

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING/ REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
THE CITY OF SWEENY, TEXAS
TUESDAY OCTOBER 15, 2019
6:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on October 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm to consider the following items of business:

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Farley
called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Position 1. Sandra Blaine; Position 2. Neal Bess Jr.; Position 3. Brian Brooks. Position 4. John Rambo. Position 5. Tim Pettigrew
Staff Present: Reatta Minshew, Interim City Manager, Kaydi Smith, City Clerk; Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney, Gene West, Dir. of Public Works and John Barnard, Chief of Police.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge to the American Flag
The Pledge to the Texas Flag
Led by Councilman Tim Pettigrew

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman Brian Brooks

VISITORS COMMENTS

No visitor comments made.

COMMENDATIONS

1. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation: Nurse Practitioner Week- November 11-16, 2019

B. Fire Department Report: Roger Barton. Barton specified they will be conducting a fire prevention training at SES and rookie training class in the next couple of weeks.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes: September 17, 2019

B. Bills for: \$60,609.08

Sandra Blaine made a motion to approve the minutes and to pay the bills in the amount of \$60,609.08. Neal Bess Jr. seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: N/A

4. REGULAR AGENDA

Unfinished Business

A. Discuss / Take Action on Ordinance 92.04 Ditches-Councilman Tim Pettigrew

Tim Pettigrew wanted to discuss the 92.04 and 92.05 ordinance in regards to citizens responsibilities of ditches. Wants an ordinance drawn up the citizens would be responsible up to the roadway of their property. If there is no building within 150 ft., the city would be responsible to take care the ditch area.

Tim Pettigrew made a motion to have Charlie Stevenson draft up an ordinance to approve proposed changes to ordinance 92.04. Brian Brooks seconded. Sandra Blaine and John Rambo were in favor. Neal Bess Jr. opposed. Motion carried.

New Business

A. Discuss /Take Action on Variance for Live Nativity at Christmas in the Park-Sweeny Chamber

Lil Tolley, Chamber Director, requested a variance to have live animals in the live nativity at Christmas in the Park and the Lighted Christmas Parade on December 7, 2019. She is hoping to have goats and Llamas at the least, provided by Pam Scantlin.

Neal Bess Jr. made a motion to allow live animals in the live nativity and Christmas parade on December 7, 2019. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss/ Take Action on Variance for Bonfire on November 14, 2019- Sweeny ISD

Terry Brown with Project Grad 2020 is requesting a variance for a bonfire November 14, 2019. He submitted a letter from SISD to the council releasing the City from liability and stated has adhered to the Fire Marshal's guidelines. The Sweeny Police Department will be assisting, Fire Chief Barton and Assistant Fire Chief Christian have been asked to assist as well. The Bonfire will take place behind the Elementary School at the kindergarten loop. Per Barton, he has requested the kids be staged upwind from the fire. Neal Bess Jr. made the motion to allow the variance for the bonfire on November 14, 2019 on behalf of Sweeny ISD Project Grad 2020. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Discuss /Take Action on Rename Back Yard Park to Veterans Memorial Park-Al Lindley

Neal Bess Jr. made the motion to add a sign at the front of the park named "Veterans Memorial Park" and add a street sign at the entrance naming the road into the park "Veterans Memorial Drive". We will keep the original park sign of Backyard Park further in.

Neal Bess Jr. made a motion to approve adding a sign at the front of the park named "Veterans Memorial Park" and add a street sign at the entrance naming the road into the park "Veterans Memorial Drive". Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Discuss / Take Action on Complaints of Feral Cats

Discussed anonymous letters sent to city hall complaining of feral cats. Previously the council denied cats into the pound or pickup.

Brian Brooks made a motion to have our ACO pickup trapped feral cats and keep for the required amount of time and euthanize after said time is expired. Neal Bess Jr. seconded. Sandra Blaine voted no. Motion carried.

E. Discuss/ Take Action on New Position: Code Enforcement / ACO Officer

No Motion Needed. Chief Barnard discussed letting the officer use one of their older police vehicles.

F. Discuss / Take Action on House Bill #3167- Replat Property

No Motion Needed. Discussed the House Bill requiring cities must pass replats within 30 days or they will automatically be approved.

G. Discuss/ Take Action on Designate Representative & Alternate HGAC

Brian made a motion and Neal Bess Jr. seconded that Sandra Blaine be the representative for 2020. Brian Brooks made to recend the previous vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Brian Brooks made a motion to designate John Rambo as the representative or HVAC 2020 and Tim Pettigrew as the alternate. Neal Bess Jr. seconded.

All in favor. Motion carries.

H. Discuss/ Take Action Raising Inspection Fees/Plan Review Fee

Discussed adding a plan reviewal fee and discussed options on inspections. Council asked for inspection fees to be placed back on the next months agenda for review and adjustments.

Neal Bess Jr. made the motion to add a plan reviewal fee for commercial plans at the rate of \$.20 per square foot. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

I. Discuss/ Take Action on Neal Bess Jr.- Marcus Bonner

Bonner was not in attendance. No Action.

J. Discuss/ Take Action on Manholes on FM 1459- Neal Bess Jr.

Neal Bess Jr. made the motion to gather information and research hard number of costs to pursue securing rings for the manholes on FM 1459. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

K. Discuss/Take Action on New Hospital Water Capacity & Sewer Capacity Needs- Neal Bess Jr.

Discussed water and sewer capacities of the city. The water plant, as of now, averages 500, 000 gallons with a max of 832, 000 gallons within 24 hours. The sewer plant, as of

now, averages 700,000 gallons a day. Low end capacity would be at 150,000 and medium capacity is at 400,000 gallons. We would be permitted for 975,000 gallons. We would be able to handle the capacity of a new proposed facility.
No Action Needed.

5. CLOSED REGULAR SESSION: 7:13 P.M.

6. OPENED EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:15 P.M.

In Accordance with the Open Meetings Act Tex. Gov't Code §511.071, §551.072 and §551.074, to discuss:

1. City Manager Interview Process

7. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:20 P.M.

8. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

1. Open Meeting Time: 7:20 P.M.

2. Action on Executive Session: None Taken

9. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:

10. ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19 DAY OF November, 2019



Reatta Minshew, City Secretary