CITY COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL EMERGENCY SESSION

Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Community Center, 205 W Ashley Wilson Road, Sweeny, Texas 77480

MINUTES

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Sweeny met in **Special Session for an Emergency Meeting** on <u>**Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 11:00 AM.**</u> at the Sweeny Community Center, 205 W Ashley Wilson Road, Sweeny, Texas 77480 with the following agenda, pursuant to *Section 551.0145 (b) 2 (A), Notice of Emergency Meeting*.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Mayor Hopkins opened the meeting at 11:05 a.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 Neal Bess Jr. The invocation was given by Mayor Hopkins.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL
No citizen comments.

REGULAR AGENDA
1. Discussion and possible action to ratify the disaster declaration issued on July 7th, 2024 in response to Hurricane Beryl.

City Manager stated we are required to ratify the disaster declaration to receive TDEM and FEMA funding. This will extend the disaster declaration for 30 days if benefits are needed.
Reese Cook moved that we ratify the disaster declaration issued on July 7th, 2024 in response to Hurricane Beryl. Neal Bess Jr. seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action on debris removal options.

City Manager presented estimates from Rostan and DRC; the city's awarded debris monitoring company and debris removal company. DRC's (removal) estimate is $1.45M and Rostan's (monitoring) estimate is $200M for approximately three weeks of completion at 50-75K cubic yardage.
City Manager stated the City would be responsible to pay upfront and could be reimbursed at 75% by FEMA at an undetermined later date. A concern is the amount of time to receive reimbursement. Two representatives from Rostan Solutions, LLC. were present; John Dickinson and Jeff Cousins.

Reese Cook moved that we discuss items 2 & 3 together, instead of as separate items. Neal Bess Jr. seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council continued to discuss options to include using private contractors, burning, locations, TCEQ requirements and potential costs incurred with input from Devin Lemon, Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Marshal.

Neal Bess Jr. made the motion to go with debris removal private contractors and it will not be reimbursed. Reese Cook seconded.
Discussion: Reese Cook questioned if we cannot secure the private contractor or if we need additional removal, will we bring back to the table? Correct-stated Mayor. Neal Bess Jr. stated other options are sewer plant and fire station locations. Cook mentioned needing to set communications of debris pickup and cut off dates. Brian Brooks questioned doing this without speaking with the private contractors directly.
All in favor. Motion carried.

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3. Discussion and possible action to variance to §92.01 for allowance to burn debris incurred from Hurricane Beryl.

See above item. Items 2 & 3 were discussed together instead of separate items per above motion.

4. Discussion and possible action to reschedule the July 16th, 2024 Special Session & Budget Workshop and Regular Session Council meetings.

City Manager requested that the July 16th meeting be rescheduled to the following week in order to prepare. New meeting date would be July 23rd.

Mayor asked for a motion to move to the 23rd.
Brian Brooks stated so moved. Seconded by Neal Bess Jr.
Discussion: Brian Brooks asked if we could have the private contractors at the next meeting to discuss. Terrence Bell stated he could have an employee in house to determine monitoring after we complete further details.
All in favor. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST
N/A

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION
Mayor Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 12 p.m.

Staff Present:
Lindsay Koskiniemi, City Manager
Devin Lemon, Emergency Management Coordinator / Fire Marshal
Terrence Bell, Director of Public Works

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2024.

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Kaydi Smith - City Secretary