municipal Court Week proclamation to the Municipal Court Department.

2. Ceremonial Presentation of October 2024 Keep Angleton Beautiful Yard of the Month and Business of the Month.

Tracy Delesandri, Keep Angleton Beautiful Chairwoman, presented Yard of the Month to Ken and Mary Henson and Business of the Month to Palms Funeral Home.

3. Ceremonial Presentation of recognition of the City of Angleton Parks & Recreation Department for their partnership and collaboration with Fig-toberfest.

Kimberly Mayer, with Brazoria County – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Horticulture, addressed Council and gave a short PowerPoint presentation and formally recognized the City of Angleton Parks & Recreation Department for their partnership and collaboration with Fig-toberfest.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council held an executive session at 6:22 P.M. pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained therein:

4. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. (Presiding Municipal Court Judge).

## **OPEN SESSION**

The City Council adjourned Executive Session at 6:59 P.M. and reconvened into Open Session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code and take action, if any, on item(s) discussed during Closed Executive Session.

4. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. (Presiding Municipal Court Judge).

Upon a motion by Council Member Sartin and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved a 5 percent pay increase beginning at the next payroll period. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5. Discussion and possible action on validating the expenses of Software License and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license from installing RapidWarn and authorize the reimbursement through the Siren Grant.
- 6. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 20241022-006 authorizing the City to join the 791 Purchasing Cooperative.
- 7. Discussion and possible action to approve the City Council minutes of June 25, 2024, Emergency Meeting; July 9, 2024, Special Meeting; July 16, 2024, July 23, 2024, Special

Meeting; July 25, 2024, Special Meeting; July 30, 2024, August 13, 2024, and August 27, 2024.

Upon a motion by Council Member Roberts and seconded by Council Member Booth, Council approved consent agenda item No. 5. Discussion and possible action on validating the expenses of Software License and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license from installing RapidWarn and authorize the reimbursement through the Siren Grant; 6. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 20241022-006 authorizing the City to join the 791 Purchasing Cooperative; and 7. Discussion and possible action to approve the City Council minutes of June 25, 2024, Emergency Meeting; July 9, 2024, Special Meeting; July 16, 2024, July 23, 2024, Special Meeting; July 25, 2024, Special Meeting; July 30, 2024, August 13, 2024, and August 27, 2024. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

8. Discussion and update from iAD Architect Brent Bowles on the King Municipal Operations Center Project.

Brent Bowles, iAD Architect, addressed Council and gave an update with the start of construction of March 2025 with a completion date of 2026.

9. Discussion and update on the proposed City of Angleton Comprehensive Fee Schedule Update related to the User Fee Study.

Otis Spriggs, Director of Development Services, addressed Council and stated that he is providing a preliminary draft for their review and come back with any comments and take action. Mr. Spriggs went over Appendix 2 of the fee study and addressed the preliminary plat fees, residential and commercial administration and application rezoning fees, increase in fees for minor plats, fees for construction plan reviews, and annexation associated city fees.

Council requested to bring the User Fee Study back for the November 12 City Council meeting.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding the removal of the subdivision emergency access gate within the Rosewood Subdivision (Rosewood Ln. at E. Henderson Rd.).

Angleton resident, Andrew Hamilton, addressed Council and stated that removing the gate will bring traffic congestion to the neighborhood. Kids walking or biking along the street do not pay attention and traffic attempting to make a shortcut may not be aware of the children.

Otis Spriggs, Director of Development Services, addressed Council and stated that staff requested that the Planning and Zoning Commission hold a work session to allow for the discussion of the possible removal of the Rosewood Subdivision access gate located at Rosewood Ln. at E. Henderson Rd. The work session allowed the affected residents

of the subdivision to appear and give comments and options for consideration if City Council decides to remove the gate. Notifications were mailed to 70 Rosewood Subdivision residents regarding the gate.

Upon a motion by Council Member Roberts and seconded by Council Member, Council approve to keep the emergency access gate in Rosewood III Subdivision closed and revisit when Henderson Rd. is completed. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

11. Discussion and possible action on the TNMP Preliminary Plat, for property located north of 3343 E. Mulberry St/ HWY 35, Angleton, TX 77515

Otis Spriggs, Director of Development Services, addressed Council and stated that City Council discussed and acted upon the request for approval of Electrical Power Distribution Substations Specific Use Permit (SUP), in regular session on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 (Agenda Item No. 13). The City Council unanimously voted (5 in-favor/0opposed) to approve the application. The Electrical Power Distribution Substations, to be located at 3319 E. Mulberry St., within the "C-G", Commercial General District are now permitted, as established by the following public hearing held on July 23, 2024 under Ordinance No. 20240723-013 approving a Specific Use Permit to allow a Texas New Mexico Power (TNMP) Electrical Power Distribution Substation (White Oak Substation) on a 15.70-acre site, and a TNMP Electrical Power Distribution Substation (CenterPoint) on a 16.72- acre site, out of a 41.8759 acre tract of land within the "C-G", Commercial-General District, located adjacent and north of 3343 E Mulberry St/ HWY 35, Angleton, TX 77515 (PID No. 168906) and legally described as A0318 T S LEE BLOCK 42 TRACT 39A-40-41-41C-41D-46A1-47A (OLIVER & BARROW SD) ACRES 41.8759, Brazoria County, Texas. The applicants are now requesting approval of the TNMP Preliminary Plat to accommodate the construction of the power substations referenced above. On October 3, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission considered the Preliminary Plat and voted (4 in-favor/0-opposed) to approve the plat and forwarded it to City Council for final consideration and approval.

Upon a motion by Council Member Roberts and seconded by Council Member Booth, to approve the TNMP Preliminary Plat, for property located north of 3343 E. Mulberry St/HWY 35, Angleton, TX 77515.

Upon an amended motion by Council Member Roberts and seconded by Council Member Booth, Council approved the TNMP Preliminary Plat, for property located north of 3343 E. Mulberry St/ HWY 35, Angleton, TX 77515 with the condition that a petition be filed for annexation before the final plat approval. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

12. Update, discussion and possible action regarding drainage maintenance.

Hector Renteria, Director of Public Works, addressed council and stated that one of Public Works' functions is to maintain city owned drainage systems throughout the City of Angleton. Through the general fund the street/drainage operations are funded. This allows a crew of seven (7) employees to perform tasks of tree trimming, street sweeping,

street maintenance, drainage maintenance, rights-of-way (ROW) maintenance, signage maintenance, Quiet Zone inspections/maintenance, and one employee dedicated to our fleet maintenance. Due to recent storms, there has been an increase in the number of concerns we receive about drainage maintenance, and drainage in general. There are currently 404 total drainage related work orders in our system. Of these 138 of them are pending, and the majority are for ditch maintenance. There are also many larger drainage projects that have been identified. These projects will require funding, design, bidding, and construction as they are larger than our current resources can accomplish. Our current ditch maintenance consists of three to four employees, our gradall, dump truck, Vactor truck, and grade equipment. Prior to beginning the project, the drainage crew will evaluate the area and capture grades to plan the project. One employee will indicate the grade the ditch is to be cut, while assisting the operator in continuing to stay on the correct grade. There is a gradall operator that cuts the ditches to grade and loads the spoils into the dump truck. The dump truck driver then must haul off the spoils to our site behind the Wastewater Treatment facility. The same employees will return after the ditch maintenance is completed with the Vactor truck to clear all culverts in the maintenance area. In areas where there is roadway traffic, an additional employee is needed for flagging during partial lane closures. There is approximately 431,650 feet (82 miles) of city-owned, open ditch drainage to be maintained. There are also 67,774 feet (13 miles) of culverts to be maintained. Based on drainage maintenance projects that have occurred recently, it is found that our crew can average 250 to 300 feet of drainage maintenance in a single day. It could possibly take 1,438 to 1,726 days to complete all drainage maintenance. The following are potential changes identified: increase allocated resources to complete drainage maintenance more efficiently by purchasing a gradall, dump truck, grading equipment, and hiring three to four employees; utilize a contractor to complete drainage maintenance; identify fund source to begin a cyclical process on completing larger projects; and continue current procedures.

Council Member Booth stated that if the city does not have the capability to perform services to look into utilizing contractors.

Staff was directed to create a working list and collaborate with the Drainage District to work with them for their resources.

Mr. Renteria stated storm water fees will help with funds for the drainage projects.

Chris Whittaker, City Manager stated that their should be a standing list of quotes and dates quoted with contractors to work off of.

No action was taken.

13. Discussion and possible action on leases to purchase a tractor and mower, two zero turn mowers, an excavator, two front end loaders and an asphalt truck.

Chris Whittaker, City Manager, addressed Council and stated that staff is seeking to proceed with the lease purchase of the following items: John Deere tractor and mower to replace tractor and mower that was damaged in an accident in fiscal year 2023-2024;

two zero-turn mowers; an excavator; two front-end loaders, and a mini patcher asphalt truck.

Upon a motion by Council Member Sartin and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved the finance purchase agreement as proposed on the tractor and mower, one zero-turn mower, an excavator, one front-end loader, and the mini patcher truck with the caveat that the insurance proceeds that were received be used to purchase the tractor and mower. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 20241022-014 authorizing the issuance of an emergency note in the amount of \$4,063,000.

Chris Whittaker, City Manager introduced the item. Joe Morrow with Hilltop Securities and Jonathan Frels with Bracewell presented the bids for the emergency note and the terms of the note. Mr. Morrow stated that the city is eligible for emergency notes to be used for expenses directly related to Hurricane Beryl. We meet the four following Federal guidelines: we are in a federal disaster area; the governor declared us a disaster area; the City Council declared us a disaster area; and we are within 70 miles of the Texas Gulf Coast. Cruz and Associates, our intermediary, sent out our request to 20 banks, including four local banks. The only local bank that responded was First State Bank and they declined due to the amount. Out of the 20 submitted we received four approvals. Mr. Morrow stated the terms and interest rate of each of the four bids and recommended that Council consider Huntington Bank's offer due to a fair amount of flexibility and an interest rate of 3.8 percent.

Upon a motion by Council Member Sartin and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved Ordinance No. 20241022-014 authorizing the issuance of an emergency note in the amount of \$4,063,000 and to pursue Huntington Bank as the lender. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Member Daniel stated that if there are any businesses interested in donating a tree to our tree walk to reach out to Michele Allison at the Greater Angleton Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend stated the Shop with a Cop event will be taking place again this year and to push out notices to promote donations to help children in need.

Council Member Daniel stated that the Remote Area Medical (RAM) My Neighbor Day clinic will be taking place this weekend. Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend requested that the city push out notices to promote the event and stated that volunteers are still needed.

Council Member Booth stated that on the afternoon of Columbus Day there was a wreck at the intersection of the railroad tracks and South Anderson where the driver used poor judgment and tried to beat the railroad arms and asks the public to learn from this accident and to be stop when you see the lights and railroad arms.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

City Secretary

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 P.M.	
These minutes were approved by Angleton City Council on this the <u>10<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>December</u> 2024.	
	CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS
	John Wright Mayor
ATTEST:	·
Michelle Perez, TRMC	