

A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, April 21, 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 and Rachel Wells. Ray Bailey and Jerry Phillips were 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.

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

**VISITORS:**

**5. Presentation of Citizens:**

**6. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes: March 17 and March 23, 2015**

**B. Approval of Bills \$41,339.40**

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the consent items, the minutes of March 17 and March 23 2015 and the bills in the amount of \$41,339.40. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Public Hearing:**

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

**9. Old Business**

**A. Discuss / Take Action to Award Bid for the 2015 Debris Removal Contract**

Dale Lemon made a motion to award Tag Grinding the 2015 Debris Removal Contract with Crowder Gulf as the alternate. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**10. New Business**

**A. Discuss / Take Action for Street Light in front of Bulldog Café' / Sandy Hammond**

Sandy Hammond owner of Bulldog Café' asked council for a street light at the intersection of Main Street and Ballard Street. Ballard Street is where her delivery trucks come into her business and it's very dark early in the mornings. Gary Coker made a motion to approve a street light on Main Street at the intersection of Ballard Street. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Discuss / Take Action to Allow Alcohol in Backyard Park for event on May 30, 2015.**

Tammy Odom, President of the Sweeny Community Hospital Development Foundation Board addressed the council. Ms. Odom stated that the Foundation Board is newly founded and wanted to get their name out into the community by holding a free crawfish boil in The Backyard Park. They will be giving away one ton of crawfish with trimmings. There will also be music and bounce houses. The board is asking council for a variance to allow alcohol (BYOB ONLY) in Backyard Park for this event to be held on May 30, 2015 starting at noon thru 4pm.

Dale Lemon made a motion to grant the variance to allow alcohol, but in a designated area only and approve using the lot next to City Hall for parking. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Discuss / Take Action on Continue to Participate in Brazoria County CDBG, HOME, and ESG.**

Dale Lemon made a motion to continue to participate in Brazoria County CDBG, HOME, and ESG. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**D. Discuss / Take Action on Resolution to Amend Fair Housing Activity Statement**

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the resolution to amend the Fair Housing Activity Statement. Gary Coker second. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**E. Discuss / Take Action on resolution to Approve Anti NIMBY Action**

**NIMBY (Not in my back yard)** Cindy King stated this resolution would be the action the city would take against anti NIMBY action plan.

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the resolution on Anti NIMBY Action Plan. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**F. Discuss / Take Action Rezoning East Second Street and Orange Street from C1 to R3. (from Commercial to Residential)**

Dale Lemon made a motion to grant approval to rezone E. Second and Orange Street from C1 to R3. (Block 47 / Lots 12 and 13). Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**G. Discuss / Take Action on SEDC Project Phase II Utility Extension**

Neal Bess as President of SEDC addressed council and stated they are asking permission to spend \$88,553.90 for Phase II of Utility Extension to the Industrial Park. An eight inch sewer line and water line and two fire hydrants'.

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve Phase II of the Utility Extension Project to Industrial Park in the amount of \$88, 553.90. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**H. Discuss / Take Action to Set Date to Canvass the Votes from May 9, 2015.**

Dale Lemon made a motion to set May 19, 2015 to canvass the vote for Position 2, 4 and Mayor. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**I. Discuss / Take Action to Hire Part-Time Summer Help.**

Cindy King stated this is an annual hire, each summer we hire high school age summer help.

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the hire of two part-time summer help. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**J. Discuss / Take Action on Our Curfew Ordinance**

City Manager Cindy King stated we renew our curfew ordinance every three years.

Dale Lemon made a motion to keep the current curfew ordinance in place. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**K. Discuss / Take Action on Vacancy on SEDC Board of Dir.**

Eran Jones has resigned from the SEDC Board of Directors leaving a two year vacancy. The two candidates are Tim Webb and Wayman Hutchings Tim Webb from the audience, withdrew his application.

Gary Coker made a motion to table until after the elections. Motion dies for lack of second.

Dale Lemon made a motion to appoint Wayman Hutchings to the vacancy on the SEDC board. Rachel Wells seconded. Gary Coker voted nay. Motion carries.

**L. Discuss / Take Action on Vacancy on Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments**

Ms. King stated we received one application, Jenny Massey.

Dale Lemon made a motion to appoint Jenny Massey to the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**M. Discuss / Take Action on Leaving Council Laptops at City Hall.**

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve leaving city council laptops at City Hall. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Charlie Stevenson asked if this included his. He stated he used this lap top for city business. Mayor Weems stated for clarification, the City Attorney and City Secretary lap tops would not be included in that.

**11. Reports of Advisory Boards and Commissions**

**12. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports**

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**14. Closed Executive Session:**

**OPEN MEETING:**

**15. Discussion and action from Executive Session:**

**16. Adjournment: 6:55 p.m.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2015**

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**Reatta Minshew, City Secretary**