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A Workshop Meeting of the Aransas Pass City Council was held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at the Aransas Pass Wastewater Treatment Plant, 527 E. Ransom Road, Aransas Pass, Texas 78336. A notice of the meeting was posted 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. Mayor Ramiro Gomez, and Council Members Vickie Abrego, Billy Ellis, Janet Moore and Carrie Scruggs were present. Also present was City Manager Gary Edwards.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Gomez called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. TOUR OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Fernando Quintanilla, Director of Public Works and Darrell Haynes, Wastewater Plant Operator provided a tour of the plant and explained the wastewater treatment process. Mr. Quintanilla stated that in the Hauler Area they receive approximately 20 to 30 hauls per day and discussed issues in this area. The council toured the Aerator Area, Clarifier, Drying Beds, Holding Tank and the Lab and Control Panel and Mr. Quintanilla discussed the improvements that needs to occur at the Plant.

3. UPDATE ON VARIOUS STORM RELATED PROJECTS.

Mr. Edwards referred to staff to provide a brief update on the following storm related projects:

Debris and Debris Pile - Lynn Pearce and Katherine Comeaux, Emergency Operations Center reported that the debris removal company had picked up approximately 600,000 cubic yards of debris and they should be done by the end of week.

Water Tower - Fernando Quintanilla, Director of Public Works reported that staff met with FEMA last week and they are working on the final plans and specifications, and they are about four months away from completion.

Bulkhead - Fernando Quintanilla, Director of Public Works stated that staff met with FEMA and they have identified the areas, and there is a possibility the State may cover at 100%, but the City is waiting to hear back from the State.

City Parks - Mr. Quintanilla reported that the inspection has been completed and staff is working on developing the RFPs for the lighting, scoreboards, fencing and necessary repair work. He also reported that Dick's Sporting Goods has contacted the City and they are interested in sponsoring some of the work.

Water Lines - Mr. Quintanilla reported that as Frontier is conducting repair work they are continuing to break water lines, and that the City is keeping track of hours they spend repairing the water lines. He then provided a brief update on the Rhodes/Beasley and Ebert projects.

Streets - Mr. Quintanilla reported that the City has paved a portion of Johnson Street and should be completed in approximately two months.

Housing - Lynn Pearce and Katherine Comeaux reported that the General Land Office will administer the housing program. She added that they are still waiting on location addresses,

and expressed concern on the expedience of the program in the Coastal Bend area. Ms. Comeaux reported that currently there are 3 Mobile Housing Units and 2 RVs in Aransas Pass, and that there is a need for 60 units in Aransas Pass, and 68 in San Patricio County.

Civic Center, Aquatic Center, Library – Sarah Lee, Director of Community Enrichment reported that the Civic Center is closed and in the process of having an Engineer do a scope of work. She also added that a beam on the roof is compromised, but has been informed that the building is safe. Ms. Lee stated that the Civic Center is not taking any new reservations, and only fulfilling the previously scheduled events. Ms. Lee stated that at the Aquatic Center the work will be performed in-house and that the pump house is on schedule for engineering and will begin the bidding process. She reported that the Library is preparing an RFP for damages.

FEMA and GLO Funding – Sandra Garcia, Director of Finance reported the actual costs for debris removal for DRC beginning September 1, 2017 through November is approximately \$5,506,093, and True North beginning August 28, 2017 through September 24, 2017 is approximately \$16,659. Ms. Garcia stated that donations were received from Coastal Bend Foundation for \$25,000 and other donations totaling \$18,130; Insurance collected is \$1,019,300 and an Advance of \$52,380; and FEMA has paid out \$728,681. Ms. Garcia stated that the State will cover 10% for debris removal and they have contracted with Cohn Reznick to assist the City with reimbursements and request for any upfront monies needed for projects. She added that the extension for damage inventory is January 11th.

Council members asked for updates on the street lights that are still out in the City and if they have been reported to AEP, the condition of neighborhood streets, monitor or control residents bringing in trailers; and how will the city handle severally damaged homes.

4. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Ramiro Gomez
Mayor

Mary Juarez
City Secretary

Approved on: _____