

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL SESSION

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 5:00 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, May 28, 2024 at 5:00 PM**, at City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas with the following agenda. Council is conducted under modified Roberts Rules of Order as approved by Resolution 102-16; July 19, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Hopkins called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

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

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

Pledges were led by Tim Pettigrew. The invocation was given by Attorney Stevenson.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

No visitor comments.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to award construction contract for the Main Street Water Main Replacement Project.

City Manager stated that this item is a follow up to discuss a business credit check. JTM Construction LLC. had the higher credit score of the two lowest bidders. Jason Nerie of Nerie Brothers Construction LLC. was in attendance. Mayor Hopkins asked the City Attorney if the City can deviate from the lowest bid due to the information received. Attorney Stevenson responded that the law states the lowest responsible bidder; Council would need to determine responsible. Considerations to determine can be financials, resources available, and experience. Both companies have previously submitted one years worth of financial statements and no issues were detected. Attorney Stevenson stated TxDot's definition of a responsible bidder; physically organized and equipped with the financial wherewithal to undertake and complete the project. Council continued to discuss both companies.

Brian Brooks motioned to award JTM Construction, LLC. as the lowest responsible bidder. Neal Bess Jr. seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve a budget amendment in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget for the purchase of new commercial grade mowers.

City Manager stated that the City needs commercial mowers. We have residual funds from previous certificate issuances. There is \$61,000.00 in a TexPool account from the 2012 CO that is limited to water and wastewater only. We are still dealing with the TCEQ response from the November 2023 water investigation and are suffering in well capacity. City Manager feels we need to remediate the well capacity immediately. Hahn has supplied quotes for a booster pump and a recommendation for the well capacity, utilizing the sole source with Xylem. Jason Van Alstine of Hahn Equipment Co., Inc. was in attendance and spoke to Council. City Manager stated this will be included within the budget requests for next year, to be received by Council in June.

This agenda item is for a request to use the residual funds from the 2017 CO. This CO included general fund activities and the remaining is in the amount of approximately \$30,000.00. City Manger stated we will be implementing a new standard of taking care of equipment. The quotes included are for commercial grade equipment.

Brian Brooks motioned to accept the Gravelys of Lake Jackson for \$20,209.00 for two (2) - 54" mowers, and include we amend the budget also, move the funds for the purchase of 2 new commercial, from the TexPool Reserve Account to the General Fund, to the Parks Department, to account 50-28-6715. Tim Pettigrew seconded.

Discussion: Neal Bess Jr. stated he still would like to get one of each. City Manager stated he made the motion with the quoted cost.

Brian Brooks and Tim Pettigrew approved. Neal Bess Jr. abstained. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible action to cancel the Special Meeting June 04, 2024.

City Manager stated this is the third time we've met this month and the annual Chamber fundraiser is in conflict with the June 4th meeting. June 18th we will be starting the budget. Neal Bess Jr. asked about when we will start hurricane preparations. Mayor stated that we need to get something setup and feels the designated location is not setup and suitable. We need to have preparations ready to operate with a three to four day notice.

Tim Pettigrew motioned to cancel the special meeting on June 4th, 2024. Seconded by Brooks. All in favor. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Neal Bess Jr. stated that Mr. Lott was honored at the Memorial Day presentation as the founder of Veterans Park.

Tim Pettigrew stated that the Veterans Day parade will be in Pearland this year.

City Manager stated that the City received help repairing our flag lines at City Hall by Sweeny Fire and Rescue and Mr. Wayman Hutchings of Freedom Flags Unlimited; a big thank you to them.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 5:44 PM.

Staff & City Affiliates present:

City Manager, Lindsay Koskiniemi

Police Chief, Brad Caudle

Director of Public Works, Terrance Bell

Finance Director / Personnel Services, Karla Wilson

City Secretary, Kaydi Smith

City Attorney, R.C. Stevenson

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Kaydi Smith - City Secretary