

A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Dale Lemon called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Invocation

Invocation was given by Donald Barber from Our Lady of Preputial Help.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge to the American Flag was recited and led by Corbin Lehman.

Pledge to the Texas Flag was recited and led Corbin Lehman.

5. Presentation of Citizens:

Visitors:

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – Feb. 16, 2016

B. Approval of Bills \$53,985.68

Jeff Farley made a motion to approve the Minutes of Feb, 2016 and the bills in the amount of \$50,844.38. Jeff Farley seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Public Hearing:

8. Fire Department Report: Roger Barton

9. Old Business

10. New Business

A. Discuss / Approve Generator Located at 222 Pecan / Fire Station

This was tabled from last month. Gene West, the Dir. of Public Works stated that the generator at the Fire Department has broken. It is 16 years old. It will take \$5000.00 to fix it or \$12,000.00 to replace with a new one.

Jeff Farley made a motion to replace the Fire Department Generator with a new one not to exceed \$12,500.00. Tim Shotts seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

9. Old Business

A. Discuss / Take Action on Resignation from Rachel Wells / Position 4

Jeff Farley made a motion to accept the resignation from Councilwomen Rachel Wells, Position 4. Jalyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss / Take Action on Vacant Council Position 4

Council discussed waiting until after the May Election to make any decisions.

Jeff Farley made a motion to table until after the May Election. Tim Shotts seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Discuss / Approve Mayor Pro-Tem

Cindy King stated that Rachel Wells was the Mayor Pro-Tem, so the council needed to appoint someone else. Council voted by secret ballot. Three votes for Jeff Farley and one vote for Sandra Blaine.

Jalyn White-Wick made a motion to appoint Jeff Farley as Mayor Pro-tem. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Discuss / Take Action on Audit for FY 2014-2015 from Kennemer, Masters / Kevin Kadenhead.

Jalyn White-Wick made a motion to accept the audit as written from Kennemer, Masters & Lunsford, LLC. Jeff Farley seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

E. Discuss / Take Action to Approve Skate Park Location / Corbin Lehman

Corbin Lehman addressed the council and stated he would like to recommend a place behind the Library he thought would be a good place to build a skate park. There is good shade and restrooms nearby and a good parking lot. Corbin stated he needs a location to show a builder, so the builder can draw / design a plan.

Jeff Farley made a motion to approve the location behind the library next to the parking lot as a possible skate park. Tim Shotts seconded. Sandra Blaine was in favor. Jalyn White-Wick abstained. Motion carried.

F. Discuss / Take Action to Allow Septic System in City Limits / Beverly Paris

Beverly Paris addressed the council and stated they are going to build a new home on FM 1459 over 400 feet off the road, in the city limits. They received a quote from J & C Plumbing to install sewer lines 400 feet from their home to the city connection. The cost was going to be about \$7000.00. Ms. Paris also stated a new septic system cost about the same. Ms. Paris stated that in October two city workers told her that the city would have to bore under FM 1459 to connect them and that was going to be expensive. Ms. Paris is asking the council if she could install a septic system and that would save the city the money from boring under FM 1459. The Paris's would like something done in 3 months. Cindy King stated it is the city's obligation to connect them to the city's sewer.

Jalyn White-Wick made a motion to deny the septic system from the Paris's and for Cindy King to get cost estimates to the council for the boring under FM 1459. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

G. Discuss /Take Action on PD Purchasing Resale of Equipment for Profit

Chief Barnard addressed the council and introduced Jonathon Babb, owner of C & R Armory, a fire arms broker dealing in machine guns. He is currently field testing with a current agency from Germany. He would purchase 10, MP7's (4.6 x 30 mm) at \$1800.00 each. This is all legal thru AGF. Mr. Babb would purchase the guns, give them to Sweeny Police Dept. to use for six to twelve months. The fire arms would transfer directly from Heckler and Coke from Germany to Sweeny Police Dept. and would be licensed and owned by Sweeny PD. The MP7's will be available to purchase after the six or twelve months. Charlie Stevenson would like to see a contract between both parties. Jalyn White-Wick made a motion to move forward with a contract for Charlie Stevenson to review. Jeff Farley seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

H. Discuss / Take Action to go out for bids for 2016 Debris Removal in a Natural Disaster.

Cindy King stated this is an annual bid. Tim Shotts made a motion to approve to go out for bids for 2016 Debris Removal in a Natural Disaster. Jeff Farley seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

I. Discuss / Take Action on Agreement with Traffic Payment

Cindy King stated this is an on line service provider that Karla Wilson could use taking court payments. It would allow court fines to be paid by credit card and by phone/internet. We need to purchase a swipe machine in the amount of \$100.00. Tim Shotts made a motion to approve the Agreement with Traffic Payment and to purchase a swipe machine in the amount of \$100.00. Jalyn White-Wick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

J. Discuss / Take Action to Allow Alcohol at BBQ Cook-off Section of Pride Day.

Tim Shotts made a motion to allow alcohol at the BBQ Cook-off Section of Pride Day only. Jeff Farley seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

K. Discuss / Take Action to Close Ashley Wilson Rd for Pride Day

Cindy King stated we close Ashley Wilson Rd from FM 524 or Main Street to The Library/Community Center during Pride Day Weekend. Friday night at 6pm thru Saturday night at 7pm. Jeff Farley made a motion to approve Ashley Wilson Rd closing Pride Day Weekend. Tim Shotts seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

L. Discuss / Take Action to Close City Hall May 6th

Cindy King stated that on Fridays of Pride Day Weekend the BBQ Cook-off teams start setting up, booths are also marked off at City Hall parking lot. City Hall parking lot gets full and has lots of traffic. Jeff Farley made a motion to close City Hall on May 6th, 2016 for Pride Day Festivities. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

M. Discuss / Take Action on Support Letter for Veteran's Home in Brazoria

Cindy King stated that the Veterans were building a large housing complex in Brazoria to house many Veteran's in Brazoria County.

Jalyn White-Wick made a motion to approve the Support Letter for the Veteran's Home in Brazoria. Tim Shotts seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

N. Proclamations:

April Fair Housing Month

American Red Cross

Brazoria County Headstart

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 _____, 2016

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary