

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2015 Rockport City Hall, 622 East Market Street

On the 25th day of August 2015, the City Council of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, convened in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m., at the regular meeting place in City Hall, and notice of meeting giving time, place, date and subject was posted as described in V.T.C.A., Government Code § 551.041.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Charles J. Wax
Mayor Pro-Tem Pat Rios, Ward 3
Council Member Rusty Day, Ward 1
Council Member J. D. Villa, Ward 2
Council Member Barbara Gurtner, Ward 4

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Kevin Carruth
City Secretary Teresa Valdez
Police Chief Tim Jayroe
Public Works Director Mike Donoho
Finance Director Patty Howard

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Opening Agenda

1. Call to Order.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockport City Council was called to order by Mayor Wax at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Rockport City Hall, 622 E. Market Street, Rockport, Texas.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Day led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

3. Citizens to be heard.

At this time comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. To address the Council, please sign the speaker's card located on the table outside the Council Chamber and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take any action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda.

Karen Mella addressed the Council. Ms. Mella informed the Council that as a result of the recent Council discussion of a plastic bag ban and the survey the Chamber of Commerce had conducted, a Trash Task Force has been formed. Ms. Mella stated the first meeting will be held tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Mella invited the Council to attend.

Consent Agenda

All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- 4. Deliberate and act on approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2015.**
- 5. Deliberate and act on request for closure of certain sections of E. North Street, S. Ann Street, E. Market Street, S. Magnolia Street, E. Concho Drive, Broadway Drive, and Austin Street for the 11th Annual Tropical Christmas Festival and parade on December 5, 2015, as well as approval for use of the Festival Grounds and temporary signage at various locations, including a street banner at the Walmart entryway on Highway 35 N.**
- 6. Deliberate and act on report from the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor for 2015 Aquafest marketing expenditures and authorize disbursement of Hotel Occupancy Tax funds.**
- 7. Deliberate and act on request for use of the Festival Grounds and closure of certain sections of S. Ann Street, E. Market Street, and S. Magnolia Street, for the Seafair Festival and parade as well as approval for temporary signage at various locations for the Seafair Festival and HummerBird Celebration, including a street banner at the Walmart entryway on Highway 35 N. and various off-street directional signs.**
- 8. Deliberate and act on Resolution authorizing publication of delinquent taxpayers' names.**
- 9. Deliberate and act on cancellation of November 24, 2015, and December 22, 2015, Workshop and Regular City Council Meetings.**

Mayor Wax called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

Mayor Wax said he wanted to remove item number five (5) from the Consent Agenda to be discussed separately.

Mayor Wax called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda minus item number five.

MOTION: Council Member Villa moved to adopt the Consent Agenda Items as presented minus item number five. Mayor Pro-Tem Rios seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wax asked why the parade route had been changed to Magnolia Street instead of Austin Street like previous years.

Police Chief Tim Jayroe stated that the parade route was changed because he was concerned about the safety of children. Chief Jayroe said since there were bulb-outs on Austin Street, a child could come into contact with a float and he could not in good conscience recommend Austin Street.

Council Member Day stated that he had seen several instances of close calls the last time a parade traveled Austin Street.

MOTION: Mayor Wax moved to approve the request for closure of certain sections of E. North Street, S. Ann Street, E. Market Street, S. Magnolia Street, E. Concho Street, Broadway, and Austin Street for the 11th Annual Tropical Christmas Festival and parade on December 5, 2015, as well as approval for use of the Festival Grounds and temporary signage at various locations, including a street banner at the Walmart entryway on Highway 35 N. Council Member Day seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

10. Conduct a Public Hearing on City of Rockport Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget.

At 6:38 p.m., Mayor Wax opened the Public Hearing.

There were no public comments.

At 6:39 p.m., Mayor Wax closed the Public Hearing.

Regular Agenda

11. Hear and deliberate on progress report on delinquent tax collections.

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson partner Steven D. Saucedo addressed the Council. Mr. Saucedo gave a progress report (below) on delinquent tax collections.

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A
Summary Of
Delinquent Tax
Collection Activities
On Behalf
Of
The
City of
Rockport

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August 25, 2015

Kevin Carruth, City Manager
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RE: Progress Report on Delinquent Tax Collection for the Period of
July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

Dear Mr. Carruth:

In an effort to keep you and the City Council informed of our activities, we submit this report which summarizes our work and the results we have achieved in delinquent tax collections on behalf of the City of Rockport.

As the summary shows, by the use of all of our collection tools, including notice letters, specialized demand letters, phone banking, personal visits and litigation, we collected on your behalf just over \$138,583.00 in delinquent taxes, penalties and interest from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

We pledge to continue to follow through with what has developed into a sound collection program. This will include prosecuting the pending suits to conclusion, writing demand letters on a regular basis, and filing additional suits in those cases where our letters and requests for payment are ignored. We will also continue working closely with you to provide assistance and advice in all property tax matters, including changes in the law brought by the Property Tax Code.

As always, should you have any questions about this report, please do not hesitate to call me for further clarification of our activity. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the City of Rockport and look forward to continuing to work closely with the City Council and Jeri Cox Tax Assessor-Collector to maximize delinquent tax collections in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Saucedo
Attorney at Law

SJS/Sjm

cc: City of Rockport - City Council
Charles "C.J." Wax - Mayor
Patrick R. (Pat) Rios - Mayor Pro Tem
James Russell (Rusty) Day, Jr. - Council Member
Joe David (J.D.) Villa - Council Member
Barbara Gurner - Council Member

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**CITY OF ROCKPORT
LITIGATION SUMMARY
July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015**

EXHIBIT A - LAWSUITS FILED:		12
1.) Real/Personal Property	34 Tracts	\$ 39,346.23
EXHIBIT B - NON-SUITS:		18
1.) Real/Personal Property	51 Tracts	\$ 46,190.00
EXHIBIT C - JUDGMENTS:		8
1.) Real/Personal Property	16 Tracts	\$ 12,847.24
EXHIBIT D - RELEASE OF JUDGMENTS:		2
1.) Real/Personal Property	8 Tracts	\$ 4,773.62
EXHIBIT E - TOTAL LAWSUITS PENDING:		16
1.) Real/Personal Property	30 Tracts	\$ 91,416.10
EXHIBIT F - TAX SALES:		7
1.) Paid in Full	1 Tract	\$ 19,726.06
2.) Sold	6 Tracts	\$ 65,160.80
3.) Pulled	3 Tracts	\$ 9,710.06
EXHIBIT G - TOTAL COLLECTIONS: (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015)		\$138,583.00

CITY OF ROCKPORT COLLECTION REPORT

Glossary of Terms

- Abstract of Judgment** - A document filed with the County Clerk that summarizes the court's judgment and attaches a lien to any real property owned by the defendant in the County.
- Awaiting Service - Notice** in the form of a citation must be given to all defendants of a law suit. The sheriff's or constable's office attempts to deliver a citation to each defendant in person.
- Cancelled Non-Suit** - The removal of a petition from the court without full payment, ending the suit process, usual reasons include bankruptcy, assessment problems, over 65 deferrals on homestead, etc.
- Current Year Delinquent** - Taxes assessed in the current tax year that remain due during the period of time beginning February 1 and ending June 30. Section 33.01 penalty and interest is accruing during this time, but the 15% 33.07 penalty has not attached to the taxes unless a petition filed to collect older taxes is pending against the property. The 15% 33.07 penalty attached on July 1 when the taxes are referred to the law firm for collection.
- Filed Petitions** - A lawsuit filed with the court seeking to enforce the collection of unpaid delinquent taxes.
- Fiscal Year** - The period of time used for financial reporting usually beginning on the 1st day of a month and ending on the last day of the 12th succeeding month. A school's fiscal year is from September 1 to August 31.
- Judgment** - The written final decision of the court in a law suit, provides for foreclosure of tax liens and sale of property on courthouse steps if taxes are not paid.
- Non-Suit** - The dismissal of a lawsuit, usually for full payment, ending the suit process.
- Prior Delinquent** - Taxes due from tax years before the current tax year. These taxes have previously been referred to the law firm for collection.
- Property Inspection Needed** - At a certain point in the suit process, an employee of the law firm is required to visit the property, take a picture, complete an inspection form and attempt to talk with the property owner if they are on site.
- Prospect for Dismissal** - The taxes and costs are expected to be paid in full in the near future, or a problem has arisen that prevents further action in the law suit. These items must be verified before the petition is dismissed.
- Release of Abstract of Judgment** - A document filed with the County Clerk stating the original Abstract of Judgment is no longer in effect, usually because taxes owed have been paid.
- Release of Judgment** - A document filed with the clerk of the court stating that the original judgment is no longer in effect, usually because taxes owed have been paid.

- Tax Sale** - The sheriff or constable conducts a public sale, usually at the county courthouse, at which a person's personal or real property may be sold to satisfy any delinquent taxes, penalties and interest due as stated in the court's judgment and order of sale.
 - Sold** - The property was sold at the public sale.
 - Struck Off** - The property was not sold at the public sale and was deced to the taxing units.
 - Payment Agreement** - The property owner entered into a written payment agreement before the sale occurred.
 - Paid Before Sale** - The taxes, court costs and cost of sale were paid before the sale occurred.
 - Deferral** - The owner signed and filed a document with the appraisal district and possibly the court stating that they are at least 65 years of age, the property is their homestead, and they wish to suspend payment of all current and delinquent taxes. A deferral abates action on the law suit or tax sale.
- Tax Year** - The period of time used for tax assessment and collection beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the next calendar year.
- Title Update Requested** - An abstract of title has been requested to verify ownership of the delinquent property and to identify any other person claiming a financial interest in the property through a filed instrument.
- Uncollectible Roll** - A listing of accounts from the tax roll that have not been paid and legal action is not possible or would be futile. These accounts are usually personal property that has been removed or destroyed, old accounts for which the owner is not known and cannot be determined and old mineral interests in wells that are no longer producing.

Delinquent Tax Collection Report

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PAID DISMISSALS/NO SUITS:
Suff Type: Petitions

Suff #	Suff Style	Suff Station	Filing Date	#	Petition Amount
A-14-3087 TX-B	BARAJEL ALFARO, ET AL	AWAITING SERVICE	07/01/2014	2	\$884.63
A-14-3028 TX-C	BRIAN LARVIERE, ET AL	NONSUIT	07/01/2014	1	\$780.00
A-14-3019 TX-B	JOHNNY D RODRIGUEZ, ET AL	NONSUIT	07/01/2014	2	\$656.41
A-14-3012 TX-A	MICHAEL MACHULA, ET AL	JUDGMENT	07/01/2014	3	\$920.19
A-14-3014 TX-C	SILVIA LAURA CUELLAR, ET AL	AWAITING SERVICE	07/01/2014	1	\$723.20
A-14-3025 TX-C	LEON DROED, ET AL	NONSUIT	08/18/2014	2	\$23,815.20
A-14-3036 TX-A	LADUNA REEF HOTELS, LLC, ET AL	NONSUIT	08/18/2014	1	\$5,119.22
A-14-3043 TX-A	LUPRE MORONDO, ET AL	AWAITING SERVICE	08/18/2014	3	\$1,281.42
A-14-3045 TX-A	JOHN G. DECHESNER, JR., ET AL	NONSUIT	08/18/2014	2	\$1,687.42
A-14-3046 TX-B	WILLIAM H. HANDELL, ET AL	AWAITING SERVICE	08/18/2014	1	\$1,548.54
A-14-3047 TX-C	JOSEPH D. WAGGONER, ET AL	NONSUIT	08/18/2014	1	\$887.47
A-14-3048 TX-B	MENI TH VAN, ET AL	NONSUIT	08/18/2014	1	\$884.88
A-14-3061 TX-A	HAROLD WAYNE BRUCK, ET AL	NONSUIT	08/18/2014	1	\$887.78

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Suff Type: Petitions

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A-11-3026 TX-A	GRACIE L. TRYDAI, ET AL	NONSUIT	03/01/2011	3	\$1,116.85
A-11-3023 TX-C	DELFIN, INC, ET AL	NONSUIT	08/23/2011	1	\$200.41
A-11-3021 TX-B	LLOYD W. PARAMORE, ET AL	NONSUIT	08/23/2011	4	\$1,875.22
A-12-3027 TX-A	WILLIAM M. BYRD, ET AL	NONSUIT	05/19/2012	1	\$620.00
A-12-3022 TX-B	BEVERLY A. LEWIS, ET AL	NONSUIT	11/28/2012	1	\$285.06
A-12-3045 TX-C	TURTLE BAYOU, LLC, ET AL	NONSUIT	11/29/2012	4	\$1,488.93
A-12-3020 TX-C	TED M. GREENFIELD, ET AL	NONSUIT	02/19/2013	3	\$1,782.43
A-12-3023 TX-A	GEORGE J. BOLIS, ET AL	NONSUIT	03/19/2013	3	\$1,782.42
A-12-3044 TX-C	KARENETH L. BAKER, ET AL	NONSUIT	08/18/2013	2	\$733.32
A-14-3008 TX-C	BRIAN LARVIERE, ET AL	NONSUIT	07/01/2014	1	\$780.00
A-14-3018 TX-B	JOHNNY D. RODRIGUEZ, ET AL	NONSUIT	07/01/2014	2	\$656.41
A-14-3025 TX-C	LEON DROED, ET AL	NONSUIT	08/18/2014	2	\$23,815.20
A-14-3036 TX-A	LADUNA REEF HOTELS, LLC, ET AL	NONSUIT	08/18/2014	1	\$5,119.22
A-14-3045 TX-A	JOHN G. DECHESNER, JR., ET AL	NONSUIT	08/18/2014	2	\$1,687.42
A-14-3047 TX-C	JOSEPH D. WAGGONER, ET AL	NONSUIT	08/18/2014	1	\$887.47
A-14-3048 TX-B	MENI TH VAN, ET AL	NONSUIT	08/18/2014	1	\$884.88
A-14-3061 TX-A	HAROLD WAYNE BRUCK, ET AL	NONSUIT	08/18/2014	1	\$887.78

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NON-PAID DISMISSALS/NOCONSULTS:

Bull Type: Petitions

Bull #	Bull Style	Bull Status	Filing Date	#	Date	Petition Asset Disposition Amt
A-13-3004-TX-A	OWEN/ADQVNA WELLA, ET AL	MONSUIT	11/14/2013	1		\$288.01 \$288.01

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JUDGMENTS: (07/01/2014 to 06/28/2015)

Bull Type: Petitions

Bull #	Bull Style	Bull Status	Filing Date	#	Date	Petition Asset Judgment Amt
A-10-3005-TX-C	RALPH R. GONZALES, AKA RALPH R. GONZALEZ, ET AL	JUDGMENT	04/29/2014	3		\$2,807.16 \$3,452.86
A-11-3004-TX-A	ROBERT J DYGCERT, ET AL	JUDGMENT	09/02/2011	12		\$783.78 \$1,717.06
A-13-3008-TX-B	ROBERT E. HARRIS, ET AL	JUDGMENT	11/20/2012	1		\$886.91 \$886.44
A-13-3008-TX-C	ALFREDO S. GONZALEZ, SR., ET AL	JUDGMENT	11/20/2012	2		\$737.61 \$1,105.21
A-13-3020-TX-C	JOHNSON PARKS, ET AL	JUDGMENT	08/19/2013	1		\$1,070.60 \$1,113.13
A-13-3021-TX-A	RAHWYREE CAMPGROUND AND RV RESORT, LLC, ET AL	JUDGMENT	08/19/2013	1		\$4,719.89 \$3,306.77
A-13-3028-TX-C	HENRY E. GERHART, JR., ET AL	JUDGMENT	08/19/2013	3		\$1,372.58 \$3,812.66
A-14-3013-TX-A	MICHAEL MACRUM, ET AL	JUDGMENT	07/02/2014	3		\$822.78 \$322.00

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RELEASED JUDGMENTS:

Bull Type: Petitions

Bull #	Bull Style	Bull Status	Filing Date	#	Date	Petition Asset Judgment Amt
A-13-3013-TX-B	B. R. VICKERY, ET AL	JUDGMENT	09/10/2011	4		\$1,819.29 \$372.04
A-13-3006-TX-A	J. DON LOHMEYER, ET AL	JUDGMENT	08/29/2011	1		\$483.25 \$1,211.83
A-13-3001-TX-B	BONNETTA ERICK, ET AL	JUDGMENT	08/19/2012	3		\$250.67 \$258.81
A-13-3009-TX-A	LALLA MEYERS, ET AL	JUDGMENT	08/19/2012	5		\$344.42 \$325.31
A-13-3007-TX-A	BRIAN PRICE, ET AL	JUDGMENT	11/20/2012	1		\$874.95 \$730.18
A-13-3006-TX-B	ROBERT F. HANDEL, ET AL	JUDGMENT	11/20/2012	1		\$888.81 \$308.94
A-13-3023-TX-C	DERALD W. HEBBING, JR., ET AL	JUDGMENT	08/10/2013	2		\$349.41 \$1,059.41

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Client Activity Report TAXES

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TAX SALES: (only date in requested date range)

Roll Type: Original Positions

Roll No	Defendant	Special Project	Property Description	Roll Date	Roll Hr	Roll Type	Rollout	Minimum Bid	Sale Amt
A-11-2015-TX-B	S. R. MOSEY ET AL	M	Lot 7 Block 44, Dingley and Harlow Division, an addition to American County, Texas, as described in Volume 2-3, Page 203, Deed Records of American County, Texas.	08/02/2014	11	0	TAX SALE PALLED	\$2,245.00	\$489.00
A-11-2005-TX-A	DOH LOUIS ET AL	M	Block 12 of Lot 13, west of Lot 14, Block 288, South and West Division, 2 subdivisions in American County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 10, Page 97, Deed Records of American County, Texas.	07/01/2014	5	0	ROL-D	\$13,857.19	\$28,820.28
A-11-2014-TX-C	FRANKIE P JONES, ET AL	M	West M2 of Lot 6, Dingley and Harlow Division, as defined by American County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 10, Page 272, Deed Records of American County, Texas.	04/02/2014	9	0	TAX SALE PALLED	\$11,132.10	\$6,208.00
A-12-2001-TX-B	BONNETTA ERHOL ET AL	M	The Eastern 20 of Lots 17 and 18, Volume Dime Sub-division, a subdivision of American County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 75, Deed Records of American County, Texas.	04/02/2014	9	0	TAX SALE PALLED	\$1,720.00	\$1,460.25
A-13-2005-TX-A	LALLA MEYER ET AL	M	Lot A, Block 138, Mooring subdivisions, an addition to the City of Rockport, American County, Texas, as described in Volume 72, Page 305, Deed Records of American County, Texas.	07/01/2014	13	0	ROL-D	\$8,891.37	\$3,871.37

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Client Activity Report TAXES

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TAX SALES: (only date in requested date range)

Roll Type: Original Positions

Roll No	Defendant	Special Project	Property Description	Roll Date	Roll Hr	Roll Type	Rollout	Minimum Bid	Sale Amt
A-12-2005-TX-B	ROBERT E. HARRIS, ET AL	M	Lot 15, Block 5, Danner Hughes Addition, an addition to the City of Rockport, American County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 8, Deed Records of American County, Texas.	10/02/2014	17	0	ROL-D	\$2,187.42	\$2,187.42
A-11-2005-TX-A	DOH LOUIS ET AL	M	Block 12 of Lot 13, west of Lot 14, Block 288, South and West Division, 2 subdivisions in American County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 10, Page 97, Deed Records of American County, Texas.	07/01/2014	5	0	ROL-D	\$13,857.19	\$28,820.28
A-11-2014-TX-C	FRANKIE P JONES, ET AL	M	West M2 of Lot 6, Dingley and Harlow Division, as defined by American County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 10, Page 272, Deed Records of American County, Texas.	04/02/2014	9	0	ROL-D	\$11,132.10	\$6,208.00
A-12-2001-TX-B	BONNETTA ERHOL ET AL	M	The Eastern 20 of Lots 17 and 18, Volume Dime Sub-division, a subdivision of American County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 75, Deed Records of American County, Texas.	04/02/2014	9	0	TAX SALE PALLED	\$1,720.00	\$1,460.25
A-13-2005-TX-A	LALLA MEYER ET AL	M	Lot A, Block 138, Mooring subdivisions, an addition to the City of Rockport, American County, Texas, as described in Volume 72, Page 305, Deed Records of American County, Texas.	07/01/2014	13	0	ROL-D	\$8,891.37	\$3,871.37

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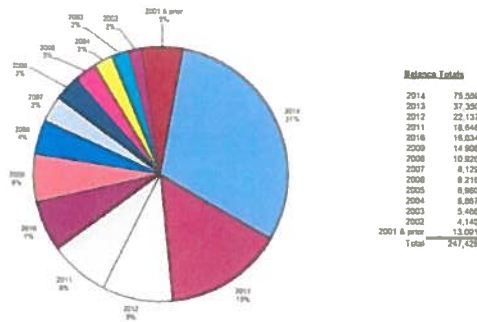
City of Rockport

Work Plan

The following summarizes the 2015-2016 work plan that is currently being implemented for the City of Rockport:

1. Execute (9) nine delinquent tax mailings within the delinquent tax year (July-June). These mailings are on all delinquent accounts, not just selected portions of the roll. They will be sent out during July, August, September, November, December, February, March, April and May.
2. Target larger accounts (taxpayers that owe over \$439.00 in base tax which comprises 80% of the roll) for specific collection activities such as Special Notices, Notice of Intent to Sue and the filing of new suits.
3. Actively pursue phone bank collections on taxpayers.
4. Continue prosecution of existing suits until payment is received or court judgments are obtained.
5. Initiate 4 tax foreclosure sales on more than 20 tracts of property within the delinquent tax year.
6. Work with taxpayers who are willing to pay part of their taxes on a regular basis to avoid any further legal action (payment agreements or partial payments).
7. Respond to taxpayer inquiries with full and complete answers, explanation or research when indicated.
8. Help identify errors in assessment or other inaccurate information on the existing tax roll.
9. Help update existing tax records with information gleaned from our research, our return mail program, our contact with taxpayers and our interchange of information with appraisal districts and other local tax offices.
10. Provide tax consultation on all tax related matters.

City of Rockport Delinquent Tax Balance Summary as of August 3, 2015



prepared by Longberg Goggin Blair & Sampson, LLP

Discussion was held among Council, Mr. Carruth and Mr. Saucedo.

- 12. Deliberate and act on second reading of a proposed Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 "Utilities," Article II, "Water Service," Division 3, "Service Charges" by amending water rates for all customers; providing for the validity of said Ordinance; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.**

Mayor Wax stated there had been no changes in format or content since the first reading of the Ordinance.

MOTION: Council Member Day moved to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 "Utilities," Article II, "Water Service," Division 3, "Service Charges" by amending water rates for all customers; providing for the validity of said Ordinance; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date. Council Member Gurtner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 13. Deliberate and act on second reading of a proposed Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 "Utilities," Article III, Wastewater Service," Division 4, "Service Charges" by amending wastewater rates for all customers; providing for the validity of said Ordinance; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.**

Mayor Wax stated there had been no changes in format or content since the first reading of the Ordinance.

MOTION: Council Member Villa moved to approve the second reading of a an Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 "Utilities," Article III, Wastewater Service," Division 4, "Service Charges" by amending wastewater rates for all customers; providing for the validity of said Ordinance; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date. Mayor Pro-Tem Rios seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 14. Deliberate and act on second reading of a proposed Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 "Utilities," Chapter 82 "Solid Waste," Article II, "Refuse Collection," Section 82.39 "Fee Schedule"; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for publication and an effective date.**

Mayor Wax stated there had been no changes in format or content since the first reading of the Ordinance.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Rios moved to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 "Utilities," Chapter 82 "Solid Waste," Article II, "Refuse Collection," Section 82.39 "Fee Schedule"; repealing all

prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for publication and an effective date. Council Member Gurtner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Deliberate and act to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents for the purchase of up to two compressed natural gas trolley buses.

City Manager Kevin Carruth stated that last month a used compressed natural gas trolley had been located but there are actually two trolleys. Mr. Carruth said he is waiting for pictures of the trolleys before a visit is scheduled to inspect them, accompanied by the Mayor of Fulton.

Mayor Wax said that if the City is going to have to pay "X" amount to move one trolley to Rockport, then it may make sense to pay "X" amount to move two trolleys. Mayor Wax stated that City Attorney Terry Baiamonte and Fulton City Attorney Hal George will prepare an interlocal agreement between the City of Rockport and the Town of Fulton for operation of the trollies.

Discussion was held among Council in regard to the purchase of up to two compressed natural gas trolley buses.

MOTION: Council Member Villa moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents for purchase of up to two compressed natural gas trolley buses. Council Member Gurtner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Reports from Council.

At this time, the City Council will report/update on all committee assignments, which may include the following: Aransas Pathways Steering Committee, Building and Standards Commission; Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program; Coastal Bend Council of Government; Environmental Committee for Water Issues; Keep Rockport Beautiful Advisory Board; Parks & Leisure Services Advisory Board; Planning Zoning Commission; Rockport Heritage Board; Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce; Aransas County Storm Water Management Advisory Committee; Swimming Pool Operations Advisory Committee; Tourism Development Council; Tree & Landscape Committee; YMCA Project Committee; Texas Maritime Museum; Fulton Mansion; Rockport Center for the Arts; Aransas County; Aransas County Independent School District; Aransas County Navigation District; Town of Fulton; and Texas Municipal League. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time.

Council Member Villa reported he had attended the Parks & Leisure Services Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Villa stated the Board had observed a moment of silence for deceased member Bob Shoemaker. Mr. Villa informed the Council that a celebration of life for Mr. Shoemaker will be held on September 26, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Mr. Villa added that the Board discussed the 40th anniversary of Volkspart.

Executive Session

City Council will hold an executive session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

17. Section 551.071(1)(A) and Section 551.071(2) Consultation with Attorney: Pending or contemplated litigation: 1) Templeton, 2) Petty, 3) Aumada, and 4) Bay Education Center.

18. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters: Finance Director.

19. Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations: Project Cardinal.

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Wax convened the Rockport City Council into an executive session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.071910(A) and Section 551.071(2) Consultation with Attorney: Pending or contemplated litigation: 1) Templeton, 2) Petty, 3) Aumada, and 4) Bay Education Center; Section 551.074 Personnel Matters: Finance Director; and Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations: Project Cardinal.

Open Session

20. City Council will reconvene into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any actions necessary related to the executive sessions noted herein, or regular agenda items, noted above, and/or related items.

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor Wax reconvened the Rockport City Council into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any actions necessary related to the executive sessions noted herein, or regular agenda items, noted above, and/or related items.

Mayor Wax announced that due to the absence of the City Attorney, the Council did not consider item number 17 in Executive Session.

There was no action taken.

Mayor Wax stated he would like to return to Council Reports.

Mayor Wax called the Council's attention to a handout listing Mark Dumesnil's office phone number. Mayor Wax stated Mr. Dumesnil is the Nature Conservancy representative for the Gulf Coast and is aware of the public concern as it relates to the oak rookery on the property for sale at Maple Street and Highway 35.

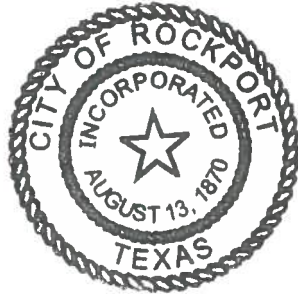
Mayor Wax stated he had discussed with Public Works Director Mike Donoho the need for the City to look at the sign ordinance, platting ordinance and several other City ordinances that are in need of review.

Mayor Wax informed the Council that he has talked to several people about their serving on the YMCA Development Committee but he has not yet found someone to serve as Chair.

Mayor Wax stated Eric Keller with Community Bank, John Jackson with South Texas Council of Boy Scouts, and Aransas County Independent School Superintendent Joey Patek have indicated they would be recommending persons to serve on the Committee.

21. Adjournment

At 7:33 p.m., Mayor Pro-Tem Rios moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Villa and carried unanimously.



CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS


Charles J. Wax, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary