

710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET

DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

Minutes

of

AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON MARCH 19, 2019 BEGINNING AT 7:45 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON, JR.	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
THANE HARRISON	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
BILL PATTERSON	COUNCILMAN
RON MARTIN	COUNCILMAN
RAE A. SINOR	COUNCILWOMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAY STOKES	CITY MANAGER
GARY JACKSON	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
SHANNON BENNETT	CITY SECRETARY
JIM FOX	CITY ATTORNEY

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.
2. EMERGENCY MEETING ON AN UPDATE/REPORT OF THE FIRE AT ITC (INTERCONTINENTAL TERMINALS COMPANY) – City Manager, Jay Stokes stated the six different key points of the ITC incident that would be discussed in the emergency meeting. Mr. Stokes introduced Emergency Services Director, Robert Hemminger, Public Relations/ Marketing Specialist, Kristin Callahan, Assistant City Manager, Gary Jackson and Mayor, Jerry Mouton that discussed and elaborated in detail the chronological order of events, media updates, the partnership with the Harris County and the Deer Park Independent School District, air quality monitoring and reporting, water pressure and quality issues, evacuations and shelter-in-place decisions. (Exhibit A1)

Mr. Stokes commented, “I wanted to commend our EOC Staff, Police Department and Dispatch, City of La Porte, City of Baytown, City of Humble, Precinct 2, and especially the Deer Park Independent School District. As always, it is great to have all those kinds of relationships. It says a lot about Deer Park and the kind of town we live in.”

Mayor Mouton commented, “All of our local officials have been amazing. All the neighboring cities, which I would boast and brag on, on the East end, have a great

working relationship of supporting and assisting in any situation. All the mayors, and counterparts, including Harris County, have done a great job in supporting us. One of the first calls I received on Sunday was from Judge Hidalgo and her Staff. They have been amazing and have continuously called to offer support to our EOC. The main function of Harris County is the Emergency Management System, most of us know it as TranStar. It just has been a very efficient process and to the level of the magnitude of things that are being done in the region, their support of Deer Park has been phenomenal. I would be amiss if I didn't give credit where credit is due, our new Commissioner, Adrian Garcia and his Staff have been very supportive. There has been a great collaborative effort.

Today, I have been talking to our State Officials and reaching out to them about trying to increase our efficiency of the reporting process of the monitoring systems and how to get that information out quicker. There has been a lot of questions to the data that have been released and the validity of the data. All that is overseen and regulated by TCEQ, which has been present at the Incident Command Center and so has the EPA, from the very beginning. They are both stationed at ITC. I do not think there has been any lack of support in this region. Also, the Deer Park Independent School District has been very supportive in working with us to make sure we are all doing what is best for the community. I would like to add, that our own Staff in the EOC, has been phenomenal. Everybody has worked very efficiently together. I am very proud to live here, to be the Mayor for Deer Park and to see the effort that is being made. Please keep the first responders in your prayers and be patient with us, we are doing the best we can."

Mayor Mouton opened the floor to the audience and encouraged City Staff to address the questions or concerns from the citizens.

3. ADJOURN - Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Shannon Bennett, TRMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor