

CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 16, 2023, 6:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

HISTORIC CHURCH BUILDING - 403 N 7TH STREET, SANGER, TEXAS



CALL THE WORK SESSION TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Muir called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	Thomas Muir
Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2	Gary Bilyeu
Councilmember, Place 1	Marissa Barrett
Councilmember, Place 3	Dennis Dillon
Councilmember, Place 4	Allen Chick
Councilmember, Place 5	Victor Gann

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

City Manager John Noblitt, Assistant City Manager Alina Ciocan, City Secretary Kelly Edwards, City Attorney Hugh Coleman, Finance Director Clayton Gray, Director of Development Services Ramie Hammonds, Marketing and Civic Engagement Director Donna Green, Director of Economic Development Shani Bradshaw, and Police Chief Tyson Cheek.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation and discussion on an updated Purchasing Policy.

Assistant City Manager (ACM) Ciocan provided a presentation and overview of the item.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed policy, possible preferences given to local businesses, and the City Manager's authority approving contracts budgeted and for change orders.

ACM Ciocan addressed the questions from Councilmember Barrett regarding

preferences for local businesses and donating goods to other municipalities.

2. Discussion on possibly allowing consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages on city-owned property during special events.

Assistant City Manager Ciocan provided an overview of the proposed Special Events ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding allowing alcoholic beverages at events utilizing the Special Events process outlined in the proposed ordinance, liability insurance, and any additional restrictions that may be applicable to the event.

3. Presentation and discussion on solid waste and recycling services.

City Manager Noblitt provided an overview of the item, including the names of the vendors who submitted proposals, how the proposals were evaluated, independent scoring, and the price proposals submitted by the vendors.

Discussion ensued regarding staff's recommendation, cost savings, recycling charges, and commercial customer increases.

OVERVIEW OF ITEMS ON THE REGULAR AGENDA

No discussion.

ADJOURN THE WORK SESSION

There being no further business, Mayor Muir adjourned the work session at 7:07 p.m.

CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Muir called the regular meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Bilyeu gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Barrett.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No one addressed the Council.

REPORTS

4. Development Services Project Update 2022-2023.

Director Hammonds provided a presentation and overview of the projects approved by the Council, the status of the projects submitted during Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and other items managed by Developments Services, including inspections and Code Enforcement.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Consideration and possible action on the minutes from the October 2, 2023, meeting.
6. Consideration and possible action to sign Local Agreement Respecting Forfeited Contraband Under Chapter 59 and Article 18.18, Texas Code, between the Chief of Police of Sanger Texas and the District Attorney's office of Denton County.
7. Consideration and possible action on the Denton Municipal Electric (DME) Mutual Aid agreement and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement and all necessary documents.
8. Consideration and possible action on Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Denton County and the City of Sanger Police and Fire Departments for the use of the Denton County Radio Communications System.

9. Consideration and possible action on authorizing staff to issue an RFQ for Conceptual Renderings for Porter Sports Park Phase 2.
10. Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 2023-15 adopting a Purchasing Policy.
11. Consideration and Possible Action on Ordinance 10-29-23 delegating purchasing authority to the City Manager in accordance with the City Charter and the City's Purchasing and Procedures Manual.

Motion to approve Items 6-11 made by Councilmember Bilyeu, Seconded by Councilmember Barrett.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Chick, Councilmember Dillon, and Councilmember Gann.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Item 5 made by Councilmember Barrett, Seconded by Councilmember Dillon.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Chick and Councilmember Gann.

Voting Nay: None

Abstention: Councilmember Bilyeu.

Motion passed 4-0-1.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

12. Conduct a public hearing on a request for a variance from Chapter 3 Building Regulations – Article 3.1407.b.2.A, to allow a variance from the maximum 150 square feet of sign per and allow for a maximum of 225 square feet per side. The proposed sign will be located at 1405 N Stemmons.

Mayor Muir opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Director Hammonds provided an overview of the request from Glenn Polk Autoplex.

Mayor Muir closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

13. Consideration and possible action on a request for a variance from Chapter 3 Building Regulations – Article 3.1407.b.2.A, to allow a variance from the maximum 150 square feet of sign per and allow for a maximum of 225 square feet per side. The proposed sign will be located at 1405 N Stemmons.

Director Hammonds stated the City received one response in opposition.

Discussion ensued regarding the size of the signage being within the square footage that the consultants will recommend in the proposed Code amendments.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Bilyeu, Seconded by Councilmember Gann.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Barrett, Councilmember Chick, and Councilmember Dillon.
Motion passed unanimously.

14. Consideration and possible action on a Preliminary Plat of lots 1-12 Block A, Lots 1-7 Block B, Block C, and open space lot 5x, 8x, 13x of Lakeside Estates Addition, being 68.028 acres, located in the City of Sanger's ETJ, and generally located on the north side of McReynolds Road approximately 120 feet north east of the intersection of McReynolds Road and FM 455.

Director Hammonds provided an overview of the request, stating that the Planning and Zoning Commission did not have a quorum to discuss this Plat. Therefore, there is no recommendation from the Commission.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Bilyeu, Seconded by Councilmember Gann.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Barrett, Councilmember Chick, and Councilmember Dillon.
Motion passed unanimously.

15. Consideration and possible action to select Republic Services for solid waste and recycling services and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a possible contract with Republic Services.

Republic Representative Cheryl Brock introduced Craig Mikolajchak and Jerri Harwell.

Ms. Brock answered Council questions regarding the list of accepted recycling materials, working with customers should there be violations, the recycling process, and working with the City's team to clearly communicate the changes to residents regarding their solid waste services.

The Council then discussed trash and recycling pick up once a week, continuing to offer a recycling option to residents, the wear and tear to the roadways with twice a week pick up, and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a five-year agreement.

Motion to select Republic Services for the City's Solid Waste and Recycling provider and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract for once a week collection of trash and recycling made by Councilmember Barrett, Seconded by Councilmember Dillon.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Chick Councilmember.

Voting Nay: Councilmember Bilyeu and Councilmember Gann.

Motion passed 3-2-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmembers made no requests.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

16. Atmos Energy Rider GCR Rate Filing under Docket No. 10170 09-26-2023

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Muir adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Thomas E. Muir, Mayor

Kelly Edwards, City Secretary

Opposition