

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
THE CITY OF SWEENY, TEXAS  
OCTOBER 18, 2016**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, October 25, 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 Minsheu, 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 Bill Hayes.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge to the American Flag was recited and led by Al Lindley.

The Pledge to the Texas Flag was recited and led by Al Lindley.

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

Jody Daugherty asked about the four poles around meter on the Valero property on Main Street that public works erected. He stated that the poles have all been hit by cars and it is in the middle of the parking lot. He said he had talked with Cindy King and she was going to look into changing that.

Peggy Ellis thanked Brian Brooks for his help with Flush Valve that was installed in her ditch.

Gene West, the Dir. of Public works, introduced new employees to the city.

Mayor Lemon recognized Donna Schroder and Darrin Mayberry as outstanding citizens for Community Service.

**6. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes – September 20, 2016**

**B. Approval of Bills \$72,945.49**

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

**7. Public Hearing**

**8. Fire Department Report:** Cindy King gave the report.

**9. REGULAR AGENDA**

**Unfinished Business**

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

Cindy King stated she received two bids with Outlaw Construction being the lowest at \$5,788.00.

Jeff Farley made a motion to award the bid to Outlaw Construction in the amount of \$5,788.00 to demolish 405 Ave B. Brian Brooks seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business**

**A. Discuss /Take Action on C.O. not to exceed \$2,200,000.00**

Justin Pardon with Government Capitol, the financial advisor of the Certificate of Obligation spoke to council about the CO and gave a timeline. Oct. 18,2016 City Council votes to Post Notice of Intent to Issue. January 19, 2017 will be Closing and Funding. \$140,000.00 will be the yearly debt service.

These monies are to be used for: 1) Rehab of the Waste Water Treatment Plant 2) FM 1459 Fire Suppression Water Project 3) New Sewer Line along Ashley Wilson Rd, along Main and along Powell Street to the lift station. Ms. King stated 2 million will go toward the Waste Water Treatment Plant. We have funds in reserve to help with the balance of the CO for the other projects.

Jeff Farley stated he did not realize we were going out for a bond. Mayor Lemon and other council stated we had discussed this in budget workshops.

Tim Pettigrew stated to the public that the Waste Water Treatment Plant was in dire need of repair. It has been neglected for years and we have to repair it.

Brian Brooks made a motion to accept the Resolution authorizing publication on notice on intention to issue certificates of obligation in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,200,000.00 and authoring certain other matters relating thereafter.

Tim Pettigrew seconded. Sandra Blaine voted yes. Jeff Farley voted no. Brian Brook voted yes. Bill Hayes voted yes. Tim Pettigrew voted yes. Motion carried.

**B. Discuss/ Take Action on SISD Request for Turning Lane on Elm Street**

Ms. King stated that Elm Street is 42 feet wide at the Jr. High so there is plenty of room for a turning lane which will ease the congestion when picking up and dropping off children. Jeff Farley made a motion to approve the request from SISD for a turning lane on Elm Street in front of the Jr. High on Elm Street. Brian Brooks seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Discuss / Take Action to Sell in Trust Property**

Ms. King stated we received a bid of \$100.00 from Vincent Cook for this property on Willow Street.

Jeff Farley made a motion to sell the in trust property on Willow Street for \$100.00. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**D. Discuss / Take Action on Resolution Regarding Finance for Vehicles and Equipment**

Ms. King stated this the contract for the financing for the new PD vehicle council approved in the new budget. 2017 Ford Interceptor for \$43,800. Government Capitol will be the finance.

Jeff Farley made a motion to approve the financing with Government Capitol for a 2017 Ford Interceptor and related equipment. Bill Hayes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**E. Discuss / Take Action to Accept Sweeny Beautification Committee Officers**

Bill Hayes made a motion to accept Devin Lemon, Michele Gonzales, Claudia Garza and Madelyn Finch as the Sweeny Beautification Committee Officers. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**F. Discuss / Take Action on Records Retention Order**

City Manager Cindy King stated that RCI, Records Control Inc. had recently updated our city records for retention and they need to file with the state of Texas this Records Retention Order. The contract states that the City Secretary will be the officer of Records Retention for the City of Sweeny.

Jeff Farley made a motion to approve the Ordinance and name the City Secretary as the Officer of Records Retention for the City of Sweeny. Bill Hayes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**G. Discuss /Take Action on Billing of Leaks at the Meter Tail**

Ms. King explained there are two meter tails connected to a meter. One on the customer's side and one on the city side. The city policy is once the water goes thru the meter the customer is responsible for water usage. The city will adjust the sewer part of the bill but not the water usage. This meter tail is not available at a local store, (Lowe's, G&S, Home Depot ect.) The city has always replaced that meter tail. There is confusion when we replace the meter tail on the customer side, and the customer is still responsible for the bill. Mayor Lemon stated if it's a part that the customer can't buy he thought the city should be responsible for the usage, and the billing, not the customer. Council had much discussion.

Brian Brooks made a motion to keep the policy the same. Sandra Blaine seconded. Bill Hayes voted no. Motion carried.

**H. Discuss /Take Action on Appoint Employee to Rotary**

Cindy King stated that she and Chief Barnard have been contacted by Rotary to become members of Rotary as a representative from the city. The dues would be \$560.00 annual. Jeff Farley made a motion to appoint City Manager Cindy King to be a member of Sweeny Rotary as representative of the City of Sweeny and to pay the dues in the amount of \$560.00 Brian Brooks seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**I. Discuss /Take Action to accept form for Evaluation of City Manager**

Jeff Farley made a motion to accept the form for Evaluation of City Manager and to make one change; under Providing Information, delete the forth question. Then have the values divided by 4. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**J. Discuss /Take Action on Christmas in the Park / Walk of Trees**

Jeff Farley made a motion to give \$75.00. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**K. Discuss/Take Action on Resolution to Appoint HGAC Rep.**

Brian Brooks made a motion to appoint Mayor Pro-tem Jeff Farley and Sandra Blaine to HGAC. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**L. Discuss / Set Date for Planning Goals**

Bill Hayes made a motion to set Jan. 10, 2017 at 6pm. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Report of Boards and Commissions**

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

**12. Closed Executive Session:**

**OPEN MEETING: TIME:**

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

**14. Adjournment: 7:10 p.m.**

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

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**Reatta Minshe, City Secretary**