

CITY COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR SESSION

Tuesday, August 19, 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 met in **Regular Session** on **Tuesday, August 19, 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, Sandra Blaine, and Caniel "Shaun" Massey were present.

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

Pledges were led by Neal Bess Jr.

Invocation was given by Attorney Stevenson.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation: Patriot Day, September 11, 2025

Mayor Hopkins stated he will sign the proclamation and it will be posted within the foyer of City Hall, proclaiming September 11, 2025 as Patriot Day.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

Leigh Ann Thornton addressed Council and requested the MOU and release of liability be placed on the forefront. BAAB does not want to risk losing the Miranda Lambert grant. They want to be able to spay/neuter, provide medical care, and complete adoptions.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Minutes: Special and Regular Session; July 15, 2025; Special Session July 22, 2025; Special Session August 05, 2025, Special Session August 11, 2025

Mayor Hopkins restated the agenda item and asked for a motion to approve. Brian Brooks stated so moved. Seconded by Shuan Massey. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Financial Statements

4. Monthly Departmental Updates; July 2025

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Discussion and possible action to agenda request for variance to the Zoning Ordinance, Exhibit A, Section 110-173 (c) for proposed fence at 1203 East 7th Street; Jones

Reese Cook moved to approve a variance to the Zoning Ordinance, Exhibit A, Section 110-173 (c), allowing for a privacy fence to extend past the building line, nearest the west property line, closest to East 7th Street, as depicted and presented, located at 1203 E 7th Street. Seconded by Neal Bess Jr. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action to Resolution 25-106, approving the Sweeny Economic Development Corporation's revised Performance Agreement with Equipment Share.

Mayor Hopkins asked for a motion approving Resolution 25-106, approving the revised Performance Agreement for Equipment Share. Reese Cook stated so moved. Seconded by Shaun Massey. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action to Sweeny Economic Development Corporation's 2025/2026 Fiscal Year budget.

Reese Cook moved to approve the Sweeny EDC 2025/2026 proposed budget as presented. Seconded by Neal Bess Jr. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action to the Crime Control and Prevention District's 2025/2026 Fiscal Year budget.

Woody Tolley of the Crime Control & Prevention District presented the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget. Reese Cook moved to approve the Crime Control & Prevention District's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget as presented. Seconded by Brian Brooks. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to Sweeny Beautification Committee's 2025/2026 Fiscal Year budget.

Sanci Kennedy of the Sweeny Beautification Committee presented the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget. Neal Bess Jr. moved to approve the Beautification Committee's 2025/2026 budget. Seconded by Shuan Massey. Neal Bess Jr., Sandra Blaine, & Shaun Massey approved. Reese Cook and Brian Brooks opposed. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action to the Fire Department's 2025/2026 Fiscal Year budget.

Tim Webb, Assistant Fire Chief, was in attendance to present the Fire Department budget. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Fire Department's 2025/2026 budget. Neal Bess Jr. stated so moved. Seconded by Shaun Massey. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action to the Police Department's 2025/2026 Fiscal Year budget.

Mayor Hopkins asked for a motion to approve the Police Department's budget for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. Neal Bess Jr. stated so moved. Seconded by Brian Brooks. Neal Bess Jr., Brian Brooks, Sandra Blaine, and Shaun Massey approved. Reese Cook opposed. Motion carried.

12. Discussion on the City's proposed budget for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year prior to final adoption.

Mr. Jordan stated that nothing has changed within the budget already presented to Council. He has requested adding three line items showing capital outlay within the streets, drainage, and general fund, mainly directed toward parks, for the amount generated due to the increased tax revenue. He is requesting Council approve a resolution that restricts expenditures within these three line items. Additionally, that expenditures must be approved by Council. Council continued to discuss the tax rate and how it affects the budget.
Discussion only; no action.

13. Discussion and possible action to proposed ordinance to require exterior security cameras for apartment complexes.

Shaun Massey stated he is good with the draft and feels this will hold apartment complexes accountable, while helping renters feel safer. This should help to deter crime and will aid the Fire Department and Police Department.

Reese Cook questioned Section F and recommended the section be revised. City Attorney agreed and will be updating the verbiage.

Mayor Hopkins asked for a motion to approve the ordinance. Shaun Massey stated so moved. Seconded by Neal Bess Jr.

Attorney Stevenson asked for clarification: is this motion approving the draft proposed or including the requested amendment?

Massey stated he wished to amend his motion to approve the ordinance with Section F. It shouldn't say shall, and for Mr. Stevenson to put into legal terms. Seconded by Neal Bess Jr. Neal Bess Jr., Brian Brooks, Sandra Blaine, and Shaun Massey approved. Reese Cook opposed. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action to appoint a Rabies Control Authority.

Mr. Jordan, City Manager, recommends appointing the Police Chief as the Local Rabies Authority. This will require an ordinance amendment.

Reese Cook moved to designate Chief Brad Caudle of the Sweeny Police Department as the Rabies Control Authority for the purpose of the Rabies Control Act of 1981 and amend the ordinance to reflect accordingly as necessary. Seconded by Neal Bess Jr. All in favor. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action to annual interlocal agreement with Brazoria County for construction, improvement, maintenance, and/or repair of streets.

Reese Cook moved to approve the interlocal agreement with Brazoria County for construction, improvement, maintenance, and/or street repair, ending 09/30/2026. Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Discussion: Mayor highlighted and read Section 1.1 of the agreement aloud and suggested we utilize these services. All in favor. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Shaun Massey stated he attended the Sweeny Beautification Committee meeting recently. The mural will look good on the library. They are working on other ideas, such as entry signage. Sanci Kennedy of Beautification added that the Cemetery Association has agreed to allow signage on their property. Beautification will present to Council soon.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Financial Statements are on file with the City Secretary.

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