

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION & BUDGET WORKSHOP

Tuesday, July 02, 2024 at 5:00 PM

City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas

MINUTES

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Sweeny met in **Special Session** on **Tuesday, July 02, 2024 at 5:00 PM.** at City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas with the following agenda.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Hopkins called the meeting to order at 5:13 P.M.

Neal Bess Jr., Reese Cook, Brian Brooks, and John Rambo were in attendance.

Tim Pettigrew was absent.

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

The pledges were led by Brian Brooks. The invocation was given by Reese Cook.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

No citizen comments.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution designating the Emergency Operations Center and an alternate location.

Council discussed the Emergency Operations Center locations and possible collaborations with the corresponding agencies and school district for shared services. Discussion only.

2. Discussion and possible action to agenda request received regarding recent June 7th Rainbow Cemetery Burn by Sweeny Fire and Rescue and possible ordinance violation; Councilman Cook Councilman Bess gave information pertaining to the burn previously completed. Councilman Cook expressed concern to the burn, lack of variance, current ordinance, and any modifications needed to the ordinance. Fire Chief Barton gave input and recommended the Fire Marshal be included on the reviewal of the current ordinance, modification process, and variance recommendations. Discussion only.

3. Discussion and possible action to set a date and time for next Budget Workshop; General Fund FY 25

City Manager suggested to hold the next budget workshop on July 16th, 2024 at 4 p.m., prior to the regular meeting at 6 p.m. All boards and commissions would present their budgets during this workshop; CCPD, Beautification, SEDC, Fire Department.

Neal Bess Jr. moved that we have the next budget workshop on July 16th, 2024 at 4 p.m. John Rambo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Neal Bess Jr. stated he asked for five years of budgets. In prior years, budget workshops would start in the middle of December and continue thru March. This is not a quick fix. We are going to have to work with this and difficult moves will have to be made.

BUDGET WORKSHOP & CIP

Before beginning the Budget Workshop, Mayor asked if Council wanted to set a time limit for this item, suggesting two hours; ending at 7:40 PM.

Neal Bess Jr. stated so moved. John Rambo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Neal Bess Jr. stated the Lions Club have hotdogs at the July 4th celebration. There will be fireworks at dusk.

Mayor Hopkins stated that Councilman Tim Pettigrew submitted his resignation today.

Mayor Hopkins also stated to keep an eye on the storm (Hurricane Beryl) and be mindful of updates throughout the holiday weekend. Be prepared.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION at 7:45 P.M.

Staff present:

City Manager, Lindsay Koskiniemi

Police Chief, Brad Caudle

Director of Public Works, Terrance Bell

Finance Director / Personnel Services, Karla Wilson

City Secretary, Kaydi Smith

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Kaydi Smith - City Secretary