

CITY COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR SESSION

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 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, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM.** at City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas with the following agenda.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

Pledges were led by Councilman Bess.

Invocation was given by Attorney Stevenson.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation: Sweeny STEM Scholars Day; May 14, 2026

Mayor Hopkins proclaimed May 14th as Sweeny STEM Scholars Day. Phillips 66 recognizes Sweeny ISD students meeting these qualifications listed annually with a luncheon, to be held on May 14th.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

No citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Minutes: Regular Session March 17, 2026 & Special Joint Session March 26, 2026

Mayor Hopkins asked for a motion to approve the Regular Session March 17, 2026 and Special Joint Session March 26, 2026 minutes. Shaun Massey stated so moved. Seconded by John Rambo. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Financial Statements

No financial statements were presented at this meeting.

4. Monthly Departmental Updates; March 2026

Monthly departmental updates were given by the Chief of Police, Director of Public Works, and City Secretary.

5. Boards & Agencies Updates

Devin Lemon of Sweeny Fire and Rescue, Shaun Massey of the Parks & Recreation Board, and Woodrow Tolley of CCPD updated Council of their respective departments/boards.

6. Quarterly Investment Report; January - March 2026

Shaun Massey moved to accept the quarterly investment report. Seconded by Neal Bess Jr. All in favor. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Discussion and possible action to variance request received, allowing for placement of a manufactured home on lot 44 of Travis Avenue; Manufactured Home Ordinance Chapter 151; Renobato

Ruben Renobato owns Lot 44 in the South End Addition on Travis Avenue, which is zoned R2B. Mr. Renobato has requested a variance to allow placement of a mobile/manufactured home on the property. He does not wish to install a permanent foundation due to existing drainage constraints and concerns, that such a foundation could negatively affect neighboring properties. As an alternative, he proposes placing a manufactured home on the lot to address both the foundation requirement and drainage. Council discussed the request in relation to the current ordinance.

Shaun Massey motioned to not approve this variance to the mobile home. Seconded by Brian Brooks. John Rambo, Brian Brooks, Sandra Blaine, and Shaun Massey were in favor. Neal Bess Jr. opposed. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action to the Capital Improvement Committees recommended Park expenditures.

Councilman Massey provided an overview of the items requested by the Parks & Recreation Board to the Capital Improvement Committee (CIC). The CIC approved the proposed purchases and forwarded them to Council for final consideration. Councilman Brooks expressed concerns regarding the purchase of additional temporary restroom units, suggesting that a permanent solution be considered instead. He recommended that the City Manager and the board explore the possibility of rebuilding permanent restroom facilities at all parks, similar to those at Hanson Park.

Brian Brooks motioned to approve the expenditures as listed, with the exception of the restrooms, and allow for the City Manager to develop a plan for permanent restroom facilities. Seconded by Neal Bess Jr. Discussion: Funds for permanent restroom facilities and clarification of the intentions of the motion ensued. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Neal Bess Jr. moved to table scheduling the zoning meeting until the next meeting on the 28th. Seconded by John Rambo. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action to Professional Agreement for engineering services with Lynn Engineering.

City Manager David Jordan stated that John Mercer would serve as the primary responsible engineer and point of contact for the City of Sweeny under an engineering services contract with Lynn Engineering. The proposed contract includes on-call pricing with no retainage fee. The City Manager recommended entering into a five-year agreement with Lynn Engineering, with automatic renewals unless either party provides prior notice of termination.

Council discussed the proposed contract and expressed interest in receiving additional information from WGA. The motion from the previous meeting was reviewed, along with the required RFQ procedures. Attorney Stevenson advised that the City cannot negotiate pricing with two firms simultaneously, noting that Council may reject the Lynn Engineering contract in its entirety and proceed to the next firm, WGA, if desired. The contract term was a topic of additional discussion.

Neal Bess Jr. motioned to contract with Lynn for two (2) years under contract; accepting the contract as presented, except limit the term to two (2) years. Seconded by John Rambo. Neal Bess Jr. and John Rambo were in favor. Brian Brooks, Sandra Blaine, and Shaun Massey opposed. Motion failed.

Further discussion on rejecting the contract and procedural requirements ensued. City Manager cautioned Council that if they deny this contract, they can either move to WGA or go back to square one.

Second Motion: Brian Brooks motioned to recommend accepting Lynn's contract for one (1) year. Brooks then stated he rescinds his motion prior to receiving a second.

Third/Final Motion: Neal Bess Jr. motioned we accept Lynn Engineering's contract for one (1) year. Seconded by John Rambo.

Discussion: Councilman Blaine feels that for a contract of this magnitude/type, it wouldn't be feasible to start, complete, or carry out for only one year. Mercer of Lynn Engineering addressed Council clarifying that the contract addresses services that are on an on-call, or as needed basis. If we were to have a special project, it would have to have its own contract associated.

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

11. Discussion and possible action to Resolution 26-R106 in pursuit of the Texas Water Development Board Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant.

John Rambo moved to approve Resolution 26-R106 for the application filing and authorized representative in pursuit of the Texas Water Development Board Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant. Seconded by Shaun Massey. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Staff requested this item be deferred to the next Council agenda.

No discussion or action.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

No items of community interest.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Quarterly Investment Report is on file with the City Secretary's Office.

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

CCPD Chair, Woodrow Tolley

CCPD Treasurer, Linda Wolf

Sweeny Fire & Rescue, Devin Lemon

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Kaydi Smith -- City Secretary

BRAZORIA COUNTY ESD #2: Sweeny F&R

03/01/2026 - 04/20/2026 (50 Days)

NFIRS Incidents

Breakdown by Incident Category

Incident Category	# Incidents	% of Total
Total	0	0%

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

Incident Type	# Incidents	% of Total
Total	0	0%

NERIS Incidents

Breakdown by Incident Category

Incident Category	# Incidents	% of Total
Fire	11	33.33%
Medical	6	18.18%
Pubserv	6	18.18%
Hazsit	5	15.15%
Noemerg	4	12.12%
Rescue	1	3.03%
Total	33	100%

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

Incident Type	# Incidents	% of Total
Airmedical transport	4	12.12%
Aviation standby	1	3.03%
Elec power line down arching malfunc	1	3.03%
Fire alarm	2	6.06%
Gas alarm	1	3.03%
Gas leak odor	2	6.06%
Lift assist	2	6.06%
Motor vehicle collision	3	9.09%
Odor	1	3.03%
Other false call	4	12.12%

Standby	1	3.03%
Structural involvement fire	1	3.03%
Trash rubbish fire	2	6.06%
Vegetation grass fire	8	24.24%
Total	33	100%

Overall Summary

Type	# Incidents	% of Total
NFIRS Total	0	0%
NERIS Total	33	100%
Overall Total	33	100%

