



AGENDA MEMO

Business of the City Council City of Sweeny, Texas

Meeting Date	2/21/23	Agenda Item	
Approved by City Manager	Yes	Presenter(s)	Abby Kluttz, Sweeny Beautification Chair
Reviewed by City Attorney	Yes	Department	Sweeny Beautification Committee
Subject	Discussion and possible action on a request from Sweeny Beautification to establish a non-profit status under a 501c4, independent of the City of Sweeny.		
Attachments			
Financial Information	Proposed Expenditure:		
	Amount Budgeted:		
	Account Number:		
	Additional Appropriation Required:		
	Additional Account Number:		

Executive Summary

Sweeny Beautification has already put on several great events for the current fiscal year. In October we hosted a 5k race called the BoDog Dash. Although we did not profit from this event, we have learned ways to make it more successful in the future and would like to continue to host it. In December we hosted the annual Christmas in the park festivities, which had a wonderful community turnout. In February we hosted our first Jr. High Valentines dance which was a huge success! Last weekend we hosted our second annual Mardi Gras festival. Our future plans include, a city wide cleanup day and our annual Pride Day festivities.

With that being said, while Sweeny Beautification has enjoyed being sanctioned under the city for the past 55 years, we have found there are benefits to establishing a 501c4 non-profit status independent of the City such as eligibility for grants and ability to host more diverse events such as bingo. We would like to branch out on our own. Separating from the city will allow us to better allocate our funds, receive grants from the state, and give us more opportunity to grow as an organization.

In order for us to do this we will need the funds that are currently in the Sweeny Beautification account in the amount of \$19,344.57. We would also like to keep our organization's name if we so choose. We would also like to have permission to continue the use of city property, facilities, and utilities for meetings and events.

For the benefit of the city our committee will pursue a non-profit status, we will continue to host events that bring people into this city, and serve our original purpose of To promote improvement and beautification of our community (Within 5 miles of the Sweeny City Limits), Through projects designed for the common good of the whole community.

With that being said with council's approval we would like these terms to be legal binding.



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Sweeny Beautification Bank Register

Date	Check Number	Pay To	For	Debit	Credit	Balance		
9/7/2022	2169	Andy's Tree Service	Invoice#571887	\$ 500.00		\$ 21,563.07	Cleared	Books given to Laurie
10/28/2022	TEMP CK	Cash	Change for 5K Boo Run registrations	\$ 150.00		\$ 21,413.07	Cleared	
10/28/2022	TEMP CK	Sweeny Graphics	5K Boo Run- Trophies	\$ 585.00		\$ 20,828.07	Cleared	
10/28/2022	TEMP CK	Sweeny Graphics	5K Boo Run- T-Shirts	\$ 344.00		\$ 20,484.07	Cleared	
10/31/2022	DEBIT	USPS	Post Office Box Fee 11/01/2022-10/31/2023	\$ 74.00		\$ 20,410.07	Cleared	
10/31/2022	Deposit	Square Inc	5K Boo Run 2022- Registrations received		\$ 48.10	\$ 20,458.17	Cleared	
VOID	2170	Sweeny Graphics-VOID	5K Boo Run Trophies-VOID			\$ 20,458.17	VOID	
11/1/2022	2171	United Service Portable Toilets	Mardi Gras Event 2022	\$ 453.69		\$ 20,004.48	Cleared	
11/1/2022	2172	United Service Portable Toilets	Pride Day 2021 Portacans-Past Due Invoice	\$ 1,281.00		\$ 18,723.48	Cleared	
VOID	2173	Sweeny Graphics- VOID	5K Boo Run T-Shirts- VOID			\$ 18,723.48	VOID	
11/9/2022	DEBIT	Lowes	Christmas In the Park- 2022/Decorations	\$ 14.87		\$ 18,708.61	Cleared	
11/9/2022	DEBIT	Hobby Lobby	Christmas In the Park- 2022/Decorations	\$ 462.44		\$ 18,246.17	Cleared	
11/9/2022	DEBIT	Dollar Tree	Christmas In the Park- 2022/Decorations	\$ 16.24		\$ 18,229.93	Cleared	
11/14/2022	Deposit	SBC Account # 3830	Money From 5K Boo Run 2022 (CASH)		\$ 425.00	\$ 18,654.93	Cleared	
11/14/2022	Deposit	SBC Account # 3830	Check From Melissa Smith - 5K Run		\$ 20.00	\$ 18,674.93	Cleared	
11/14/2022	Deposit	SBC Account # 3830	Check From Enrique Leal- 5K Run		\$ 60.00	\$ 18,734.93	Cleared	
11/18/2022	DEBIT	Amazon	Christmas In the Park- 2022/Decorations	\$ 627.38		\$ 18,107.55	Cleared	
11/18/2022	DEBIT	Amazon	Christmas In the Park- 2022/Decorations	\$ 77.91		\$ 18,029.64	Cleared	
11/18/2022	DEBIT	Amazon	Christmas In the Park- 2022/Decorations	\$ 30.30		\$ 17,999.34	Cleared	
11/22/2022	Deposit	SBC Account # 3830	Bake Sale- 2022		\$ 614.98	\$ 18,614.32	Cleared	
11/27/2022	DEBIT	Walmart	Christmas In the Park- 2022/Decorations	\$ 58.46		\$ 18,555.86	Cleared	
11/28/2022	DEBIT	Tidy Bins (Mark Morgan)	Christmas lights for the Gazebo - 2022	\$ 405.94		\$ 18,149.92	Cleared	
12/2/2022	2174	Ellen Farley	Christmas In the Park- 2022/Decorations	\$ 86.48		\$ 18,063.44	Cleared	Re-Imbursement
12/2/2022	2175	Ashley Rambo	Christmas In the Park- 2022/Decorations	\$ 206.94		\$ 17,856.50	Cleared	Re-Imbursement
12/2/2022	2176	Ashley Rambo	Bake Sale- 2022	\$ 97.82		\$ 17,758.68	Cleared	Re-Imbursement
12/3/2022	ATM	Cash W/D	Cash Prizes for Joe Pantalone Christmas 2022	\$ 200.00		\$ 17,558.68	Cleared	BALANCED
12/19/2022	Deposit	SBC Account # 3830	Money from Christmas in the park 2022- Vendors		\$ 420.00	\$ 17,978.68	Cleared	
12/19/2022	Deposit	SBC Account # 3830	Money from Christmas in the park 2022- Smores Donations		\$ 86.00	\$ 18,064.68	Cleared	BALANCED

Recommended Action

City administration is supportive of this request and recommends approval by City Council subject to the Sweeny Beautification Committee regaining and maintaining good standing as an affiliate of the Keep Texas Beautiful Commission. If this request is approved by City Council, any Sweeny Beautification donations collected by the City will be recognized by the City and transferred to the Committee on a quarterly basis by check.