

A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, June 17, 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, Rachel Wells and Jerry Phillips. Ray Bailey 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 to the American Flag was recited and led by Dale Lemon.
Pledge to the Texas Flag was recited and led by Rachel Wells.

5. Presentation of Citizens

Andy Anderson at 702 Ave A. He wanted to address three problems he is having. 1) Speeding up and down Ave A. Running the stop sign on Silverleaf. 2). He thinks someone on this street is poisoning pets. 3). He sees big rats coming out of 107 Francis Street, there is a junk pile there.

Visitors: Andy and Alison Anderson

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2014

B. Approval of Bills \$47,683.97

Gary Coker made a motion to approve consent items. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

7. Public Hearing

8. Fire Department Report

Roger Barton gave the report.

9. Old Business

- A. Approve Final Plat to Subdivide 106 S. Travis**
Dale Lemon made a motion to table this for next month. Dorothy Anderson was not present. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- B. Award bid for security improvements to Court / City Hall**
City Manager Cindy King stated we did not receive any bids. We did have a couple of contractors who were interested.
- Rachel Wells made a motion to rebid for the security improvements to the City Hall. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. New Business

- A. Approve SEDC Budget**
Rachel Wells made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Budget for SEDC. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- B. Enforcing City Safety Codes (SEDC)**
No action
- C. Discuss / Approve Court/Chamber Building for EOC**
Fire Marshall Devin Lemon addressed the council that the state has come in and met with Cindy about having a flood drill. Every three years the city has to have a flood drill with all department heads and full scale crew. Each year we come in need of an EOC.
- Gary Coker made a motion to approve the Court/Chamber Building at 111 W. Third Street, for the EOC, on contingent of Chamber Board of Directors approval. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- D. Discuss / Approve Eleanor and Ballard Street Improvements**
Cindy King addressed that this has been an on-going problem. Somewhere in time Ballard Street got off our easement and onto 19 A 3b. The county has agreed to help us re-rout Ballard. We would like to ask council to extend Eleanor to 19 A 3 and then end Ballard at 19 A 3b. Mayor Weems said this was from two families, the Ballard's and the Sewell's. Eleanor Ballard married a Sewell. They sold the bigger lots into smaller lots and the easement somehow was lost on the back lots.
- Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the Eleanor and Ballard Street project and to amend the budget to include the cost of \$11,427.50 and to fund it from the 2009 CO Street Repair Fund. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

E. Discuss / Approve Change in Section 6.02 Judge of the Municipal Court in the City Charter.

Attorney Charlie Stevenson addressed the council stating the City Charter states that the judge of the Municipal Court's term runs with the Mayor which is every two years and they do not run concurrently, they run in opposite years. The Charter was mistakenly drafted. Now in order to amend the Charter, since it was approved by the voters at an election. We must have another election to amend the Charter as it reads now. The council needs to vote to put this on the next election ballot in May 2015.

Charlie also recommended in Feb 2015, when we Call the May 2015 Election, he will draft a language for the council to vote on at a later council meeting.

Dale Lemon made a motion to take no action at this time Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Discuss / Approve Amending Section 31.04 Code of Ordinance to Reflect Section 6.02 of the City Charter.

Attorney Charlie Stevenson addressed the council stating this Ordinance was passed in 1967. It labels our court as the "Corporation Court" which was proper language in that time. It's now known as the "Municipal Court". It also states that if there is "illness or otherwise" the judge cannot serve, then the Pct. 4 J.P. is designated to be the judge during that period. The City Charter states that if the judge is unable to act for any reason the council may appoint a qualified person to act in HIS/HER place. Charlie recommends the council authorizes him to write a new ordinance, so that the new ordinance coincides with the City Charter which states replacing the judge if there is a temporary inability.

Dale Lemon made a motion to give Mr. Stevenson authority to revise the ordinance so that it coincides with the Charter and we look at it at the next meeting. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

G. Discuss/ Approve New Phone System

Ms. King addressed the council and stated the new phone system would be automated. It would be a five year lease and an additional \$110.00 a month. This includes all new phones, installation, training and maintenance.

Dale Lemon made a motion to review in budget workshop. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- H. Approve Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments Members**
Dale Lemon made a motion to approve Aaron Jones and Wayne Vincent for another two year term. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- I. Discuss / Approve New Generator for City Hall**
Mayor addressed the council and stated we had an unexpected glitch in our current generator here at City Hal, it has gone out. Ms King presented three different prices for a new generator.
- Gary Coker made a motion to table until next council meeting. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor.
- J. Set Date for Budget Workshop**
Tuesday, July 29, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUCEMENTS

- 11. Closed Executive Session**

OPEN MEETING

- 12. Discussion and action from Executive Session**
- 13. Adjournment: 6:55 p.m.**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary