

**A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6 pm.**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Dale Lemon called the meeting to order.

**2. Roll Call**

**Council Present: Gary Coker, Jeff Farley, Ray Bailey, and Rachel Wells.  
Also present: Cindy King, City Manager; Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney; 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 Rachel Wells.  
Pledge to the Texas Flag was recited and led by Rachel Wells.

**5. Presentation of Citizens:**

**Visitors:** Jessie Cisneros, Richard Gibben, Kandy Palmer, Michelle Gonzalez, Sandra Blaine, Ryan Goolsby, Gloria Millsap, Mason Nichols, Bill Hayes.

**6. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes – June 16, 2015**

**B. Approval of Bills \$189,350.66 (New Radios)**

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

**7. Public Hearing: 2015 Consumer Confidence Report**

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the 2015 Consumer Confidence Water Report. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Fire Department Report**

Devin Lemon gave the report.

**9. Old Business**

**A. Discuss / Take Action Council Position #5 / Swear in New Official**

We received two applications: Sandy Blaine and Jaylyn White-Wick.

Council voted by ballot: Two for Sandy Blaine, two for Jaylyn White-Wick.

Rachel Wells made a motion to appoint Jaylyn White-Wick to Council Position 5. Jeff Farley seconded. Gary Coker and Ray Bailey voted not in favor. Mayor broke the tie in favor of appointing Jaylyn White-Wick to Council Position 5. Motion carried.

Jaylyn White-Wick recited oath of office.

## **B. Discuss Take Action on Water System**

William Hebner with O'Malley Strand addressed the council about the water survey with BWA. In 1997, the city dug several test wells trying to find water, sometimes it's a challenge to find water. Iron and Manganese is a problem we find with the water here in Sweeny.

He ask the council what do they want to do now. Dig more test wells, install iron and manganese filters on the wells or look at BWA.

We are looking at \$82,000.00 to drill a 300 foot test hole, if we find a good hole and go ahead and pipe it to become a working well, that would cost \$210,000.00. O'Malley Strand proposes the city installing one filter system for the iron, manganese, and total dissolved solids at the water plant in the cost of \$2 Million.

Cindy King stated we are currently using Water Wells 1, 3 and 5.

Ryan Goolsby spoke to council that in 97 his company Goolsby Water Wells dug the test wells. He would like to help the city with test wells, suggesting testing west of town. Mr. Goolsby said his company would dig some test wells for about \$4,000.00 versus the \$82,000.00 Mr. Hebner stated.

Ray Bailey made a motion to authorize the City Manager Cindy King to make an agreement with Goolsby Water Wells to dig some test wells for the city and to report back to the council. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **C. Update / Discuss / Take Action Belle Parent Org. BBQ Cook-Off and Alcohol Variance.**

Candy with Bell Parent Organization addressed the council and reported she has met with Devin Lemon, the Fire Marshall and he approved the layout and said he would come out the day of and inspect everything. Chief Barnard said he would be there for security along with approved other officers. She stated they have met all the city requirements.

Jeff Farley made a motion to grant the Belle Parent Organization a variance for Alcohol at the Cook off on July 31 – Aug 1, 2015, in the lot next to City Hall. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **D. Discuss / Take Action on Banking Contract**

Ray Bailey made a motion to renew the five year banking contract with First State Bank Louise Sweeny Branch. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **E. Discuss / Take Action on Appointments for Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments.**

Ray Bailey made a motion to appoint Kay Roe to the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **F. Discuss / Take Action of Planning and Zoning Board of Commission**

Ray Bailey made a motion to appoint Kay Roe to the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **G. Discuss / Take Action on Tax Abatement Ordinance**

Jeff Farley made a motion to reinstate Tax Abatement Ordinance with the new amendment applying to new residential construction. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **10. New Business**

### **A. Discuss / Take Action 2014 Consumer Conf. Report**

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the 2015 Consumer Confidence Water Report. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **B. Discuss / Take Action on Sell of 106 N. Elm / Sweeny ISD In Trust Prop.**

Jeff Farley made a motion to accept the bid from Craig Short in the amount of \$1,360.00 for 106 N. Elm / Sweeny ISD in Trust Property. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **C. Discuss / Take Action on Kennermer, Masters Engagement Letter for 2015**

Ray Bailey made a motion to accept the engagement letter from Kennermer, Masters to perform the annual audit. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **D. Discuss / Take Action on Interlocal Agreement w Brazoria County CAD Dispatching**

Sergeant Chris Beck addressed the council and stated the Police Department has the new computers in each patrol unit. Now we need the software to keep track of each officer. \$7,400.00 Sungard Public Sector is the price for the software we need on our end. The county's software cost is \$1,200.00 per unit times five is \$6,000.00. This is a one-time set-up fee with the county.

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement w/BC CAD Dispatching for a one-time set up fee for \$6,000.00 and \$7,400.00 for the Sungard Public Sector Software for the Police Department. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **E. In-House Training**

Mayor Lemon would like to have employees trained for the transition of Homer Toscano retiring and Cindy King leaving, both in Jan. of 2016 so the city would still operate smoothly and effectively until their replacements are hired.

### **F. Set Date for next Budget Workshop**

August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 6pm

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **11. Closed Executive Session:**

### **OPEN MEETING:**

### **12. Discussion and action from Executive Session:**

**13. Adjournment: 7:19 p.m.**

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

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**Reatta Minshev, City Secretary**