

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR SESSION

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:00 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 **Regular Session** on **Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM.** at City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas with the following agenda.

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

Neal Bess Jr., Reese Cook, Brian Brooks, and Shaun Massey were in attendance. John Rambo was absent.

#### PLEDGES & INVOCATION

Pledges were led by Neal Bess Jr. Invocation was given by Reese Cook.

#### CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Sweeny Beautification Committee's Yard of the Month  
Yard of the month is 207 Avenue A, Jennifer Lee.

2. Proclamations (2): First Methodist Church of Sweeny; 100th Anniversary  
Veterans Day, November 11, 2024

Mayor stated the proclamations will be signed and hung in the foyer of City Hall recognizing the First Methodist Church of Sweeny on their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and proclaiming November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as Veterans Day.

#### CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

Agatha Sanchez, President and founder of the Sweeny Community Thanksgiving Feast, stated that this is their 14<sup>th</sup> year. They continue to bring unity to the community in combination with 32 churches, the Sweeny Independent School District, and the Sweeny Hospital. She read a letter from a previous meal recipient of the feast. The organization has served over 15,000 plates within the Community. Members Evelyn Jammer of Grace United Methodist Church and Ms. Ruby Griggs of Allen Memorial Church were in attendance. The Feast will be Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Sanchez is requesting volunteers in order to continue making this meal a success.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

3. Minutes: Regular Session, September 17, 2024 & Special Session, September 26, 2024.  
Mayor Hopkins asked for a motion to approve the Regular Session, September 17, 2024 & Special Session, September 26, 2024 minutes. Brian Brooks stated so moved. Shaun Massey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Personnel Status Update  
Mr. Jordan gave the personnel status report.

5. Project Status Report  
Mr. Jordan gave the project status report.

6. FY 2023/2024 Departmental Quarterly Reports; 4th Quarter (July-September 30, 2024)  
Quarterly reports were given by each department.

## REGULAR AGENDA

7. Discussion and possible action to Ordinance 24-108, De-annexing 2.68 acres from the City of Sweeny.

Reese Cook moved to approve Ordinance 24-108, de-annexing 2.68 acres from the City of Sweeny. Shaun Massey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action to accept proposal from BTEL and allow Interim City Manager to enter into contract.

Albert Padilla, Director of Business Development for Btel, was in attendance to answer and elaborate on the proposed contract.

Neal Bess Jr. moved to approve the contract with Btel. Brian Brooks seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to appoint applicants to the Sweeny Economic Development Corporation Board.

Michelle Medina, SEDC Executive Director stated there are four positions available on the EDC board. Reese Cook moved to appoint Brittanie Hopkins, Neal Bess Jr., Katie Goff, and Brian Brooks to two-year terms, starting 2024 to 2026, to the Sweeny Economic Development Corporation. Shaun Massey seconded. Neal Bess Jr., Reese Cook, and Shaun Massey approved. Brian Brooks abstained. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action to appoint applicants to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Reese Cook moved to appoint Jenny Massey and Woodrow Tolley to the Parks and Recreation Board to fill current terms expiring 2025 as presented. Neal Bess Jr. seconded. Neal Bess Jr., Reese Cook, and Brian Brooks approved. Shaun Massey abstained. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action to Resolution 24-115, designating authorized signatories for contractual documents and documents requesting funds pertaining to the CDBG-MIT General Land Office State Contract No. 22-082-007-D205.

Reese Cook moved to approve Resolution 24-115, designating authorized signatories for contractual documents and documents requesting funds pertaining to the CDBG-MIT General Land Office State Contract No. 22-082-007-D205. Brian Brooks seconded.

Discussion: Neal Bess Jr. asked about the CDBG MLK project. Mr. Jordan stated that CDBG has requested additional information and there is no confirmation of funding at this time. Neal Bess Jr. stated there was a fire in that area previously.

All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action to budget amendment requested for building maintenance.

Mr. Jordan stated this is a budget amendment request to repair the overhead doors at the public works shop as they prepare for the new animal shelter.

Neal Bess Jr. moved to amend the budget on the doors at the water treatment building, or behind it. Reese Cook seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action to contractual agreement for Plumbing Inspections, Building Inspections, and Reviewal Services for FY 2024 / 2025.

Reese Cook moved to approve the annual Fiscal Year 2024/ 2025 contractual agreement with Don Malone for plumbing inspections, building inspections, and building reviewal services. Neal Bess Jr. seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action to Resolution 24-116, designating a representative and alternative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC), 2025 General Assembly.

Reese Cook moved to approve Resolution 24-116 designating John Rambo as the City of Sweeny's representative and Shaun Massey as an alternate for the general assembly of the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the year 2025. Neal Bess Jr. seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action to annual reminder of the functions, powers, and responsibilities of elected officials.

Discussion Only; No Action.

16. Discussion and possible action to the Texas Comptroller's Office update on sales and use tax allocations for the Industrial Park.

Discussion Only; No Action.

**ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

Neal Bess Jr. stated he would like the streetlights repaired for dark spots. He recently drove the Lions Club disaster trailer to Perry Florida to deliver materials.

Mayor Hopkins announced two young men from Brazosport Christian School that were in attendance. Sheppard and Eric are in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and interested in seeing how a City Council Meeting is conducted.

Neal Bess Jr. stated Crab, Texas has the youngest City Council in Texas.

Shaun Massey reminded everyone of Halloween in the Park on October 26th, hosted by Old Ocean Volunteer Fire Department and the Sweeny Fire Department.

**ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM.

*Staff or Members Present*

Interim City Manager, David Jordan

Corporal, Mitch Ferrell

Director of Public Works, Terrence Bell

Finance Director / Personnel Services, Karla Wilson

City Secretary, Kaydi Smith

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Kaydi Smith, City Secretary