

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL SESSION

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 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 22, 2025 at 5:00 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 5 PM.

Neal Bess Jr., Reese Cook, Brian Brooks, and Caniel "Shaun" Massey were in attendance. Sandra Blaine was absent.

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

Pledges were led by Neal Bess Jr.

Invocation given by Reese Cook.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

N/A

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to appointing a rabies control officer.

City Manager David Jordan stated this is required by state law. The Rabies Control Officer must be appointed by the Council. Our City ordinance states the Rabies Control Officer is to be the Public Works Director. However, Animal Control is no longer under the Public Works Department. The City would need to amend the ordinance to reflect who Council designates. This officer oversees that all state laws and city ordinances are enforced as written. Mr. Jordan stated that since the Animal Control Officer is under the Police Department, he would designate the Police Chief. Reagan Moreno was in attendance to offer information as she is a licensed Animal Control Officer. The City additionally needs to establish an Animal Control Committee by statute.

Shaun Massey motioned to appoint Reagan (Moreno) as the Rabies Control Officer with the City of Sweeny, and if she accepts, direct to work under Public Works and under supervisor of City Manager.

Seconded by Neal Bess Jr.

Discussion: Does the statute state the officer must be an employee of the City asked Cook? Council discussed the statute and motion made, as hiring an employee is not on the agenda. The agenda item would need to follow our ordinance or the ordinance would need to be amended dependent on Council's designation. Council requests that this be discussed further at the next regular session.

Councilman Massey stated he wished to pull his motion from the table for appointing Reagan to the rabies control officer. There is already a motion and a second and could not be pulled.

Council voted and all council members in attendance opposed. Motion failed.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

2. FY 25/26 Budget

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Neal Bess Jr. stated that the Greater Mount Zion Church is hosting their school bash on August 2nd and the Lions Club will be helping.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:28P.

Staff and Boards Present

City Manager, David Jordan

Chief of Police, Brad Caudle

Director of Public Works, DeLane Brown

Finance Director / Personnel Services, Karla Wilson

City Secretary, Kaydi Smith

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Kaydi Smith -- City Secretary