

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING / REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
THE CITY OF SWEENY, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

A public hearing and regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, September 20, 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, and Position 5. Tim Pettigrew. Position 4. Bill Hayes was absent.

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 Charlie Stevenson.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

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

Steven Slaughter 202 Filmore, addressed council about dirty water.

Judy Dickson 506 N. Orange – addressed council about dirty water. She changed her water filters and had pictures of black dirty filters after one month. Also drainage...when will city clean them out, her yard floods with all these rains we have had.

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – August 16, 2016

B. Approval of Bills \$51,420.27

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

7. Public Hearing: 6:10 pm

A. 2016-2017 Budget

This budget will raise less revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by the amount of \$-31,204 which is a -3.5 percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$7,740.00

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

9. REGULAR AGENDA

Unfinished Business

A. Discuss / Take Action on TxDot Request to Lower Speed Limit on FM 524

Ms. King did not have any new information from TxDot at this time.
No Action taken.

B. Discuss / Take Action to Award Bid to Demolish 405 Ave B

Rescheduled for Oct 12, 2016 at 2 pm.
No Action

C. Discuss / Take Action on Contract for Seniors Building

Last month council made a motion to have a contract written for the use of the Seniors Building by Charlie Stevenson.
Jeff Farley made a motion to accept the contract for the Seniors Building with amendment of no deposit or rental fee. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor.
Motion carried.

New Business

A. Discuss /Take Action on Budget Amendments for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year

Jeff Farley made a motion to accept the budget amendments for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss/ Take Action on The Resolution for 2016-2017 Budget

Brian Brooks made a motion to accept the Resolution for the 2016-2017 Budget. Jeff Farley seconded. All were in favor. Sandra Blaine, yes. Jeff Farley, yes. Brian Brooks, yes. Bill Hayes, absent. Tim Pettigrew, yes. Motion carried.

C. Discuss/ Take Action on Ordinance to Set 2016-2017 Tax Rate

Jeff Farley made a motion to approve the Ordinance to Set 2016-2017 Tax Rate of 0.747062. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Sandra Blaine, yes. Jeff Farley, yes. Brian Brooks, yes. Bill Hayes, absent. Tim Pettigrew, yes. Motion carried.

D. Discuss /Take Action on Funding of Skate Park (Corbin Lehman)

Corbin Lehman addressed the council and stated he was here to show the progress of the skate park and asked for help with the funding. He chose a concrete design for lower maintenance and quitter skate. It's a total of 5000 square feet and a cost of \$120,000.00. Tim Pettigrew asked if he had contacted the Tony Hawk Foundation for funding. Corbin stated that he had but needed to be a non-profit organization to qualify, which he is not.

Ms. King stated that EDC may be able to help some. Mayor Lemon stated the city would look for ways to help for the funding, as in donations and grants. Brian Brooks made a motion for the city to pursue funding for the skate park as presented by Corbin Lehman. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

E. Discuss / Take Action on SEDC Board of Directors Vacancies

Ms. King addressed the council stating the EDC board members serve a two-year term. The board members whose term is over is: Neal Bess, Devin Lemon and Wyman Hutchings. Ms. King stated she advertised for the open positions and received one application, Jenny Massy. The three members whose term is up are all wanting to serve again. EDC met on Sept. 12th and are recommending Neal Bess, Devin Lemon and Wyman Hutchings for appointment. Jeff Farley made a motion to appoint Neal Bess, Devin Lemon and Wyman Hutchings. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Discuss / Take Action on Official Newspaper of the City

Cindy King stated per our city charter we must state the Official Newspaper for all advertising and corresponding. Jeff Farley made a motion stating The Brazosport Facts as the official newspaper for the city. Brian Brooks seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

G. Discuss / Take Action on Ordinance for New Water / Sewer Rates

Ms. King stated that the minimum of 0-1500 gallons would stay \$11.00. Then it would go up to:

Water

1501 -- 6500 gallons	\$5.60
6501 – 11,500 gallons	\$6.20
11,501 – 16,500 gallons	\$6.30
16,501 – 26,500 gallons	\$6.40
Over 26,500 gallons	\$6.55

Sewer

1501 -- 6500 gallons	\$4.50
6501 – 11,500 gallons	\$5.00
11,501 – 16,500 gallons	\$5.10
16,501 – 26,500 gallons	\$5.15
Over 26,500 gallons	\$5.25

Brian Brooks made a motion to approve the new water /sewer rates as presented. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

H. Discuss / Take Action to Appoint Records Retention Manager

Jeff Farley made a motion to appoint the City Secretary as the Records Retention Manager. Brian Brooks seconded. All were favor. Motion carried.

I. Discuss / Take Action on Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County

Brian Brooks made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

J. Discuss / Take Action on TML-IRP Board of Trustees Election

No Action

10. Report of Boards and Commissions

11. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports

12. Closed Executive Session: City Manager Review TIME: 6:57 p.m.

OPEN MEETING: TIME: 7:40 p.m.

13. Discussion and action from Executive Session:

No Action.

14. Adjournment: 7:40 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016

Reatta Minshev, City Secretary