

CITY COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR SESSION

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 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 will met in **Regular Session** on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00 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 6 PM. Neal Bess Jr., Reese Cook, Brian Brooks, John Rambo, and Caniel "Shaun" Massey were in attendance.

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

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

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Sweeny Beautification Committee's Yard of the Month

2. Proclamation: Juneteenth; June 19, 2025

Mayor Hopkins stated he will sign the proclamation and it will be posted within the foyer of City Hall, proclaiming June 19th as Juneteenth.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Minutes: Regular Session; April 15, 2025 & Special Session; May 09, 2025

Shaun Massey moved to approve. John Rambo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of YTD General Fund and Enterprise Fund Income and Expenses

5. Personnel Status – Information Only

6. Project Status, Gas Compliance, & Sidewalk Repair Report

7. Critical Equipment Report; Generator Hourly Activated Self-Test Report

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Recognition and Presentation of Appreciation Plaque for Councilman John Rambo; Position Four (4)

Mayor Hopkins presented John Rambo with a plaque of appreciation for his contributions to the City as Councilman Position No. 4 from 2019 to 2025.

9. Administering of the Oath of Office, Statement of Elected Officer, and Certificate of Election for the duly elected; the Mayor, Council Position Two (2) and Council Position Four (4); Appointing Elected Officials

Attorney Stevenson administered the newly elected officials their Oath of Office. Each completed and signed their Statement of Elected Officer. Mayor Hopkins presented the Certificates of Election for the duly elected. Sandra Blaine assumed per position on the diocese as a voting member and the Mayor continued with the agenda.

10. Discussion and possible action to agenda request received, disputing the utility bill for 505 Irma; Crowder

Mr. & Mrs. Crowder of 505 Irma approached Council disputing the high gas bill received for usage spanning February 18th -March 17th. No leaks were detected on the City side. The Crowders hired a plumber to perform a pressure test and no leaks were determined. This is an extremely high bill compared to their normal usage. Council requested the meter be changed out.

Neal Bess Jr. motioned to look at the past six months and average it out to what it was in the past six months. Seconded by Shaun Massey. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action to agenda request received for usage of the Sweeny Community Center by the Friends of the Sweeny Library; Bonner

Katherine Bonner of the Friends of the Sweeny Library approached Council requesting permission to use the Community Center for three times a year for their summertime activities and book sale during the fall. She is requesting for Council to waive the rental fee for these events. Savings of the rental fees would go towards the local library and kids in the community. If approved, it is suggested by City staff that the Friends of the Library be responsible for their own janitorial supplies and to clean after each event/rental.

Ms. Bonner stated that they would take a picture prior to using and after.

Mr. Bess asked about the allowance without specific dates of rentals.

Mr. Jordan stated we could approve with the coordination of staff for proposed dates. Brian Brooks stated so moved. Seconded by Neal Bess Jr.

Discussion: Reese Cook asked about setting up an agreement with the Friends of the Sweeny Library for future usage that runs concurrently with our County contract for these types of requests. An agreement could be put together that would be beneficial for both parties.

All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action to Texas Rebuild proposal for wellhead rehabilitation.

David Jordan stated this is a proposal for phase I of a project that would assist to clean up the wells, minimizing complaints. This would help to improve efficiency in our well production and help with the color of the water. This is a cost effect way of reducing our chemical expenses, by adding bicarbus to the system. Doug Vinyard has been working with the University of Houston, College of Engineering, for site research. He has a plant in Tomball that makes this specialized molecule. This molecule prevents microbes from being able to communicate. This molecule prevents communication, individualizing, and oxidizing the inorganic materials within the well. When using it as a maintenance, this keeps them from coming back or reforming colonies. The maintenance expense would be approximately \$7,300 per year after the full cleaning of the wells. This would replace the current phosphate injection under the maintenance portion. This proposal is only for phase I, to clean the four wells.

Reese Cook moved to approve the proposal from Texas Rebuild, allowing the City Manager to execute the agreement, and to approve a budget amendment for the expenditure, in the amount of \$10,000.00, from the TexPool Infrastructure Donations Fund balance. Second by Neal Bess Jr. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action to Ordinance 25-106, amending or repealing contractor registration requirements, pursuant to the recent repeal of Chapter 114 by Ordinance 25-103; §91.40(B), §91.41(A), §112.03.

Reese Cook moved to approve Ordinance 25-106, amending and repealing the requirement for the registration of contractors. Second by Shaun Massey. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action on Minute Order 25-M100, establishing a speed limit on Calvie Brown Road, located within Industrial Park.

Shaun Massey stated so moved, accepting the Minute Order 25-M100, establishing a speed limit of 20 mph on Calvie Brown Road. Seconded by Neal Bess Jr. All in favor. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action on the selection of Mayor Pro Tem.

In the event the Mayor is not available, the Mayor Pro Tem acts in their position. Each Councilman was given an index card to select a new Mayor Pro Tem by secret ballot.

The following votes were received resulting in a tie.

2 votes Brian Brooks

2 votes Neal Bess Jr.

1 vote Reese Cook

Council was given an additional card for a runoff vote between Brooks and Bess.

Brian Brooks received the greater number of votes. The following votes were received:

2 votes Neal Bess Jr.

3 votes Brian Brooks

Attorney Stevenson suggests a motion to appoint him (Brian Brooks) by action of the whole Council.

Reese Cook stated so moved. Seconded by Sandra Blaine. All in favor. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Neal Bess Jr. stated he attended the Gulf Coast Transit board meeting today and there was no quorum. They will be getting a MOU ready for a vote and then come to the City for approval. This would be to get our own bus to pickup people at their homes. First year would be \$6,400, with the following year approximately \$20,000.

Sandra Blaine stated she is looking forward to serving the City.

Shaun Massey stated the event held last Saturday was good at Windmill Run. The Lions Club, Fire Department, and Constable's Office, were in attendance. It was a good response. They were there from 4 pm to 11:30 pm.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Staff 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