

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Angleton

The City of Angleton, Texas City Council conducted its Regular Monthly Meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, December 18, 2007, with the following in attendance:

J. Patrick Henry	Mayor
Roger D. Collins	Mayor Pro Tem
Gregg Dykes	Councilman
John Wright	Councilman
Jason Perez	Councilman
Bonnie Church	Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Greg Smith	City Manager
Keith Vaughan	City Attorney
Amanda Davenport	City Secretary
	Staff - Dpt. Heads

And those listed on the guest registry.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR HENRY.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Moment of Silent Reflection/Prayer.
4. **Ceremonial presentations- Keep Angleton Beautiful presentations by Cathy Dykes Business of the Month is Tilson Homes; Yard of the Month to Martin Martinez. Holiday Lighting Contest winners are:
Best Business- Liz Sardelich with Sardelich and Associates**
 - Most Colorful- Janie DeLosSantos
 - Most Decorated- Pam Roberts
 - Best Overall- Pam Roberts
 - Best Neighborhood- Pam Roberts (Northridge)
 - Best Theme- Shane and Emily Marling
 - Best Religious Theme- Dennis Sowyer
 - Judge's choice- Randy Harding
 - Most original youth- Ty Gilstrap**Employees of the Month presented by City Manager Greg Smith - Sgt. Quenton Rush and Jeff Sifford**
5. **Citizens wishing to address council: no citizen wishing to address council**

6. **Requests to address Council other than citizenry.**

No one approached council.

7. **Consent items:**

1. Minutes from November 27, 2007 meeting and the special meeting/workshop on December 4, 2007.
2. Consider offers on property held in trust by the Brazoria County Tax Office acct. numbers 1310-0336-000 & 0375-0174-110
3. Consider an Interlocal Agreement with the Angleton Head Start program.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Collins to approve the consent agenda with the corrections to minutes of the Dec. 4 and Nov. 27 meetings.

Second by Councilwoman Church

Motion passes with 6 for; 0 against; 0 absent

8. A. Public Hearing regarding Ordinance #2007-O-12A Re: Freeport Tax Exemption

B. Discussion and possible action on adopting ordinance # 2007-O-12A for the City of Angleton to "opt out" of the state mandated "super freeport" tax exemption.

Public Hearing opened 6:15 p.m.

Patti Worfe presented this item. Mrs. Worfe stated that most cities grant this under the 380 Developers Agreements. The State mandated this exemption in the last legislative session stating this should be "across the board". We have the option to "opt in" at any point, however, we must opt-out every year if we so wish.

Public Hearing closed 6:17 p.m.

Councilman John Wright stated that this is very favorable to manufacturing companies specifically, the motor vehicles and most of the service industry cannot use this because the goods must be sold out of state, inter-commerce is what is effected and if we opt out tonight then we opt out forever? Mrs. Worfe explained that if we opt out tonight then we are out through 2008, and we will be put back "in" if we don't opt out at the end of 2008, however, you can opt in at any point throughout that year. Mr. Wright states any manufacturing company will want this and it is a good tool. Who will we effect by opting out? City Manager Greg Smith explained that by "opting-out" we are giving the City the opportunity to decide who receives the exemption.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Collins

Second by Councilman Perez

Motion passes with 5 for; 1 against (Wright); 0 absent

9. Discussion and possible action on the Texian Subdivision plat.

City Manager Greg Smith has withdrawn this item from the

agenda. There has been a change in the plat from the original.

10. Discussion and possible action on the Fuqua Subdivision plat.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Collins to approve the plat
Second by Councilman Wright

Motion passes with 6 for; 0 against; 0 absent

11. Discussion and possible action on the Angleton Metroplex Subdivision Final Plat.

Motion by Councilman Perez to approve the Final Plat
Second by Councilwoman Church

Gregg Dykes would like the plat explained as to where the drive for Christy's bar will be.

Motion passes with 6 for; 0 against; 0 absent

12. **Reports of boards & commissions:**

Parks - nothing
KAB - nothing
Herb - nothing

The Angleton Better Living Corporation- no meeting this month

13. **Staff Reports**

Interim City Manager Greg Smith - Moving forward with drainage discussion from the special meeting. Recycle flyers are ready and the bags are being prepared for delivery. The recycle trailer will be here next week and this will kick-off on January 1, 2008.

Mayor asked about the zoning ordinance and Mr. Smith advised that he is doing the final review and hopes to bring it to council at the February meeting.

Public Works Dir Robert Heinemeyer - Added ditch digging to his report.

Susie Hernandez - Finance - The auditors are still here, but we should wrap things up this week. Sales taxes are still up and we should start getting the property taxes in.

Economic Development- Patti Worfe - nothing

City Attorney Keith Vaughan - executive session items

Municipal Court Tina Taylor -

Police Chief David Ashburn w/Animal Control - Held a test this past Saturday for new hires.

Robert Owens – Chief Building Official - Permits has had a busy month. Code Enforcement has been extremely busy.

14. Council Information:

The Hon. Mayor J. Patrick Henry -
The Hon. Mayor Pro Tem Roger Collins
The Hon. Councilman John Wright - Thanks for the invite to the PD banquet. Thanks to all the City employees you do a good job. When will we get back to the road overlays? What about the railroad quiet zone? Herb Smith replied we are waiting on TXDOT to do their part at the intersection.

The Hon. Councilman Gregg Dykes-
The Hon. Councilwoman Bonnie Church

The Hon. Councilman Jason Perez -

15. Meeting is adjourned to executive session. 6:45

No action out of executive session at 7:25 p.m.

J. Patrick Henry, Mayor

Amanda Davenport, City Secretary