

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
THE CITY OF SWEENY, TEXAS
TUESDAY MARCH 20, 2018
6:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm to consider the following items of business:

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dale Lemon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Position 1. Sandra Blaine; Position 3. Brian Brooks; and Position 5. Tim Pettigrew.

Position 2. Jeff Farley and Position 4. Kay Roe were absent.

Staff Present: Cindy King, City Manager; Reatta Minshew, City Secretary, Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney and Gene West, Dir. of Public Works. John Barnard, Chief of Police was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge to the American Flag was recited and led by Mayor Dale Lemon.
The Pledge to the Texas Flag was recited and led by Mayor Dale Lemon.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Keith Boyles for 1st United Methodist Church.

COMMENDATIONS

1. PRESENTATIONS

1: Proclamation: March 2018 as Fair Housing Month

A. Fire Department Report: James Christian gave the report.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes Feb 20, 2018.

B. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$52,202.98

Sandra Blaine made a motion to approve the consent items. Tim Pettigrew seconded.
All were in favor. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

Unfinished Business

A. Discuss / Take Action on Joint Meeting w Planning and Zoning Board of Commissioners

Ms. King stated Councilwoman Kay Roe was absent tonight and that she has asked for this item to be on the agenda.

Sandra Blaine made a motion to let this agenda item die. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

A. Discuss / Take Action on Draining the City to the River / Paul Stark

Park Stark from Shari Lane stated that the drainage ditch at Shari Lane that goes to the San Barnard River needs to be clean out. Mr. Stark stated he has been asking for a year now and he did not feel that this was his responsibility to take care of this. He was told from a city employee that Hilcorp owns this land and that Mr. Strickland will not allow the city to come on Hilcorp land and clean this ditch. Mr. Stark called Hilcorp and they stated they have no record of the City of Sweeny calling about this ditch, and that Mr. Strickland hasn't work for Hilcorp in five years. Mr. Stark stated he has lived there for 12 years and this ditch hasn't been touched by the city. Ms. King stated she had just contacted the drainage district to see if they could get this taken care of. Mr. Stark stated we needed to get in touch with Hilcorp due to their pipelines are all over this property. The council stated to have Ms. King call Hilcorp, Mr. Stark spoke to Hunter Kreneck at Hilcorp.

B. Discuss / Take Action on Engineer Portion of Strategic Planning Process

William Huebner with O'Malley Strand Associates, Inc. composed two options for the City of Sweeny for Strategic Planning. Option 1 for \$48,000.00. Services include: Site visits, staff meetings to identify known issues with water system, sanitary sewer system and gas system. Review and update current maps. Provide cost estimates for all recommended infrastructure improvements. Evaluate population projections for future growth and look at current number of customers and compare to capacities provided by existing infrastructure based on TCEQ. Option 2 for \$71,000.00. Option 2 is everything in Option 1 plus: Provide a hydraulic model analysis on the City's water distribution system, updating city's water, sewer and gas mapping. Contact natural gas utility companies to determine their interest in purchasing the gas system. Provide a hydrant coverage map to identify any gaps in existing coverage of fire hydrants.

Brian Brooks made a motion to proceed with Option 2 not to exceed \$71,000.00. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Discuss / Take Action on Allow Plastic Culverts for Driveways

Ms. King stated that our policy/ ordinance states culverts must be smooth bore concrete. She stated that the city uses plastic culverts for drainage and under intersections. Mayor Lemon has had several asked about using plastic culverts for driveways. Ms. King asked the council to consider changing the ordinance to plastic culverts.

Brian Brooks made a motion to amend our policy/ ordinance to allow plastic culverts for driveways in the city limits. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Discuss / Take Action of Policy / City Issued Traps

Ms. King stated that we issue traps to residents to trap stray cats, racoons and opossums. Councilman Pettigrew stated he thinks this is a huge liability against the city. He has done research on trapping in city limits, two cities in Texas have had lawsuits against them over a million dollars when the animal had rabies.

Tim Pettigrew made a motion that the city changes its policy and does not issue any wildlife trap to the public. Brian Brooks seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Public Works Dir. Gene West asked about picking up feral cats. Mr. Pettigrew said feral cats, snakes, rodents should be the responsibility of the home owner.

E. Discuss /Take Action on Ad for Chamber Directory

Brian Brooks made a motion to purchase a quarter page ad in the amount of \$295.00. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Discuss/ Take Action on Variance to Allow Alcohol in the BBQ Cook-off Section During Pride Day Festivities

Tim Pettigrew made a motion to allow alcohol in the BBQ Cook-off Section During Pride Day Festivities by City Hall or Gazebo Park. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

G. Discuss / Take Action on Closing Ashley Wilson Rd During Pride Day Festivities

Brian Brooks made a motion to Close Ashley Wilson Road during Pride Day Festivities like we have done in the past. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

H. Discuss / Take Action on Closing City Hall Friday, May 4 for Pride Day.

Brian Brooks made a motion to allow City Hall to close Friday, May 4th for Pride Day. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

5. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: Tim Pettigrew called for Executive Session

1. Closed Time: 6:38 pm

6. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

1. Open Meeting Time: 6:43 pm

2. Action on Executive Session: NONE

7. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

8. ADJOURNMENT: 6:44 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17 DAY OF April, 2018

Reatta Minshew
Reatta Minshew, City Secretary