

A public hearing and regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 6 pm.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rodney Weems called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Invocation

Invocation was given by Dale Lemon.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge to the American Flag was recited and led by Chief John Barnard.
Pledge to the Texas Flag was recited and led by Rachel Wells.

5. Presentation of Citizens: None

Visitors:

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – June, 27, 2014

B. Approval of Bills \$36,717.46

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

7. Public Hearing: 2013 Consumer Confidence Report 6:05 pm – 6:06 pm

8. Fire Department Report

Tim Treester gave the report.

9. Old Business

A. Approve Final Plat to Subdivide 106 S. Travis (Dorothy Anderson)

Dale Lemon made a motion approve the final plat to subdivide 106 S. Travis. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Award bid for security improvements to Court / City Hall

Cindy King stated we did not receive any bids. Since the bid is not over \$50,000.00 we do not have to go out for bids. Cindy suggested we make the improvements as time and funds allow. She would like to start with

new double doors that enter into the council chambers with key code entries. Add the convex mirror next.

Dale Lemon made a motion to rebid for two weeks. If no response, Dale approves Johnny Taylor's bid to replace the double doors and staff entrance door with key pads and add the convex mirror. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Approve Minute Order for Eleanor/ Ballard Streets

Mayor Weems would like to edit the minute order by adding the word "to" at; desires **to** extend Eleanor Street.

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the minute order stating; making Ballard Street in the City of Sweeny a dead end street ending at BCCAD tract no. 19A3B; extending Eleanor Street to BCCAD tract no. 19A3. And to add the word "to" in the appropriate place. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Approve Amending Section 31.04 Code of Ordinance.

Cindy King read the amended section 31.04 as written by Charlie Stevenson.

An ordinance of the City of Sweeny, Texas, amending section 31.04 of the code of ordinances of the City of Sweeny, Texas, **relating to the appointment of a temporary judge in the absence of the municipal judge**; and providing that this ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the date of its passage.

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve amending the section 31.04 code of ordinance as read by Cindy King. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Approve 2013 Consumer Confidence Report

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the 2013 Consumer Confidence Report. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss / Approve to Replace Sewer Line on Estelle

Cindy King addressed the council that a resident on Estelle had some sewer problems. Jose and his crew found a line had deteriorated. We need to replace about 100 feet of the old clay sewer line. We do not have the proper equipment to dig 10 feet deep and shore under the street. We have contacted Matula and Matula and they gave us a bid of \$49,903.10. We would need to amend the budget for this item.

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

C. Update on CDBG Funding

Ms. King stated we receive this funding every three years. The funding can only be used in low to moderate income which in the past the whole town has qualified. That allowed us to do a project anywhere in town. The new statistics that the county has obtained states that Sweeny has a whole is no longer 50% is low to moderate income. Sweeny is divided into five sections by HUD. Sections three and five are considered less than 50% low or moderate. We are currently conducting door to door surveys in hopes that the statistics may be incorrect. We should have the results next week. If the whole town doesn't meet the criteria we may not be able to do the rehab with this funding. We originally planned rehabbing the waste water treatment plant with these funds, about \$200,000.00.

D. Discuss / Approve Judge's Salary

Judge Foster is asking the council for an increase in salary due to Tammy Odom, the court clerk, excepting a new job in Texas City.

Dale Lemon made a motion to not increase the judge's salary. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ANNOUCEMENTS

11. Closed Executive Session

OPEN MEETING

12. Discussion and action from Executive Session

13. Adjournment: 6:33 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary