

A special meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, March 3, 2008

**1. Call To Order**

Mayor Pro - Tem Gary Coker called the meeting to order. Reminded Council and audience meetings are conducted in strict compliance with Roberts Rule of Order.

**2. Invocation**

Invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson

**3. Roll Call**

Council present: Mayor Pro- Tem Gary Coker, Thomas Lemon, Neal Bess Jr., Rodney Weems, and Linda Diaz.

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

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**5. Presentations by Citizens -**

Visitors: Dan Ellis, Gloria Harrison, Art Kelm, Frank Lawrence, and Rita McMilian.

Rita McMilian spoke from the audience and thanked the Council for letting the citizens of Sweeny vote for the Mayor's position.

Dan Ellis also spoke from the audience to thanked the Council for letting the citizens of Sweeny vote for the Mayor's position.

**6. Old Business**

**A. Discuss Mayor Position / Neal Bess**

Neal Bess made a motion to accept the Mayor Piper's resignation, effective February 29, 2008; with the appreciation of the number of years of dedicated service of Mayor. Discussion made. All in favor; motion carried.

Neal Bess then read portions of our City Charter; Sections 1.03, 2.02, 2.04, and 2.05. And discussion was made.

Neal Bess made a motion to resend the Ordinance to call elections; in regards to the Mayor's position; and appoint someone to that position for the remainder of the term. Rodney Weems seconded. Neal Bess and Rodney Weems in favor. Thomas Lemon, Linda Diaz and Gary Coker opposed. Motion denied.

**7. Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions**

None

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

**Gary Coker** – None

**Thomas Lemon** – Thanked the members of the community for their thoughts on the elections.

**Neal Bess** – None

**Rodney Weems** – None

**Linda Diaz** – None

**Tim Moss** – None

**Chief Stroud** – Absent

**Homer Toscano** – Absent

**9. Announcements**

None

**10. Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code**

**§ 511.071, § 551.072 and § 551.074. To Discuss:**

**OPEN MEETING:**

**11. Discussion and action on any items discussed in Executive Session**

**12. Adjournment**

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008**

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**Reatta Minshew, City Secretary**