

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
THE CITY OF SWEENY, TEXAS  
AUGUST 16, 2016**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm to consider the following items of business:

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Dale Lemon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

**Council Present:** Position 1. Sandra Blaine, Position 2. Jeff Farley, Position 3 Brian Brooks, Position 4. Bill Hayes and Position 5. Tim Pettigrew.

**Staff Present:** Cindy King, City Manager; Reatta Minshew, City Secretary; Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney; John Barnard, Chief of Police; Devin Lemon, Fire Marshall, and Gene West, Dir. of Public Works.

**3. Invocation**

Invocation was given by Rev. James Rebechor of Allen Memorial Church.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge to the American Flag was recited and led by Fire Chief Roger Barton.  
The Pledge to the Texas Flag was recited and led by Fire Chief Roger Barton.

**5. Presentation of Citizens:** (Limited to five minutes per person)

**\*\*\*Proclamation: September is Suicide Prevention Month**

**6. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes – July 19 and August 3, 2016**

**B. Approval of Bills \$81,144.65**

Sandra Blaine made a motion to approve the consent items. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Public Hearing:**

**A.**

**8. Fire Department Report:** Fire Chief Roger Barton gave the report.

## **9. REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **A. Update on 405 Ave B**

Cindy King stated that she has mailed certified letter to owner on the city to proceed with demolishing the house. Ms. King gave owner until August 22, 2016 to reply. If the city receives no reply, then Ms. King would like to proceed with demolition.

Jeff Farley made a motion to approve Ms. King to go out for bids for the demo of the home pending the letter comes back unclaimed. Brian Brooks seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **B. Discuss / Take Action on Amendment to Sign Ordinance**

Charlie Stevenson and Tim Pettigrew worked on the verbiage of the sign ordinance.

Charlie Stevenson stated they added: definitions to what a dilapidated sign was and sign structure. Also, when old signs are removed, the structure it is attached to should also be removed.

Sandra Blaine made a motion to adopt the amendment to the sign ordinance. Tim Pettigrew seconded. Jeff Farley opposed. Motion carried.

#### **C. Discuss / Take Action on TxDot Request to Lower Speed Limit on FM 524**

Cindy King stated she hasn't heard back from TxDot as of today.

Jeff Farley made a motion to table TxDot Request to Lower Speed Limit on FM 524 for September meeting. Brian Brooks seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### **A. Discuss /Take Action on Resolution for Certified Tax Roll FY 2016-2017**

Charlie Stevenson read the resolution, accepting the Certified Tax Roll for 2016-2017 from Brazoria County.

Jeff Farley made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Certified Tax Roll FY 2016-2017. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **B. Discuss / Take Action on Tax Rate for FY 2016-2017 and Schedule Public Hearing if Necessary.**

City Manager Cindy King stated that at the budget workshops this summer council agreed on using .747062 as the roll back tax rate for FY 2016-2017. This tax rate does not require a public hearing.

Jeff Farley made a motion to accept the tax rate of .747062 for FY 2016-2017. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **C. Discuss /Take Action on Funding for Skate Park / Corbin Lehman**

Corbin Lehman was not present / No action

**D. Discuss /Take Action on mowing along Ashley Wilson Rd.**

Ms. King stated that the city mows the ditch by the sidewalk from Main Street to Stewarts Grocery Store along Ashley Wilson Road and the deep ditches at the end of Camellia Street, Azalea Street and Forest Park Court. She has had a resident ask her why the city doesn't mow his ditch. Ms. King stated we have mowed these ditches for over 20 years, probably for drainage purposes and keeping the sidewalks free to walk on. Our ordinance states the resident is responsible for mowing their ditch, which is also our easement. She is asking council what we need to do? Jeff Farley stated if we make one mow the easement, we need to make all of them mow. Brian Brooks stated the deep ditches at the end of Camellia Street, Azalea Street and Forest Park Court were dug out which is not the resident's fault and are very steep to mow.

Jeff Farley made a motion to table for September meeting. No second. Motion dies for lack of second.

**E. Discuss / Take Action on Requiring Deposit for Seniors Building**

Ms. King stated that in budget workshops the council stated possibly having the organizations to have a deposit before using the Srs Building.

Sandra Blaine made a motion to require each group/organization to sign an annual contract for the use of the Srs Building that will list what all we expect from them and if not followed they will be responsible for any monetary fees that the contract states. Bill Hayes seconded. Jeff Farley opposed. Motion carried.

**F. Discuss / Take Action on Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County Road and Bridge for FY 2017.**

Jeff Farley made a motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County Road and Bridge for FY 2017. Brian Brooks seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Report of Boards and Commissions**

**11. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports**

**12. Closed Executive Session: TIME:**

**OPEN MEETING: TIME:**

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

**14. Adjournment: 6:35 p.m.**

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

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**Reatta Minshew, City Secretary**