

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL SESSION & BUDGET WORKSHOP

Tuesday, August 06, 2024 at 4:00 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, August 06, 2024 at 4:00 PM.** at City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas with the following agenda.

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### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Hopkins called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

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

### PLEDGES & INVOCATION

Pledges were led by John Rambo.

Invocation was given by Reese Cook.

### CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

No citizens comments.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Third Quarter Update from the Public Works Department, covering April, May, & June 2024. Director of Public Works gave his third quarter update for the Public Works Department. Council requested a detailed report at the next Regular Session, 08/20/2024, to include a list of culverts dredged.

### REGULAR AGENDA

2. Discussion and possible action on presentation by Texas Rebuild; Larry Jones  
Larry Jones of Texas Rebuild / E3 gave a presentation on the possible lost revenue that could be recouped by replacing the city's current water meters with ultrasonic meters. Presentation included the City's current billing amounts in comparison to other cities. Their focus is to investigate the current water meters. Texas Rebuild / E3 would perform data analysis and create a report at no charge. This report would determine if change outs of current meters are needed. Council requested Mr. Jones get with the City Manager to move forward and give an update at the next meeting.  
Discussion only; no action.

3. Discussion and possible action on re-plat of 2.30 acres within the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ)

City Secretary stated this is a request of a replat of 2.30 acres outside of the city limits, within the ETJ. Reese Cook moved to approve. John Rambo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action to allow the City to contract the install of a water utility connection at Industrial Park, and to determine financial responsibility, with potential reimbursement from SEDC to the City of Sweeny; 111A Calvie Brown Road.

City Manager stated that the EDC had agreed to reimburse the City to make the wet connection at Trilogy, located in the Industrial Park, in the amount of \$8,050.00. Bids received by the City are in excess of the amount EDC is to reimburse. City recommends the lowest of the bids received. Mayor Hopkins stated that the \$8,050.00 that EDC approved, was only for the water tie-in to the main line. The bids received includes the taps and water tie-ins for three taps, in which makes up the additional charges. The City intends to complete the sewer taps. City cannot complete the water, as it will require a bore. The contractor would complete the water tests and bac-t's.

Neal Bess Jr. stated, I move we make the taps and stubouts for the 3 users for \$14,349.00 to be paid by EDC. Reese Cook seconded.

Discussion: EDC has not approved the full \$14,349.00 as of yet. EDC will need to go back to their board for approval of the remaining balance from the bid received.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action on hiring a contractor to make the utility connection at 111A Calvie Brown Road in the Sweeny Industrial Park.

Staff recommends the lowest bid, submitted by Branch Construction Group in the amount of \$14,349.00. Mayor Hopkins asked if we have a motion to accept Branch Construction as the low bid. Brian Brooks stated so moved. Shaun Massey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action to the Sweeny Economic Development Corporation's FY 2024 / 2025 Proposed Budget

City Manager stated the EDC's proposed budget is not consistent with our comprehensive financial policy and budget requirements. She requests clarification on the proposed. Devin Lemon, EDC President, stated they meet as a board and complete a budget workshop. That is how it (budget) is decided and presented. City Manager suggested a meeting between herself, the City's Finance Director, and EDC to work on the budget together in order to manage correctly. EDC must adhere to the comprehensive financial policy to meet the City's requirements.

Council discussed the EDC's proposed budget with the EDC's members in attendance.

Reese Cook stated, I move to reject the Proposed EDC Budget for 2024/2025 and ask that the budget be re-presented at the August 20th meeting with the following changes: show cash on hand as a transfer from the associated accounts, break out payroll liabilities to show the individual items that make up those line items, and work with the City Manager to align the EDC budget with any other items required by the approved Financial Policy for the City of Sweeny. Brian Brooks seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. City of Sweeny FY 2024 / 2025 Budget Workshop

Council discussed the City's proposed FY 2024 / 2025 General Budget.

### **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

Brian Brooks stated he appreciates the speed at which Mr. Graham is clearing our streets.

### **ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

#### *Staff present:*

City Manager, Lindsay Koskiniemi

Police Chief, Brad Caudle

Director of Public Works, Terrance Bell

Technical Advisor, David Jordan

Finance Director / Personnel Services, Karla Wilson

City Secretary/ Developmental Services, Kaydi Smith

#### *City affiliates present:*

SEDC President, Devin Lemon

SEDC Vice President, Jenny Massey

SEDC Board Member, Kay Roe

Fire Chief, Roger Barton

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

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Kaydi Smith, City Secretary