

A regular and public hearing meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6 pm.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rodney Weems called the meeting to order with 9 year old Chesney Mathis tapping the gavel.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Invocation

Invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge to the American Flag was recited and led by 9-10 Year Old Little League All Stars.

Pledge to the Texas Flag was recited and led by Rachel Wells.

Mayor Weems recognized the 2014 Sweeny 9-10 Year Old Little League All Star Baseball Team 4th Place East Texas State Division.

Mayor Weems Recognized the Sweeny High School and Junior High Technology Students and State UIL Meet for Computer Science.

5. Presentation of Citizens: NONE

Visitors: NONE

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – Aug. 19, 2014

B. Approval of Bills \$43,162.57

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

7. Public Hearing: 2014 -2015 Budget

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$46,329 or 4.91% and of that amount \$6,472 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

6:28pm open to the public.

6:29 pm closed

8. Fire Department Report

9. Old Business

A. Discuss / Take action on final plat for P66 Pipeline Co. in Industrial Park.

Gary Coker made a motion to approve the final plat for P66 Pipeline Co. in Industrial Park. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss / Take Action on final plat Crestmont (Sweeny) Block 1 Lot 1 SW 2 Lot 2 / Mark Roome

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the final plat Crestmont (Sweeny) Block 1 Lot 1 SW 2 Lot 2 for Mark Roome. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Discuss /Take Action of Mowing of Private Property

Gary Coker made a motion to allow Cindy King to hire a private contractor for mowing of private properties in town. Charlie Stevenson stated after we hire the contractor a contract needs to be in place providing the contractors insurance and the process in which they will work and receive payment.

Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Discuss / Take Action on Engagement Letter with Kennermer Masters

Gary Coker made a motion to accept the engagement letter with Kennermer-Masters to continue auditing the City of Sweeny for 2014-2015. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss / Take Action on Budget Amendments

Cindy King read the proposed budget amendments for the year. The P66 Grant was the majority. The total amendment is \$85,600.00

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the proposed budget amendments for 2013-2014 that are contained in the council packet. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Discuss / Take Action on Resolution for the 2014 -2015 Budget

Charlie Stevenson read the caption: A resolution of the City Council of The City of Sweeny, Brazoria County, Texas, adopting a municipal budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015 and finding fact.

Gary Coker made a motion to approve the resolution as read. Ray Bailey seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Gary Coker, Yes; Ray Bailey, Yes, Rachel Wells, No; Jerry Phillips, Yes. Dale Lemon was absent. 3 Yes, 1 No. Motion carried.

D. Discuss / Take Action on Ordinance to Set the Tax Rate (.908000)

Charlie Stevenson read the caption: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Sweeny, Brazoria County, Texas, Establishing a Tax Rate for each one hundred dollar valuation of taxable property situated within the City of Sweeny City Limits for the fiscal year 2014-2015. The ordinance proposed establishes a tax rate of 0.908000 broken down into 0.114281 for interest and sinking fund and 0.793719 for maintenance and operations.

Ray Bailey moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.908000, which is effectively a 4.42 percent increase in the tax rate. Gary Coker seconded. Rachel Wells opposed. Motion carried.

E. Discuss / Take Action on Paw Prints along Elm Street from Ashley Wilson Rd. to Football Stadium for Proj. grad 2015

Gary Coker made a motion to approve the Paw Prints along Elm Street starting at Ashley Wilson Rd to Football Stadium. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Discuss / Take Action on SEDC Board Members

Council Members voted by ballot for the three vacancies on the SEDC Board. Receiving the most votes were: Devin Lemon, Neal Bess Jr. and Gary Quinn.

Ray Bailey made a motion to appoint Devin Lemon, Neal Bess Jr. and Gary Quinn to the SEDC Board for two year terms. Gary Coker seconded. Rachel Wells voted no. Dale Lemon was absent. Motion carried.

G. Discuss /Take Action on Street Lights near 1208 E 7th

Ray Bailey said he had several people ask him for a street light in the curve of FM 1459 and 7th Street intersection. Cindy King stated she spoke with Chris Walthal with Texas New- Mexico, and he stated all he needed was a letter from council requesting the light.

Ray Bailey made a motion to authorize the issuance of a letter to Texas-New Mexico Power to install a street light near 1208 E. 7th. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

H. Discuss / Take Action TMLIRP Board of Trustees Election

Ray Bailey made a motion to take no action. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- I. Discuss / Take Action on Official Newspaper**
Gary Coker made a motion to approve The Facts Newspaper as the city's official newspaper for 2014-2015. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- J. Discuss /Take Action Discuss/ Set Date for Join Planning Meeting with SEDC**
Rachel Wells made a motion to table until Cindy King and the incoming SEDC Board President set a date. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- K. Certificate of Rec. Achievement: Little League All Star, Tech. Students, and Computer Science.**

ANNOUCEMENTS

- 11. Closed Executive Session**

OPEN MEETING

- 12. Discussion and action from Executive Session**

- 13. Adjournment: 7:15 p.m.**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary