

A **special meeting/joint meeting** of the City Council and SEDC was held at City Hall on November 12, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rodney Weems calls City Council to Order
SEDC President calls SEDC to Order

2. Roll Call

Council present: Gary Coker, Rachel Wells and Jerry Phillips. Dale Lemon and Ray Bailey were absent.

** Dale Lemon joined meeting at 6:17 pm

Others present: Cindy King, City Manager; Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney. Homer Toscano, Dir. of Public Works.

SEDC present: Neal Bess, Debbie Williams, Nina Canchola and Francis Jammer. Gary Quinn was absent.

3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson.

4. Pledge of Allegiance / Texas Pledge

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5. New Business

A. Discuss / Take Action on Planning for the Future of Sweeny

Bob Schmidt with O'Malley Engineers spoke in regards to our infrastructure and where we stand on storage / quality.

Water System –At this time we have 850,000 gallons of ground storage tank capacity which, in connections capacity would be 8500. The city has 1,540 connections, so we have a surplus of ground storage tank capacity. The city has two elevated storage tanks that have a total of capacity 275,000 or 2750 connections, so again we have a surplus of elevated storage. There are three pumps that pump the water out of the ground storage tank and pump it into distribution system. Then we treat our water, with a water softener, due to that it is very hard.

4 Water Wells pump into ground storage tanks. Our well supply is adequate for 2,350 connections. Well number 4 is currently out of production due to excess of iron and manganese. Without well number 4 the connection capacity is 1,684. The city has 1,540 connections, which doesn't leave much surplus on water supply. None of our wells are great quality water. They all have a nuance of red iron bar.

The goal for the future for water is improve well number 4 and get it back on line and improve the water quality on all wells.

Neal Bess asked about the filter system. Mr. Schmidt stated the current estimate is \$892,000.00.

Mr. Bess asked about the cost of a new well. Ms.King stated it would be about \$200,000.00.

Mayor Weems stated that this was valid information. We have the ability to take care of the people we have now and ability to take on new families. At a certain point we've got to do

something to go beyond 1,684 connections. Trying to grow the city is what we are all out to do.

Wastewater System – We currently have a grant project of \$190,000.00 in place to start rehabilitation of this plant. In addition to the grant project the remaining estimate is \$1.6 Million. It is in need of great rehab.

Cindy King stated the total estimate to rehab the entire system is \$22 Million.

Industrial Park

Jim Powell with Civil Concepts spoke on the P66 Pipeline Office Grand Opening June 12, 2015 at the Industrial Park. This office will have about 40 personnel. SECD will fund phase II, \$400,000.00 for utilities and driveway starting at Apache Oil, which was phase I.

6. Adjournment: 6:50 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2014

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary