

A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, November 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 Jerry Phillips. 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 Frank Lawrence.

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

VISITORS: Agatha Sanchez, Ethel Wiley, Karen Bailey, Morris Bailey, Ruby Griggs.

5. Presentation of Citizens: Agatha Sanchez announced the Community Thanksgiving Feast. November 23, 2014

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes October 21, 2014

B. Approval of Bills \$30,969.45

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

7. Public Hearing:

8. Fire Department Report – Roger Barton

9. Old Business

A. Discuss / Take Action to Appoint New SEDC Members to Vacancies

Dale Lemon made a motion to appoint Eran Jones – 2 years and Mary Karstead 1 year. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss / Take Action on Mowing of Private Property (Dale Lemon)

Dale Lemon made a motion to table for more information. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Discuss / Take Action for Variance for Beautification to Allow Fireworks Display at Pride Day

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the variance to allow fireworks display at Pride Day in May 2015. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss / Take Action to Amend Swimming Pool Ordinance

In looking at the retention/ detention ponds in town holding water, Homer Toscano, the Building Inspector and Devin Lemon, the Fire Marshall, they would like to amend the swimming pool ordinance stating that retention/ detention ponds meet the same requirements as a swimming pool would have a fence around it.

Dale Lemon made a motion to have Charlie Stevenson to review the ordinance with the intent to expand the definition to include retention/ detention ponds. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Discuss /Take Action on SEDC Project Phase II (Utilities) to P66 Pipeline

Cindy King addressed the council that she had spoken to Jim Powell, the engineer at Civil Concept. He stated the project would cost \$400,000.00. This takes the utilities to the other side of P66 Pipeline. This also includes a driveway. We need to approve to go out for bids for Phase II and then award the bids in January 2015.

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve to go out for bids on the SEDC Project Phase II. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Recess at 6:30 pm. / Open at 6:40 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

12. Closed Executive Session:

OPEN MEETING:

13. Discussion and action from Executive Session:

14. Adjournment: 6:41 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary