

**A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, January 19, 2015 at 6:05 pm.**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Dale Lemon called the meeting to order.

**2. Roll Call**

Council Present: Sandra Blaine, Jeff Farley, and Jalyn White-Wick. Tim Shotts and Rachel Wells were 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 B.J. McCurdy.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge to the American Flag was recited and led by Darrell James.

Pledge to the Texas Flag was recited and led Darrell James.

**5. Presentation of Citizens:**

**Visitors:**

**6. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes – December 15, 2015**

**B. Approval of Bills \$36,023.24**

Jalyn White-Wick made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2015 and the bills in the amount of \$36,023.24. Jeff Farley 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 Water / Sewer Subdivision Improvements**

William Hebner with O'Malley Strand updated the council on the pilot study conducted by Mr. Charles Orlup at Water Well number four. Mr. Orlup found that a softener vessel was needed. Installing the new vessel will treat brine and manganese but not TDS and is priced just below \$50,000.00.

Jeff Farley made a motion to approve the water softener system not to exceed \$50,000.00. Jalyn White-Wick seconded. On Charlie Stevenson's request to add the company's name Jeff Farley amended his motion to include the company's name: Water Equipment and Treatment Services Inc. Jalyn White-Wick amended her seconded motion

to include the name of Water Equipment and Treatment Services Inc. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Discuss / Take Action with O'Malley Strand for Engineering Services for Sidewalks along Hackberry Street.**

Jeff Farley made a motion to approve the agreement with O'Malley Strand for Engineering Services for the sidewalks down Hackberry Street. Jalyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**\*\* Swear In Fire Department New Officers:**

Chief; Roger Barton, Assistant Chief; Tim Webb, 1<sup>st</sup> Capt.; James Christian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Capt.; Tim Treaster, 3<sup>rd</sup> Capt.; Brian Jammer.

**10. New Business**

**A. Discuss / Take Action request to build a skate park / Corbin Lehman**

Corbin Lehman addressed the council and asked the council to consider a skate park. Mr. Lehman stated he has a petition of over 600 names that support him on seeking a skate park. He asked the council to consider constructing one in the Back Yard Park or behind the Sweeny Community Library.

Jeff Farley suggested Mr. Lehman seek the SEDC and maybe they could help with funding. Jeff Farley also volunteered to help Corbin with his endeavor.

**B. Discuss / Take Action on approve dog pound / volunteer renovations (Zachry).**

David Owens addressed the council with preliminary plans to renovate the dog pound free of charge. Zachry Construction Company would be supplying all the material and labor. They would be working on a volunteer basis, on the weekend. The facility would be a 16 x 30.

Jeff Farley made a motion to approve the new renovations to the dog pound from volunteers with Zachry Construction Company. The Dir. of Public Works and City Manager will be the contact person. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Charlie Stevenson suggested having a volunteer release form for them to sign.

**C. Discuss / Approve SEDC Grant for Darrell James**

Jeff Farley made a motion to approve the SEDC grant for Darrell James to remodel and operate under new management Lou Ella's BBQ in the amount of \$ 50,000.00. Jalyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**D. Discuss / Approve Table for Chamber Banquet**

Sandra Blaine made a motion to approve a Bronze Table in the amount of \$385.00 for a total of 8 tickets at the Chamber Banquet. Jeff Farley seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**E. Discuss / Approve to Amend Minutes from Sept. 15, 2015.**

Cindy King stated that the auditors were recently here and discovered that the Sept. 15, 2015 minutes had a typographical error approving the tax rate. The minutes state the rate of .842689 and it should be .842869.

Jeff Farley made a motion to change the typo to the correct tax rate of .842869. Sandra Blaine Seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**F. Proclamation: Feb. 2016 as African American History Month**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**12. Closed Executive Session:**

**OPEN MEETING:**

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

**14. Adjournment: 6:52 p.m.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2016**

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**Reatta Minshe, City Secretary**