

A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 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, Rachel Wells and Pat Moss. Also present: Cindy King, City Manager; Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney; John Barnard, Chief of Police and Jose De' Julian.

**3. Invocation**

Invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Al Lindley. Pledge to the Texas Flag was recited and led by Sandy Blaine.

**5. Presentation of Citizens:**

**Visitors: Al Lindley, Gary Hood, Muhammad Nurridim, Bethany Chancey, Carrie Shotts, James & Beverly Paris, Mel & Carolyn Landreau, Jose De' Julian, Johnathan Douglas, James Christian, Ross Aguire, Sandra and Tom Blaine, Andy and Alison Anderson.**

**6. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2014**

**B. Approval of Bills \$19,792.69**

Gary Coker made a motion to approve consent items which included payment of bills in the amount of \$19,792.69. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

**7. Public Hearing**

**8. Fire Department Report**

Roger Barton gave the report.

**9. Old Business**

**A. Approve Bids to Sell:**

- 1. Two 2007 PD Crown Vic**
- 2. Two 1999 PW Ford F150s**
- 3. 1988 Case 580 K Back Hoe**
- 4. 1984 Bread Truck**

**5. 1982 Ford Truck**

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the 7 bids Cindy King received. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Discuss / Approve Judges Salary**  
NO ACTION

**10. New Business**

**A. Discuss/Approve Preliminary Plat to Subdivide Industrial Park for Apache Oil**

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve preliminary plat to Subdivide Industrial Park for Apache Oil. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Discuss/ Approve Sweeny HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) to Plant a Remembrance Tree in Backyard Park.**

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve Sweeny HOSA to plant a tree in Backyard Park in remembrance of Ms. Robbin's son. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Request to change 9425 FM 1459 from R-2 to C-1**

Lana Tipps is asking to change the area where she lives on FM 1459 from current residential to commercial so she can build storage buildings on her property.

The zoning commission opted to not take action. Mayor Weems stated "If storage units go out there, we miss the opportunity to place houses out there and we would lose three avenues of income which would be water, sewer and gas sales. Storage Units would not generate anything other than property tax and would be a loss for the city."

Charlie Stevenson stated if the council zones this area as C-1 (commercial) that will make it available for anyone to have a commercial entity there.

Ray Bailey made a motion to table pending more information. Pat Moss seconded. Ray Bailey withdrew his motion and Pat Moss withdrew the second. NO ACTION

**D. Discuss / Approve to go out for bids for debris removal in a natural disaster.**

Dale Lemon made a motion to allow Ms. King to go out for bids for debris removal in a natural disaster. Gary Coker seconded. (Ray Bailey was unavailable). All were in favor. Motion carried.

- E. Discuss Preliminary Plans for Library Renovation**  
NO ACTION
- F. Discuss / Approve Alcohol at BBQ Cook-Off Section at Pride Day May 1-3, 2014**  
Dale Lemon made a motion to approve alcohol at the BBQ Cook-Off Section at Pride Day May 1-3. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- G. Discuss / Approve to Close City Hall Friday May 2, 2014 for Pride Day BBQ Cook-off teams.**  
Dale Lemon made a motion to approve to close City Hall, Friday, May 2, for Pride Day BBQ Cook-off Teams. Rachel Wells seconded. Ray Bailey abstained. Motion carried.
- H. Discuss / Approve Raise VS Stipend for employees**  
After much discussion from each council member and some employees that were present, Ray Bailey made a motion for Cindy King to review and come up with a plan to present to council in regarding the possibility of a raise for employees. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- I. Discuss / Approve How Elected Officials are Paid**  
Mayor Weems makes a recommendation to the council to have the person who is completing their term get paid thru the last day of their office, and the new person receives the other prorated portion of that salary. This would include both, the Judge Position and the Mayor Position.
- Ray Bailey made a motion to prorate the salary as Mayor Weems just recommended. The outgoing official will receive salary up to his last day in office and the incoming official will receive the prorated difference. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- J. Approve Contract Renewal with Coler and Colantonio**  
Cindy King stated this is the consulting firm we used last year with our gas audit.
- Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the contract renewal with Coler and Colantonio. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- K. Proclamation: April Fair Housing Month**
- L. Proclamation: Red Cross**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**11. Closed Executive Session**

**OPEN MEETING**

**12. Discussion and action from Executive Session**

**13. Adjournment: 6:57 p.m.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2014**

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**Reatta Minshe, City Secretary**