

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL SESSION

Tuesday, August 01, 2023, 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 **Special Session** on **Tuesday, August 01, 2023, 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 and called roll.

Mark Morgan Jr., Reese Cook, and Brian Brooks were in attendance. John Rambo and Tim Pettigrew were absent.

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

Councilman Brooks led the pledges and Councilman Cook led the invocation.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

Neal Bess Jr. addressed Council regarding Inframark, as he believes we need to research this company further. He believes the City is wasting money.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes: Regular Session, July 18, 2023
Reese Cook made the motion to approve as presented. Seconded by Mark Morgan Jr. All in favor. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Discussion/ Possible Action of the Formal Appointment of the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD)
Lindsay Koskiniemi, City Manager, stated Council previously created the temporary board pending on voter approval of the CCPD. Following voter approval, and pursuant to the Local Government Code 363, Council must now formally appoint the members of the declared district. Reese Cook moved to approve. Mark Morgan Jr. seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Discussion/ Possible Action on a Budget Amendment to the FY 2022/2023 Budget; Auto Flushers
City Manager stated the auto flushers would help with the dead-end main flushing and she is currently requesting to purchase 12. They are \$3800.00 each. There are a total of 15 flushers needed. Concerns were made about the maintenance and installation of the flushers. Clarence Wittwer, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works stated the maintenance life is approximately 10 to 15 years and city employees would be able to complete the installs. Mr. Brooks recommended purchasing all 15 at once, totaling \$57,000.00. Since the amount exceeds the purchase threshold, the City is required to bid and/or purchase through a cooperative. Mr. Cook asked to get lead times and bring the information back to the next meeting along with cooperative options. The Mayor added to include software and operations information.
No Action; Discussion Only.
4. Discussion/ Possible Action on Inframark Updates
Assistant City Manager stated he received the updated emergency contract from Inframark today. He will be completing all dirty water calls and running the water plant in order to have Inframark's scope of work decreased. Inframark will only be operating the wastewater treatment

plant as of now. He will be initiating a letter to Inframark on 08/15/2023 to end all contractual services as of 09/01/2023. Public Works employee Shea Welman recently took his Class D Water Operators test and passed.
No Action; Discussion Only.

5. Discussion/ Possible Action to Establish a Charter Review Committee
City Manager stated the Charter Review Committee would work similarly to the newly created CCPD board. Attorney Stevenson stated Council is not required by law to have such committee. Council is allowed to request amendments, and the amendments are required to go before the voters. To pursue the residency change discussed at last month's meeting, Council must pass an ordinance and ballot language by January in order for it to be voted upon in the May election. Charters can only be amended every two years. Charter review committees can be a lengthy process. Members must be selected, terms determined, the Charter reviewed, and recommendations for change submitted to Council for review.
Reese Cook requested to table this item to the regular council meeting in August. Mark Morgan Jr. seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Attorney Stevenson left the meeting prior to starting the budget workshop, item #6.

6. Discussion/ Possible Action on Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2023/2024
City Manager stated she received the 2023 Certified Estimate of Taxable Value from the Brazoria County Appraisal District today in which changed numbers on the budget sent out in the packet. She has supplied each Council member with the updated information and reflected budget. Information handed out at the beginning of the budget workshop is included as Exhibit 1.
Discussion Only, adjourned Budget Workshop at the end of General Admin Department prior to the General Street Department.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mark Morgan Jr. stated the Lions Club did a great job on the carnival and back to school bash. Devin Lemon stated they gave out approximately 320 backpacks, 18 vouchers for free eye exams, and free glasses worth \$300.00; all totaling \$5400.000.

Mr. Brooks asked for everyone to pray for rain and commended the city workers and first responders for working in this heat.

Mayor Hopkins stated school activities have started back up including practices. Volleyball girls have a scrimmage this weekend and there is a football scrimmage next weekend. There are only four home games this year.

City Manager congratulated Shae Welman on his Class D certification. Phillips has reach out about contributing to a new pavilion at the MLK Park. She thanked the Lions Club for everything they did at the Back to School Bash and Carnival.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Exhibit 1 Attached- Updated Budget according to Taxable Value

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Kaydi Smith - City Secretary