

A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6 pm.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Dale Lemon called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Council Present: Sandra Blaine, Jeff Farley, Rachel Wells and Jalyn White-Wick. Tim Shotts was absent. Also present: Cindy King, City Manager; Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney. Homer Toscano, Dir. of Public Works and Jose DeJulian.

3. Invocation

Invocation was given by Pastor Dinello.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge to the American Flag was recited and led by Devin Lemon.

Pledge to the Texas Flag was recited and led Devin Lemon.

5. Presentation of Citizens:

Visitors:

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2015

B. Approval of Bills \$33,753.54

Sandra Blaine made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2015 and the bills in the amount of \$33,753.54. Jalyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Public Hearing:

8. Fire Department Report

Devin Lemon gave the report.

9. Old Business

A. Discuss / Take Action on Water System

Mr. Spiller spoke to council to about upgrading the main water line that is currently there on FM 1459. A 6 inch water line in there currently (on FM 1459). For a subdivision it needs to be a 12 inch per our engineer O'Malley Strand. Mr. Spiller also stated a backflow line and lift station pump would need to be provided.

Cindy King stated the Spiller Group needs to purchase the property and get the title, then they would request city council to annex the property into the city limits, which would be approximately two months.

Jeff Farley made a motion to give preliminary approval to the City Manager, Charlie Stevenson and Melvin Spiller to work on the requirements of the utilities for the

subdivision on FM 1459 and for the finance of these utilities. Rachel Wells seconded. Jalyn White-Wick voted yes. Sandra Blaine voted no. Motion carried.

B. Discuss / Take Action on Tap Fee's

Council had talked about increasing the Tap Fee's; water, sewer, and gas. We have not increased tap fees in over 20 years.

Jalyn White-Wick made a motion to increase tap fees to:

Water, Sewer and Gas to be each \$400.00. Sandra Blaine seconded. Rachel Wells voted yes. Jeff Farley voted no. Motion carried.

C. Discuss / Take Action Sidewalk Project Along Hackberry

Cindy King has been talking with O'Malley for the cost estimate of \$167,500.00, for the sidewalk project on Hackberry Street from Ashley Wilson to 6th Street.

Jeff Farley made a motion to move forward on the sidewalk project on Hackberry Street. Rachel Wells seconded. Sandra Blaine voted yes. Jalyn White-Wick abstained. Motion carried.

D. Discuss / Take Action SEDC Bank Loan

Neal Bess stated the EDC would like to have a joint meeting with the city council on January 11, 2016.

Rachel Wells to take no action on the Bank Loan. Jalyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Discuss / Take Action Holiday's for 2016

Jeff Farley made a motion to approve the 2016 holidays. Jalyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss / Take Action on Chamber Dues.

Cindy King stated the dues for the Chamber are \$150.00.

Sandra Blaine made a motion to approve the Chamber Dues for 2016 in the amount of \$150.00. Jalyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cindy King announced the panel that has been conducting the interviews for the new Dir. of Public Works has made a decision. She will be announcing his name next month.

Devin Lemon thanked Cindy King, Homer Toscano and Kaydi Smith for all the hard work on getting the My Gov. software up and running on the IPADS and website.

12. Closed Executive Session:

OPEN MEETING:

13. Discussion and action from Executive Session:

14. Adjournment: 6:45 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016

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Reatta Minshew, City Secretary**