

A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 6 pm.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rodney Weems called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Council Present: Gary Coker, Rachel Wells and Dale Lemon. Pat Moss and Ray Bailey were 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 Cory Braden.

5. Presentation of Citizens:

Visitors: Yvonne Darrell, Max Howell

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – January 21, 12014 (the revised minutes)

B. Approval of Bills \$26,996.53

Dale Lemon made a motion to pay the consent items. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

7. Public Hearing

8. Fire Department Report

Cory Braden gave the report.

9. Old Business

A. Final Approval to Subdivide Property at 301 E. Third Street

Gary Coker made a motion to give final approval to Sam Guarino to allow him to subdivide property at 301 E. Third. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss / Approve Judge's Salary

Gary Coker made a motion to approve the Judge Position salary to \$8500.00 for the year, effective June 1st 2014, contingent upon the new

judge when elected. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Discuss / Approve Use of Land Next to City Hall and Variance for Alcohol (Sweeny Employee Benefit BBQ)

Max Howell, President of the Sweeny Employee Benefit Committee, addressed the council and requested use of the strip of land next to City Hall for use of a BBQ and Auction to raise money for employees (Phillips 66) who run out of benefits. We are looking at dates of April 4 and 5th or maybe in July, Mr. Howell stated.

Cindy King stated that they are insured.

Gary Coker made a motion to approve the use of land next to City Hall for a BBQ and Auction and variance for alcohol. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss / Approve SEDC Grant to Bulldog Café for \$53,660.85

Kim Jurek addressed the council representing the Sweeny EDC. She stated the owner of the Bulldog Café (Sandy Hammond) came to them months ago and made a request for a grant to go towards equipment for the Café. Sandy gave the board estimates of \$53,660.85. The SEDC board met and agreed upon a grant in the amount of \$53,660.85 to be reimbursed to Sandy Hammond upon receipts.

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the grant from SEDC for \$53,660.85. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Discuss / Approve Use of Industrial Park for Obstacle Course on Pride Day

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the use of Industrial Park for Obstacle Course on Pride Day. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Approve Joint Election Agreement with Brazoria County for May 10, 2014 Elections.

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve Joint Election Agreement with Brazoria County for May 10, 2014 Elections. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

E. Approve Ordinance to Call Election for May 10, 2014.

Charlie Stevenson read the caption of the ordinance ordering that a General Election be held in and through the city of Sweeny, Texas for the

purpose of electing Municipal Judge, Council Positions 1, 3 and 5, for a term of two years.

Gary Coker made a motion to approve the ordinance to call the election. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Discuss/ Approve to Sell:

1. Two 2007 PD Crown Vics
2. Two 1999 PW 150s
3. 1988 Case 580 K Back-hoe
4. 1984 Bread Truck
5. 1982 Ford 700Truck
6. Scrap Metal

Gary Coker made a motion to give Cindy, the City Manager, the authority to have sealed bids or have an auction for the sale of items listed 1–5, and to sell the scrap metal at fair market value. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

G. Discuss / Approve to Waive Permit Fee's for New Construction

Mayor Weems addressed the council with a proposal to waive the residential permit fees for new construction and for improvements to residential property that would increase the appraised value by 51 % five year moratorium. This is an incentive for a builder to purchase existing lots and put a new home on it.

This would include tap fees; water tap \$200, sewer tap \$150, gas tap \$200 and the building permit of .15 cents x square footage.

Gary Coker made a motion to approve to waive building permit fees and tap fees for new construction for five years beginning Oct 1, 2013. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

H. Review / Approve Investment Policy

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the Investment Policy. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

I. Discuss / Approve to Purchase Tickets to Chamber Banquet March 21st

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve a Bronze Table in the amount of \$385.00 or eight tickets to the Chamber Banquet on March 21, 2014. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. Closed Executive Session

OPEN MEETING

12. Discussion and action from Executive Session:

13. Adjournment: 6:50 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014

Reatta Minshev, City Secretary