

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, August 21, 2007

1. Call To Order

Mayor Piper called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

Invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson

3. Roll Call

Council present: Mayor Larry Piper, Gary Coker, Rodney Weems, and Linda Diaz.
Absent: Thomas Lemon, and Neal Bess Jr.,

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

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. Presentations by Citizens -

Visitors – Frank Lawrence, Dicky Williams, Darrin Mayberry, Eric Matar, Craig Peterson, P.J. Nelson, and John Taylor.

Frank Lawrence spoke on behalf of the American Legion Post Project. They are getting free insurance to any servicemen and their families. If anyone is interested please let him know.

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes - July 17, 2007 and August 1, 2007

B. Approval of Bills- \$ 21,459.81

Rodney Weems made a motion to approve the above consent items. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

7. Public Hearings

None

8. Fire Department Report

Devin Lemon gave Fire Department report. 6 auto accidents, 1 false alarm at Nursing Home, 1 structure fires, 1 gas leak. No activity at the Fire Field due to weather. The bunker gear that was purchased through a grant has arrived. We voted in 3 new firefighters; and received 1 new applications. Current roster at 28. Tim added a thank you to Devin Lemon for help during hurricane preparedness.

9. Old Business

A. Consider Bid on Tank Trailer

Tim Moss refreshed the Council that one bid was received from Gary Copeland. Bid stated he would allow the Police Department to lease the property to park impounded vehicles on. This lease at \$150.00 a month for 3 years totaling \$5,400.00; would be equivalent to bid on tank trailer. Discussion made. Gary Coker made a motion to accept Gary Copeland's bid on the tank trailer. Linda Diaz seconded. Rodney Weems opposed.

10. New Business

A. Set Back Variance for Carport at 401 E. Third / John Taylor

John Taylor spoke about adding a carport at 401 E. Third; without taking out 2 trees. Gary Coker made a motion to grant a variance under the unusual conditions for saving the 2 trees; for a carport at 401 E Third. Rodney Weems seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

B. Preliminary Property Subdivision/ Variance at 4th and Holly/ Darrin Mayberry.

Darrin Mayberry spoke about the property on 4th and Holly. Variance is in regards to Sec. 110-69.2 R-2B of the Zoning Code. Rodney Weems made a motion to change Sec. 110-69.2 R-2B to read "Lots platted prior to the date of the Ordinance or replatts of those lots platted prior to the Ordinance." Also, #8 under the same section; minimum lot depth to be changed to "eighty" (80) feet. Gary Coker seconded. Rodney Weems made a motion to accept the preliminary property subdivision on 4th and Holly. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

C. Resolution to Approve Certified Tax Roll

Rodney Weems made a motion to approve the Brazoria County Appraisal District's State of Texas, County of Brazoria certification of the 2007 appraisal roll for City of Sweeny as presented by Cheryl Evans, Chief Appraiser on July 24, 2007. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

D. Resolution to Approve SEDC Budget for Fiscal Year 07/08

Charlie Stevenson read the resolution for the SEDC budget for fiscal year 07/08. Gary Coker made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Rodney Weems seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

E. Resolution to Appoint SEDC Directors

Applicants were voted on by the Council. Dicky Williams was appointed to a 1 year term Oct 07- Sept 08. Rita McMillan, Craig Peterson, Pam Scantlin, and Frances Jammer were appointed to 2 year terms Oct 07- Sept 09. The resolution was read by Charlie Stevenson; all in favor.

F. Replace Robert Freeman/ Planning and Zoning Commission

Rodney Weems spoke on the resignation of Robert Freeman; and suggested that Frank Lawrence take his place. Gary Coker made a motion to replace Robert Freeman's

position with Frank Lawrence to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Rodney Weems seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

G. Approval to Purchase Property at Block 37 Lot 3 on Peach Street

Tim spoke about the property. Rodney Weems made a motion to purchase property located at Block 27 Lot 3 on Peach Street. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

H. Set Public Hearing Date on Proposed Budget

Public Hearing date set for August 27, 2007 at 7:00pm.

11. Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions

None

12. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports

Gary Coker – None

Mayor – Read letters from TCEQ commending Tim and Public Works for their hard work. Mayor also read his letter of resignation effective September 30, 2007.

Rodney Weems – None

Linda Diaz – None

Tim Moss – None

Chief Stroud – None

Homer Toscano – None

13. Announcements

None

14. Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code

§ 511.071, § 551.072 and § 551.074. To Discuss:

OPEN MEETING:

15. Discussion and action on any items discussed in Executive Session

16. Adjournment

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2007

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary