

A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 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, 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 Rodney Weems.

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

VISITORS:

5. Presentation of Citizens:

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes: January 20, 2015

B. Approval of Bills \$35,565.99

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the consent items, the minutes of Jan. 20, 2015 and the bills in the amount of \$35,565.99. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Public Hearing:

8. Fire Department Report / Roger Barton gave the report.

April 2015 will be the 20th year anniversary for Sweeny Fire and Rescue.

9. Old Business

A. Discuss / Take Action on Electrical Rates

Ms. King addressed the council and stated that the electrical rates are at .48 cents right now with our provider Noble Solutions. Ms. King stated last month the rate went down to .51 cents and asked council if we should lock in with a lower rate to save about \$37,000.00 for the year.

Ray Bailey made a motion to give Cindy King the authority to lock in the rate of .4898 cents with Noble Solutions. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Discuss / Take Action to Award Bid for WWTP Rehab

William Huebner with O'Malley Strand spoke to council that we had received two bids on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Matula and Matula came in about seven thousand under what we estimated.

Gary Coker made a motion to award the bid to Matula and Matula for the Waste Water Treatment Plant to include the base plus the alternate in the amount of \$184,767. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss / Take Action on Investment Policy

Cindy King stated this is an annual review on the Investment Policy.

Ray Bailey made a motion to accept the Investment Policy as is. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Discuss / Take Action on Ordinance to all Election May 9th, 2015

Charlie Stevenson read the caption:

An ordinance of the City of Sweeny, Texas, ordering that a General Election be held in and through the City of Sweeny, Texas for the purpose of election certain city officials to office for a term of two years (Position Two , Position 4 and Mayor) Ordering that a special election be held for the purpose of amending the City Charter. “Shall Section 6.02 of the City of Sweeny Charter be amended to provide that the Judge of the Municipal Court be elected for a term of two years, with such term to run in alternating years with the term of the Mayor.”

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the ordinance to call the May 9th, 2015 election. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Discuss / Take Action on Joint Election Agreement w Brazoria County for May 9th, 2015

Rachel Wells made a motion to accept the joint election agreement with Brazoria County for May 9th, 2015. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

E. Discuss / Take Action to Support County Wide Joint Elections Voting Centers in Brazoria County.

Ray Bailey made a motion to support county wide joint elections voting centers in Brazoria County. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Discuss / Take Action on Tickets for Chamber Banquet March 26th, 2015.

Gary Coker made a motion to purchase a Bronze Table for \$385.00 for the Chamber Banquet. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

G. Discuss / Take Action on Chamber of Commerce Directory Ad

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve ½ page ad for \$350.00. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

12. Closed Executive Session:

OPEN MEETING:

13. Discussion and action from Executive Session:

14. Adjournment: 6:24 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015

Reatta Minshev, City Secretary