

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, August 15, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Piper called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Council present: Mayor Larry Piper, Rodney Weems, Gary Coker, Rita McMillan, and Larry Borders. Absent: Ken McConnell.

Also present: Tim Moss, City Manager; Homer Toscano, Director of Public Works. and Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney. Absent: Gary Stroud, Police Chief.

3. INVOCATION

Invocation was given.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

5 WELCOME OF VISITORS

Visitors present: Ron Greiner

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gary Coker made a motion to accept the minutes from July 18, 2006. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Rita McMillan made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$22,477.39. Rodney Weems seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

8. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Craig King gave the report on behalf of the Fire Department. They had a total of 7 calls. 2 car accidents, 1 truck fire, 1 apartment fire (mattress), 2 life flight, and one tree on power lines. We will be sending 4 to Brazoria County Fire field for training; and two instructors. Funding for this school also paid for by Texas Forestry Service.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Barry Mitchell/ Final Approval of Property Subdivision

Did not show. Rita McMillan made a motion to table the final approval until we hear from Vicki Mitchell. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kennemer-Masters / Engagement Letter

Rita McMillan made a motion to accept the Kennemer - Masters Engagement Letter .for the upcoming fiscal year. Oct. 1 ,2005 - Sept 30, 2006. Rodney Weems seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

B. Approve 2006-07 Budget for the City of Sweeny

No action taken. Need to have a Public Meeting prior. Larry Borders made a motion to table the budget til a public meeting is held. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

C. Resolution to Approve Certified Tax Roll

Charlie Stevenson read the Resolution to approve the Certified Tax Roll. Larry Borders made a motion to accept the resolution to approve the Certified Tax Roll. Rita McMillan seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

D. Approve Tax Rate and Schedule Public Hearing

Larry Borders made a motion to accept the tax rate of .750000 with .219204 being the debt rate and 0.530796 being the M and O rate. This rate will increase taxes by 11.05% over last year. Rodney Weems seconded. Gary Coker - Yes. Rita McMillan - Yes. Ken McConnell - absent. Rodney Weems - Yes. Larry Borders - Yes. We will have two public meetings before we adopt the tax rate. Public meeting dates August 29, 2006, and September 5, 2006. At the August 29th date we will also have a public hearing for the budget. Both meetings will be held at 7:00pm.

E. Sweeny Police Department- Parking at My Cousin's Restaurant on 2nd Street

Chad Makara spoke on behalf of Sweeny Police Department, he stated that he did not have all the information; and requested to have tabled until next Council Meeting. Larry Borders made a motion to table Sweeny Police Department- Parking at My Cousin's Restaurant on 2nd Street til next Council Meeting. Wallace Ludwig spoke on behalf of My Cousin's Restaurant. Rodney Weems seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

F. Consider Sale of Property / Jerry Shiever

Tim Moss discussed the land at Ave A and Willow. (Southend Subdivision Block 1, lot 86-87). Rita McMillan made a motion to accept the tax resale property of lots 86- 87 facing Willow St. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

G. Veterans Day Parade

Mayor Piper discussed the flyer regarding the Veteran's Day. Rita McMillan made a motion to participate as possible. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

H. Approve Appointment of SEDC Directors

Mayor Piper discussed the resolution; keeping James Albritton, Barry Crowder, and Larry Piper for another two year term (Oct. 1, 2006 - Sept 30, 2008). Gary Coker made a motion to accept the resolution. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

I. Consider Approval of Garbage Contract

Tim Moss discussed the garbage contract from Republic Waste. Gary Coker made a motion to accept the contract from Republic Waste. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

J. "Consideration and adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Certificates of Obligation in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000. for the Acquisition, Construction and Improvement of Certain Public Works, Authorizing Distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement Relating to Such Certificates and Authorizing Certain Other Matters Relating Thereto."

Rodney Weems made a motion to adopt the resolution not to exceed \$500,000. Rita McMillan seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

11. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports

Rita McMillan– Sweeny United received a grant from First Choice in the amount of \$5,000. September 17th Sweeny United will have a Chicken Fried Steak Dinner Fundraiser.

Rodney Weems – Next Planning and Zoning meeting will be Monday August 21, 2006.

Larry Borders - Saturday Conoco Phillips will have an Auction proceeds go to Sweeny Little League. Also, the Little League has received a grant from Dow Chemical in the amount of \$25,000.

Tim Moss - Stated that the BEARS item on the bills portion, was for clean-up of 1107 Early St., which has been completed. Charlie Riggs with Brazoria County; will assist the City on sidewalks and parking for the Seniors Center.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2006.

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary