

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, October 18, 2005.

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Piper called the meeting to order.

## **2. ROLL CALL**

Council present: Mayor Larry Piper, Rita McMillan, Ken McConnell, Donna Bailey, Gary Coker and Larry Borders.

Also present: Tim Moss, City Manager; Homer Toscano, Director of Public Works; Gary Stroud, Police Chief; Tammy Odom, Court Clerk; Judge Jerry Phillips, and Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney.

## **3. INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson.

## **4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

## **5. WELCOME OF VISITORS**

Visitors present: Linda Criner with Texas- New Mexico Power; Larry Odom, Charles Weller and Kevin Hathcoat with IESI; Berna Dyes with Conoco-Phillips and Maricela Caballero with Chevron-Phillips; Lonny Montgomery with Sweeny Rotary; Mark Hansen with Brazoria County Parks.

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Gary Coker made a motion to approve the minutes of September 29, 2005 as recorded. Donna Bailey seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

## **7. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Rita McMillan made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$22,863.64. Gary Coker seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

## **8. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Roger Barton gave report of 9 calls for the month. The Fire Dept., has added two new vehicles. A 2006 Ford Expedition, at \$22,800.00, will be used as the Chiefs Vehicle and a 1996 FL60 Freight Liner costing \$22,000.00 to be used for Rehab for the Fire Fighters.

Both will be titled to the City of Sweeny.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Texas- New Mexico Power Franchise Ordinance**

Charlie Stevenson read the Ordinance.

Rita McMillan moved to adopt Ordinance 100-06, a Transmission and Distribution of Electric Utility Franchise Ordinance. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. IESI / Increase in fuel cost.**

Kevin Hathcoat, with IESI, asked the council for a user fee increase of \$1.02 a month due to the increased cost of diesel fuel.

Rita McMillan moved to grant the increase of \$1.02 to IESE for garbage disposal. Donna Bailey seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

### **B. Brazoria County Parks Presentation**

Mark Hansen presented a video on the Bond Election for the new Brazoria County Coliseum/ Fair Grounds.

### **C. Municipal Court Proclamation**

Charlie Stevenson read the proclamation Proclaiming **Municipal Court Week** of October 31 - November 4, 2005.

### **D. Municipal Court Report**

Tammy Odom stated the State of Texas gave the court a \$15,000. grant for software update. Incode, a software company, gave the City of Sweeny a proposal of \$10,240.00. (We actually invested \$6,529.80 and were reimbursed the difference from the State of Texas.)

Tammy spoke with DPS, the grant administrator. Because we came in under budget they have agreed to pay the court's first year maintenance fee of \$1,138.00.

### **E. FEMA Resolution**

FEMA is going to re-delineate all the flood plains areas in Brazoria County and would like the council to consider an agreement for them to do that . Tim Moss stated that if we want to stay a part of the National Flood Insurance Program we should agree. There will be no cost to the City.

Larry Borders made a motion to approve the FEMA Resolution. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

### **F. Sweeny Economic Development Corporation Projects**

The first project SEDC presented was the purchase of 4 lots in the Anderson Park for \$15,000.00. This property is owned by the McDonald Estate. Sale is pending since there

are 27 heirs that must accept the \$15,000.00 offer.

The second project was for reimbursement to the Sweeny Rotary Club in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be used towards the cost of architect plans for the new Rotary Building. Funds will not be released until plans have been approved by the city.

Donna Bailey made a motion to approve these two proposal. Larry Borders seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

## 11. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports

**Mayor Piper** spoke with Bill Knesek about the new Pharmacy. Mr. Knesek said they are finalizing the drawings for the facility and in the near future the construction manager will be here to discuss the utilities for the structure

**Donna Bailey** announced Oct 29, 2005 as the date Sweeny Beautification will have a dedication of the new pavilion, playground equipment and other improvements recently made at The Martin Luther King Park.

**Larry Borders** announced Conoco-Phillips BBQ is also Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. Also Larry's brother had his 20<sup>th</sup> class reunion and everyone there stated how great the city looked.

**Rita McMillan** stated 940 citizens bought chicken fried steak dinners and thanked everyone. That was a great fund raiser for Sweeny United.

**Tim Moss** said the parks are finished with the new playground equipment. The floors and cabinets are complete at The Senior Citizen Building. The brick is being replaced, due to sub-standard craftsmanship. Paper work on the four lots next to the building is near completion.

**Tammy Odom** announced November 3, 2005, (8am - 5pm) Open House for Municipal Court Week.

## 12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.**

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**Reatta Minshew, City Secretary**