

A regular and public hearing meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, September 15, 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, Rachel Wells and Jalyn White-Wick. Also present: Cindy King, City Manager; Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney.

3. Invocation

Invocation was given by Pastor Philip Dinello from Christ Temple.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge to the American Flag was recited and led by Ray Bailey.

Pledge to the Texas Flag was recited and led by Charlie Stevenson.

5. Presentation of Citizens:

1: **Felipe Sanchez** 1208 Mac Drive Sweeny addressed the council about the Veterans Memorial. He wanted to know who was responsible for flying the flags there.

Visitors: Philip Dinello, Tim Shotts, Neal Bess Jr., Donald Lemon, Felipe Sanchez, Gary Hood, Alice Hood, Sandra Grice.

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2015

B. Approval of Bills \$61,594.59

Gary Coker made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 18, 2015 and the bills in the amount of \$61,594.59. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Public Hearing: 2015-2016 Budget

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$16,792.00 or 1.71% and of that amount \$20,516.00 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

8. Fire Department Report

Roger Barton gave the report.

9. Old Business

A. Discuss / Take Action Final Approval to Subdivide 109 N. McKinney

Cindy King stated the surveyor called and asked to table for next month stating the plats are not ready.

Gary Coker made a motion to table. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss / Take Action on Iron and Manganese Filter

William Huebner with O'Malley Strand Engineers presented council with a projected budget cost of \$1.1 Million for the Iron and Manganese Filter System to be installed at the Water Treatment Plant.

Councilman Farley stated he did not want to pay \$1.1 million. After much discussion Jeff Farley made a motion to table. Mr. Farley asked for more options from O'Malley Strand Engineers on which way would be best to address the water quality issue. Rachel Wells seconded. Ray Bailey was not in favor. Motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Discuss/ Take Action Resignation Council Position #3 Ray Bailey

(Ray Bailey left the meeting)

Gary Coker made a motion to accept the resignation of Council Position Ray Bailey. Jaylyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss/ Take Action on vacancy of Council Position #3.

After much discussion Jeff Farley made a motion to table the filling of the vacancy of Council Position #3. Jaylyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

L. Discuss / Take Action on Vacancies to SEDC Board of Directors

Cindy King stated four positions are expiring in October 2015: Nina Canchola, Mary Karstedt, Francis Jammer and Debbie Williams. We received applications from Nina Canchola, Francis Jammer and Kay Roe. Neal Bess Jr. addressed the council and stated Debbie Williams has been ill and did not get her application in on time but would like to stay on the board.

Jeff Farley made a motion to accept the three applications that were turned in and accept Debbie Williams. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Discuss / Take Action on Resolution to approve the 2014 /2015 Budget Amendments

Jeff Farley made a motion to accept the resolution to approve the 2014 / 2015 Budget Amendments. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Discuss / Take Action on Resolution to approve 2015 / 2016 Budget

Jeff Farley made a motion to accept the resolution to approve the 2015/2016 Budget. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

E. Discuss / Take Action on Ordinance to Set Tax Rate 2015 / 2016

Charlie Stevenson read the ordinance to hereby establish and shall be collected a tax of **\$0.842689**. The sum of \$0.104446 shall be collected and utilized to pay the interest and sinking fund and the sum of \$0.738423 shall be collected and designated for the maintenance and operations fund of the city.

Jaylyn White-Wick made a motion to accept the 2015/2016 tax rate of \$0.842689. Rachel Wells seconded. Gary Coker voted yes, Jeff Farley voted yes, Rachel Wells voted yes and Jaylyn White-Wick voted yes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Discuss /Take Action on Funding for Filter and Other Utility Improvements

Cindy King addressed the council about some pending projects that need council action on how to fund them. 1.) The sewer line on W. Ashley Wilson Rd in the amount of \$405,930.00. 2.) Fire Suppressant Water and Hydrants on FM 1459 \$290,390.00.00.

Jeff Farley asked how are we going to pay for this? Cindy stated we can get a loan for these two projects and the water well filter in the amount of \$100,835,320.00. A 20 year loan would be an annual note of \$136,000.00 which we budgeted \$213,000.00 for special projects, Cindy also stated the city has funds for some of the amount in the 2012 C.O. Rachel Wells made a motion for no action. Jaylyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

G. Discuss / Take Action on Permit Fees

Cindy King addressed the council and stated that she, Fire Marshall Devin Lemon and Public Works Homer Toscano had a meeting and reviewed all the inspection fees and increased some and made changes. Devin also presented his new Fire Marshall package with fees. Cindy reminded the council they talked about this in budget workshop. We have not increase the permits in over ten years.

Rachel Wells made a motion to accept the new permit fees as of September 16, 2015. Jaylyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

H. Discuss / Take Action on Amend Animal Ordinance to Exclude Horses-Livestock on Sidewalk and Include Horses-Livestock to Animal Waste Removal.

Cindy King stated recently the city has had a complaint from business owners on Main Street of horses being allow to walk on the sidewalks and depositing waste. Pastor Philip Dinello from Christ Temple on Main Street addressed the council and stated he has to clean up horse manure twice at the front door of the church. He stated this is a nuisance and hazard.

Jaylyn White-Wick made a motion to amend the animal ordinance to exclude Horses / Livestock on Sidewalks in the city. Rachel Wells seconded. Jeff Farley was not in favor. Motion carried.

I. Discuss / Take Action to Place Informational Sign on Main Street (Chamber of Commerce)

Jeff Farley mad a motion to place informational sign on Main Street for the Chamber of Commerce. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

J. Discuss / Take Action on MOU for Monarch Butterfly Gardens

Ms. King stated the National Recreation and Park Association contacted her through Phillips 66 in regards to Monarch Butterfly Gardens. The National Recreation and Park Association will donate \$1000.00 to the city for the purchase of the plants. Cindy suggested the Backyard Park, MLK Park and Exa Mae Keller Park for the gardens. Jeff Farley made a motion to approve the agreement with the National Rec. and Park Assoc. to plant Monarch Butterfly Gardens in the city. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

K. Discuss / Take Action to Approve Sell of Brazoria County In Trust Property LOT 9

Cindy King stated this lot is on Travis Street. The minimum bid was for \$2500.00. Amelia Johnson made a bid of \$1500.00. Jeff Farley made a motion to accept the bid of \$1500.00 from Amelia Johnson, for the in trust property South-end Addition Lot 9. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

M. Discuss / Take Action on Interlocal Agreement Brazoria County Road and Bridge Fiscal Year 2016.

Jeff Farley made a motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County Road and Bridge Fiscal Year 2016. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

N. Discuss / Take Action on Resolution to Nominate for Brazoria County Appraisal District.

NO ACTION

O. Discuss / Take Action on Brazosport Facts as Official Newspaper

Jeff Farley made a motion to accept Brazosport Facts as the City's Official Newspaper. Jaylyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

P. Discuss / Take Action to Sell City Property Located at Sweeny, Block 40 Lots 6,7,8,9.

Rachel Wells made a motion to sell city property located at Sweeny, Block 40 Lots 6,7,8,9 (On Oak Street to the left of Sr. Building)

Q. Discuss / Take Action to Change Policy on Cutting On and Off Water (Donald Lemon)

After much discussion

Rachel Wells made a motion to table to take Action to Change Policy on Cutting on and off Water to put on next month agenda. Jaylyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ANNOUCEMENTS:

12. Closed Executive Session:

OPEN MEETING:

13. Discussion and action from Executive Session:

14. Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary