

A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 6 pm.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rodney Weems called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Council Present: Gary Coker, Dale Lemon, Ray Bailey and Pat Moss. Rachel Wells was absent. Also present: Cindy King, City Manager; Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney; John Barnard, Chief of Police; Homer Toscano, Dir. of Public Works.

3. Invocation

Invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Ray Bailey.

5. Presentation of Citizens

Visitors

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2013

B. Approval of Bills \$23,926.83

Dale Lemon made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$23,926.83 and approve minutes of November 19, 2013. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

7. Public Hearing

8. Fire Department Report

Roger Barton gave the report.

9. Old Business

A. Approve Amendments to the Storage of Explosives and Flammables Ordinance

Charlie Stevenson read the ordinance which amended section 94.21 in the code of ordinances of the City of Sweeny, Texas, in the interest of public welfare, providing that above ground storage tank regulation shall be in accordance with the fire code as adopted, providing a saving clause, providing to repeal of conflicting ordinances to the extent of conflict only

and providing that this ordinance shall take affect and be enforced at the date of its passage.

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the amendments to the Storage of Explosives and Flammables Ordinance Section 94.21. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Approve Ordinance of Return Check Fees

Charlie Stevenson read the caption on the ordinance under Section One, finding fact, fixing a fee for all returned checks issued to the City of Sweeny, providing a saving clause. Section Two applies to the service charge, the maximum amount permitted by Texas State Law, which right now is \$30.00.

Gary Coker made a motion to approve the ordinance for Return Check Fees. Pat Moss seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Discuss Judge's Position Appointed VS Elected

Gary Coker withdrew. No action.

B. Approve to go out for bids / Donate Police Vehicle

Cindy King advised the council that the old police vehicle would cost about \$5,000.00 to repair. The past bids have come in around \$200.00, so Ms. King is asking if the council would donate the car to the Fire Department for training.

Ray Bailey made a motion to donate old police vehicle to the Fire Department for training. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Approve 2014 Holiday Schedule

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the 2014 Holiday Schedule. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Approve Ad for Chamber Directory

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve a half page ad for \$350.00. Pat Moss seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

E. Approve Chamber Dues

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the \$150.00 for dues to the Chamber of Commerce for 2014. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Discuss / Ordinance on Junk Vehicles

Kim Jurek addressed the council about her antique truck in her front yard, used as yard art. Ordinance on Junk Vehicles states it needed tires removed, which Ms Jurek took them off. Ordinance states owner must provide city manager with ASC certification or certified auto mechanic that the fluids and gases have been removed along with the motor, drive shaft and gear box. Ms Jurek went to both mechanics in Sweeny and they are not ASC certified or certified mechanic. Ms Jurek is asking to let Sweeny Auto sign proving her fluids have been removed which would be a variance to this ordinance.

Dale Lemon made a motion to amend the Junk Vehicle Ordinance, remove the ASC certification or certified auto mechanic and amend it with mechanic certification acceptable to the city manager. Pat Moss seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**G. Discuss / Approve Contract Renewal with Chamber at 111 W. Third
NO ACTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. Closed Executive Session

OPEN MEETING

12. Discussion and action from Executive Session

13. Adjournment: 6:29 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2013

Reatta Minshe, City Secretary