

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL SESSION

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 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, April 28, 2026 at 5:00 PM.** at City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas with the following agenda.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

City Manager David Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Neal Bess Jr., John Rambo, Sandra Blaine, Caniel "Shaun" Massey were in attendance.

Mayor Dusty Hopkins and Mayor Pro Tem Brian Brooks were absent. Council determined that Councilman John Rambo would oversee the meeting.

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

The pledges were led by Shaun Massey. The invocation was led by Sandra Blaine.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

Linda Wolf addressed Council regarding the condition of Hackberry Street. She stated that the sides of the street are sliding into the ditch, causing the roadway to narrow and effectively function as a one-way street due to the condition.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to variance request to Ordinance §93.01 to allow fireworks within the City limits for Pride Day and Fourth of July 2026; Freedom Fireworks Unlimited Wayman Hutchings of Freedom Fireworks proposed providing fireworks shows for Pride Day and the 4th of July. Due to weather concerns, he requested moving the Pride Day show to Saturday. He noted the community's economic challenges and emphasized the importance of fireworks in bringing people together. He discussed the possibility of launching closer to City Hall after speaking with the adjacent church but has not received a response and plans to proceed with the original location behind the elementary school. The show would include 702 artillery shells (49 200-gram cakes and 58 500-gram cakes) with a target length of 18–20 minutes. He is accepting donations, citing approximately \$5,200 in labor costs and \$12,000 in fireworks.

Neal Bess Jr. moved to approve the variance to Ordinance 93.01 to authorize Freedom Fireworks to conduct a community fireworks display within the city limits for Pride Day and Fourth of July festivities. Seconded by Shaun Massey.

Discussion: Michelle Medina, Executive Director of the EDC reported that the EDC contacted four fireworks companies for quotes. Two stated they could not accommodate a July 3rd or 4th show due to the short notice. A 20-minute show was quoted at \$60,000 and a 10-minute show at \$30,000. One company offered a package shipment for self-setup and completion.

All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action to Resolution 26-R107 adopting a Water Conservation Plan for the City of Sweeny.

Shaun Massey moved to approve Resolution 26-R107 adopting a water conversation plan. Seconded by John Rambo.

Discussion: Neal Bess Jr. stated he feels we need to table this item until the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are in attendance.

John Rambo, Sandra Blaine, and Shaun Massey were in favor. Neal Bess Jr. abstained. Motion carried.

- 3. Discussion and possible action to schedule a public hearing and joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Board of Commissioners for requested zone change.

A zone change has been requested by EDC for the remaining available lots at the Industrial Park. EDC is requesting and recommending the property be rezoned from Light Industrial to Mixed Use.

Shaun Massey moved to approve and establish a joint meeting with the Board of Commissioners for the requested rezone of seven parcels within the Industrial Park, under Sweeny Economic Development Corporation, for 05/19/2026 at 5PM, with an alternate date of 06/16/2026 at 5PM if needed to establish a quorum for both boards. Seconded by Sandra Blaine. All in favor. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Shaun Massey stated that the SISD Mental Wellness forum is scheduled for tonight and another one on May 1st from 5:30-7:30pm. Sweeny Beautification is hosting Pride Day this weekend. John Rambo added that there will be fireworks.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Councilman Rambo adjourned the meeting at 5:16 PM.

Staff and Boards Present

- City Manager, David Jordan
- Director of Public Works, DeLane Brown
- City Secretary, Kaydi Smith
- EDC Executive Director, Michelle Medina
- CCPD Treasurer, Linda Wolf

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Kaydi Smith -- City Secretary