

**A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, August 18, 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, Rachel Wells and Jalyn White-Wick. Ray Bailey was absent. 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 Al Lindley.

Pledge to the Texas Flag was recited and led by Al Lindley.

**5. Presentation of Citizens:**

**Visitors:** Sandra Blaine, Carolyn Landreneau, Bill Brown, Nancy Brown, Dana Smith, Kelly McGraw, Gary and Alice Hood, Phil Buckley

**6. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2015**

**B. Approval of Bills \$28,744.33**

Gary Coker made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 21, 2015 and the bills in the amount of \$28,744.33. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Public Hearing:**

**8. Fire Department Report**

Cindy King gave the report.

**9. Old Business**

**A. Discuss Take Action on Water System**

Gary Coker made a motion to table until September 1, 2015 at the next Budget Workshop. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Jalyn White-Wick made a motion to accept Sandy Blaine to the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Discuss / Take Action Planning and Zoning Board of Commissioners Vacancy**

Jalyn White-Wick made a motion to accept Sandy Blaine to the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **10. New Business**

### **A. Discuss /Take Action on Certified Tax Roll for FY 2015-2016**

Jeff Farley made a motion to approve the Certified Tax Roll for FY 2015-2016. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **B. Discuss / Take Action on Tax Rate FY 2015-2016 and Schedule Public Hearing**

Jeff Farley made a motion to adopt the proposed tax rate of .842869 for FY 2015-2016. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **C. Discuss / Take Action on Agreement with Way Company**

Richard Gibbins and Larry Jones with Way Company presented to council a program of how to reduce energy cost and to help with aging infrastructure. Their company will come in and take a study of our current energy, maintenance and operational cost and see how we could save money on these and then take the savings and apply to our needs of infrastructure.

Rachel Wells made a motion to let the Way Company do their study. Jalyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **D. Discuss / Take Action of Subdivide 109 McKinney Street**

Rachel Wells made a motion to approve the preliminary plans to subdivide 109 McKinney Street. Jalyn White-Wick seconded. Motion carried.

### **E. Discuss / Take Action to Allow Paw Prints on Elm Street (Proj Grad)**

Gary Coker made a motion to allow Project Grad to sell and paint Paw Prints on Elm Street from High School to Jr. High. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **F. Discuss / Take Action to Clean Up Town (Tim Pettigrew)**

**NO ACTION**

### **G. Discuss / Take Action Ordinance to Change Speed Limit on FM 524**

Eran Jones had come before council asking the speed limit be changed on FM 524 from 45 to 35. Tex-Dot did the study and they recommend 40 mph.

**NO ACTION**

### **H. Discuss / Take Action Electric Franchise Ordinance w/ Tex-New Mexico**

Gary Coker made a motion to renew the Electrical Franchise Ordinance with Texas New Mexico. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **I. Discuss /Take Action on Sidewalks on Hackberry Street. Mayor Lemon**

Mayor Lemon would like to start another phase of sidewalks from High School to 6<sup>th</sup> Street on Hackberry Street.

Jeff Farley made a motion to go out for bids for Phase I (where the buses park at High School to 6<sup>th</sup> Street) of Hackberry Street Sidewalks. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**J. Discuss / Take Action to Place Historical Marker in Backyard Park/ Mayor**

Mayor Lemon spoke w Les Pettigrew with the Historical Society about placing Historical Markers in Backyard Park.

Jeff Farley made a motion to allow Les Pettigrew with the Historical Society to place Historical Markers in Backyard Park. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**K. Discuss /Take Action of PD to Raffle Go Cart**

Eddie Filler has donated Go Cart to Police Department to raffle go cart for proceeds to go towards Gun Range.

Jeff Farley made a motion to allow PD to raffle off GO CART for proceeds to go towards Gun Range. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**L. Discuss / Take Action on Electricity to Veteran’s Memorial Flag Poles**

Mayor Lemon would like to get electricity to the Veteran’s Memorial Flag Poles for lights to fly the flags at night / 24-7. Al Lindley stated the cost would be about \$1062.00 and he would donate his labor for free.

Jeff Farley made a motion to allow Al Lindley to install electricity for lights at the Veteran’s Memorial Park Flag Poles. The city will supply the funds for materials and to have all volunteers sign a waiver that the city is not liable for any accidents.

Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**ANNOUCEMENTS:**

**12. Closed Executive Session:**

**OPEN MEETING:**

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

**14. Adjournment: 7:12 p.m.**

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

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**Reatta Minshew, City Secretary**