

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SWEENEY CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021
6:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at Sweeny City Hall on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Farley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Council Position 1. Sandra Blaine
Council Position 2. Bill Hayes
Council Position 3. Brian Brooks
Council Position 4. John Rambo
Council Position 5. Tim Pettigrew - absent

STAFF

Reese Cook, City Manager
Reatta Minshew, City Secretary
Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

American Flag

Texas Flag

The pledge was led by Councilman Bill Hayes.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Reese Cook.

3. VISTORS COMMENTS

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A.

5. PRESENTAIONS:

A. Commendations

B. Proclamation – Fair Housing Month /

C. Fire Department Report –James Christian gave the report.

D. Police Report – Chief Brad Caudle gave the report.

D. City Manager Report – Reese Cook gave the report.

E. SEDC Report – Michele Medina was present in the audience.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Bills in the amount of \$45,497.32

B. Minutes from Regular Session: November 16 and 30, 2021

Sandy Blaine made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$45,497.32 and the minutes from November 16th and 30th, 2021. Bill Hayes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Discuss and act (as needed) ordinance closing and abandoning Brockman Street road easement located between block 1 and block 2, Rose Terrace Subdivision.

Bill Hayes made a motion to approve the ordinance abandoning Brockman Street road easement located between block 1 and block 2 of Rose Terrace Subdivision. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss and act (as needed): Planning and Zoning - 118 Pecan Street

Mr. Cook explained to council that this property is being purchased by Litzler's Feed Store, it is adjacent to the back of their property on Main Street. It does not meet the new R2 requirements adopted in 2006, minimum lot size, minimum setbacks, and off-street parking that we have in place now. The owners of Litzler's Feed Store went to Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments to ask for a variance from the R2 requirements, minimum lot size, minimum setbacks, and off-street parking and they gave approval.

John Rambo made a motion to approve the variance from the Board of Adjustments. Bill Hayes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss and act (as needed): Replat Jordan Family Trust - County Road 332 McCormick Tract 27 to Replat.

Mayor Farley explained this property on County Road 332 Tract 27 is one property and the owners would like to separate it into two properties. Lot 1, .99 acres and Lot 2, 155.01 acres. Mr. Cook explained this property is not in our city limits but is in our ETJ. Replats fall under our jurisdiction.

John Rambo made a motion to approve the replat set forth as agenda item B. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Discuss and act (as needed): Eugene Griggs - 405 W. Fourth Street Replat

This property is on W. Fourth Street. The owners are requesting to combine five lots: 1,2, 12,13,14 into a single lot, 1A.

Brian Brooks made a motion to approve the replat as presented. John Rambo seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Discuss and act (as needed): Beautification – Mardi Gras Event

Nicky Ordonez stated the Beautification would like to have a new event, Mardi Gras Gumbo Cook Off held at Chick Anderson Park, Saturday Feb. 26, 2022, 10am – midnight. Mr. Ordonez

is asking for an alcohol variance on that day Feb 26 from 10am – midnight. The committee will have security and have the orange barricades for “designated alcohol consumption”.

Bill Hayes made a motion to approve the Mardi Gras Gumbo Cookoff Event and to give an alcohol variance in the designated area only as presented from 10am to midnight with a minimum of two officers. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Nicky Ordonez stated they would also have a Parade at 10am on that Saturday, Feb 26, 2022.

E. Discuss and act (as needed): Fire Chief Roger Barton – Title Transfer of Fire Field Property to Sweeny Fire and Rescue.

Fire Chief Roger Barton gave history of the fire field property. It is 14 acers. Mr. Barton stated the City of Sweeny Owns the property, but the Sweeny Fire and Rescue has put a lot of money and time into this property. Mr. Barton is asking the City of Sweeny to transfer the title over to the Sweeny Fire and Rescue. With the property in their name, they can get more donations from Industries and private owners.

Brian Brooks made a motion to transfer the title of the “Fire Field”, 14 acers, to the Sweeny Fire and Rescue, however, if Sweeny Fire and Rescue ever disband the title reverts to the City of Sweeny. Bill Hayes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Discuss and act (as needed): Reese Cook – Janitorial Services Frequency at Sweeny Sr. Center

Mr. Cook stated to council this is annual contract for the Sr. Center. Currently it is cleaned twice a week.

Brian Brooks made a motion to keep the janitorial services as is, twice a week. Bill Hayes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

G. Discuss and act (as needed): Water System and Drainage Study Proposal from MRB Group

Mr. Cook stated he reached out to the MRB Group (our Professional Service Firm), to give us a price for a city-wide water study using our ARPA Funds we have received. Looking at our water wells, storage tanks, water lines, water treatment plant, pumps etc. They will do a full assessment for \$66,000.00. GIS, they will take all that information and put in on a real time map.

\$12,000.00. This plan will take about 7 months for a total of \$151,600.00. Mr. Cook stated with a plan like this in place is an asset when we look for a large grant.

Brain Brooks made a motion to approve the \$151,600.00 proposal as presented using the ARPA Funds. John Rambo seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

H. Discuss and act (as needed): Resolution to designate authorized signatories for the community develop block grant.

Mr. Cook states this resolution is to designate authorized signatories for the 6 million Block Grant. The signatories are Reese Cook, Reatta Minshew and Kaydi Smith.

John Rambo made a motion to approve the resolution to designate authorized signatories for the block grant as Reese Cook, Reatta Minshew and Kaydi Smith. Bill Hayes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

I. Discuss and act (as needed): Resolution Regarding Civil Rights: Policies Section 3, Excessive Force, Limited English Proficiency Standards Plan, Section 504, Grievance Procedures, Code of Conduct and Fair Housing.

Mr. Cook stated this also is regarding the Block Grant, making sure all these are in place, which we already practice all of these. They are asking for a resolution.

Sandra Blaine made a motion to approve the resolution regarding civil rights: Policies Section 3, Excessive Force, Limited English Proficiency Standards Plan, Section 504, Grievance Procedures, Code of Conduct and Fair Housing. John Rambo seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

J. Discuss and act (as needed): Budget Amendment Purchase of WWTP automatic bar screen.

Mr. Cook stated the council approved this automatic bar screen about 3 months ago for \$90K. We have not purchased the screen yet and now it cost \$120K.

Bill Hayes made a motion to approve the budget amendment to purchase the automatic bar screen for \$120K. John Rambo seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

K. Discuss and act on 2022 City of Sweeny Holiday Schedule

Bill Hayes made a motion to approve the 2022 City of Sweeny Holiday Schedule. John Rambo seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION §551.071, §511.072 AND §551.074:

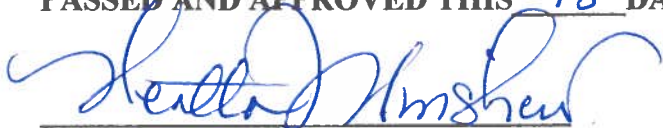
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9. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

10. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

11. ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18 DAY OF January 2022.



Reatta Minshew, City Secretary