

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL SESSION

Monday, June 26, 2023 at 5:30 PM

City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas

MINUTES

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Sweeny will meet in **Special Session** on **Monday, June 26, 2023 at 5:30 PM.** at City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas with the following agenda.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Hopkins called the meeting to order at 5:43 P.M.

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

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

Mark Morgan Jr. led the pledges and the Invocation was given by Mayor Hopkins.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

Shaun Massey of the Sweeny Lions Club gave an update to the carnival and circus the Lions Club is wanting to host in July. He has submitted the information requested along with the Lion's Club insurance to be placed on the Special Agenda for July 11th, 2023 to request usage of city owned property for the event. He is working on obtaining the contractors insurance and will be submitting to the city. The Lions Club will be handing out backpacks with school supplies and vision screening vouchers during the event.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion/ Possible Action to Amend Chapter 113 City Ordinance; Alcohol Sales
City Secretary stated the City Attorney has made the revisions as requested to the alcohol sales ordinance specified by Council at the June 20, 2023 meeting. Selling of alcohol located within a commercial zone is prohibited if location is within fifteen (15) feet of a church, hospital, public or private school, and/or daycare facility. The amendment also includes the allowance of mixed beverages in a restaurant as long as fifty (50 %) percent of gross sales are derived from food. The mixed beverages proposition was previously approved by voters in 2008, however, was not reflected in the city's code of ordinances.
Mark Morgan Jr. made the motion to accept the amendments made to Chapter 113 City Ordinance, Alcohol Sales. John Rambo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Discussion/ Possible Action to Adopt an Ordinance on a Local Homestead Exemption of 10% in the City of Sweeny
City Manager stated the City Attorney has prepared an ordinance for adoption based on Council's motion from the June 20, 2023 meeting to approve a local homestead exemption of ten (10%) percent. Brazoria County requires an ordinance be adopted and submitted by June 30th, 2023 for the exemption to take effect.
Reese Cook made the motion to approve the adoption of an ordinance on a Local Homestead Exemption of ten percent (10%) in the City of Sweeny. Mark Morgan Jr. seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Discussion/ Possible Action on Water and Wastewater Maintenance and Operations
City Manager stated that Inframark has been working for the City of Sweeny on an emergency contract for the last several weeks. Inframark is running our water and wastewater plants, taking required samples, completing flushing, ordering chemicals, and obtaining bids for rehab work needed. Assistant City Manager and Director of Public Works, Clarence Wittwer, explained to Council the need for licensed employees and what licensing is required before the City would be

able to operate without Inframark. Both himself and the City Manager feel that Inframark's services will still be needed for a minimum of at least thirty days. Council discussed contract options, amounts to be paid for services rendered by Inframark and future expenses, and the path forward. Council also suggested the city look at bidding out repairs and/or viewing any markups to Inframark's bidding process to decrease incurred fees. Council is eager to review more information regarding a regular contract and fees associated once obtained by the City Manager.

Discussion Only- No Action.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mark Morgan Jr. made the comment was to stay hydrated.

Reese Cook stated the 10U Allstars play against Danbury this evening at 7 p.m. and tomorrow.

City Manager wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Assistant City Manager stated his grandson was born today. Well wishes from Council were made.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 6:44 P.M.

Passed and Approved this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Kaydi Smith, City Secretary