

A regular meeting and public hearing of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

**1. Call To Order**

Mayor Lott called the meeting to order. Reminded Council and audience meetings are conducted in strict compliance with Roberts Rule of Order.

**2. Roll Call**

Council present: Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Coker, Dale Lemon, Neal Bess Jr, Ray Bailey and Linda Diaz.

Also present: Tim Moss, City Manager; Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney; Homer Toscano, Director of Public Works, and Gary Stroud, Chief of Police.

**3. Invocation**

Invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**5. Presentations by Citizens -**

Visitors: Frank Lawrence, Tom Rich, Ruby Griggs, Joe Smith, Betty Herring, and Ioris Johnson.

Ruby Griggs - Spoke in regards to the condition of the railroad crossing on Martin Luther King. Tim Moss responded with comments he has tried to contact the railroad with no response; he will continue to contact them to get the crossing repaired.

**6. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes - May 19, 28 and June 8, 2009**

Neal Bess made a motion to accept the minutes as reported. Dale Lemon seconded. All in favor motion carried.

**B. Approval of Bills - \$ 40,236.27**

Ray Bailey questioned bills: Penny Electric (rebuild lift station control panel), AOC (chlorine for the waste water treatment plant), Century Asphalt (patching of the roads)

Ray Bailey made a motion to accept the bills as reported. Linda Diaz seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**9. Public Hearings**

None

**10. Fire Department Report**

Devin Lemon gave the report for the Fire Department. Total of 10 calls for the month. MDA fill the boot on 06-27-09. Current roster stands at 26.

**11. Old Business**

**A. Discuss Planning and Zoning Board Members/ Tim Moss**

Tim Moss spoke that we have done some advertising with no response. No action taken.

**B. Discuss Park and Recreation Board Members / Tim Moss**

Tim Moss spoke that we have done some advertising with little response; but no written requests to be appointed to the board. No action taken

**12. New Business**

**A. Appoint Mayor Pro-Tem**

Voting by secret ballot. 3 votes for Neal Bess Jr. and 2 votes for Gary Coker. Neal Bess Jr. new Mayor Pro-Tem.

**B. Request Variance at 104 Ashley Wilson Rd. / Joe Smith**

Joe Smith spoke on his behalf. Mr. Smith has acquired the home located at 104 Ashley Wilson Rd. The home needs repairs before Mr. Smith is able to live in the home. Mr. Smith works mostly out of town and lives in a travel trailer as he travels. Mr. Smith is requesting to live in his travel trailer on the said property while he is doing repairs. Discussion made. Neal Bess made a motion to allow Mr. Smith to park his trailer at Back Yard Park for an unlimited time frame and to get with Tim Moss in regards to fees. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**C. Request from Sweeny Chamber to purchase ad in West of the Brazos Map/ Sue Ellen Netherly**

No one present from the Chamber to speak. Discussion made. Gary Coker made a motion to purchase an ad for the West of the Brazos map for \$175.00. Neal Bess seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**D. Permission to have Fireworks Display on 4<sup>th</sup> of July / Devin Lemon.**

Devin Lemon spoke; for the past two years at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration Sweeny Fire and Rescue along with Old Ocean Fire Department have put on a fireworks display. He is asking for a variance again to do fireworks. Gary Coker made a motion to give a variance to allow for a fireworks display on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Linda Diaz seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**E. Set date for Budget Workshop**

Tim Moss stated he would get with Council members to schedule a budget workshop. No action taken.

**13. Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions**

Ray Bailey gave an update for SEDC – Murals completed. They have also granted Milt's Mini Mart (P.T. Brunner) \$22,000.00 grant for an addition to his building. This grant request will be before Council at next regular meeting.

**14. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports**

**Mayor Lott** – Gathering Place will be meeting at the Senior’s Building to minister to Alzheimer’s and dementia patients. Thanked all the employees for their hard work. Cindy King was accredited for her graduation from a Certified Public Manager Program at Stephen F. Austin.

**Gary Coker** – None

**Dale Lemon** – None

**Neal Bess** – None

**Ray Bailey** – None

**Linda Diaz** – None

**Tim Moss** – Tim mentioned the Consumer Confidence Report going out later this month, City crews have been working on patching streets in preparation for overlays. All the summer help that was approved last month have been hired and has begun to catch up on some of the mowing in town. City crews will also be painting the hydrants soon.

**Chief Stroud** – None

**Homer Toscano** – None

**15. Announcements**

None

**16. Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov’t Code § 511.071, § 551.072 and § 551.074.**

**OPEN MEETING:**

**17. Discussion and action on any items discussed in Executive Session**

**18. Adjournment**

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2009**

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**Reatta Minshew, City Secretary**