

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL SESSION

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 4:00 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 **Special Session** on **Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 4:00 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 4:04 PM.

Neal Bess Jr., Reese Cook, Brian Brooks, and Caniel "Shaun" Massey were in attendance. John Rambo was absent.

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

Pledges were led by Neal Bess Jr.

Invocation given by Attorney Stevenson.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

No citizen comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071, 551.072 AND 551.074

The City Council will now convene into executive session pursuant to the provision of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained therein at 4:06 PM.

1. Deliberation of Personnel Matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; Water & Wastewater Operator
2. Deliberation of Personnel Matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; Interim City Manager
3. Deliberation of Personnel Matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; Director of Public Works

OPEN SESSION

The City Council will now adjourn Executive Session, reconvene into Open Session at 5:15 PM pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code and take action, if any, on item(s) discussed during Closed Executive Session.

4. Action, if any, on item discussed during Closed Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberations Regarding Personnel Matters; Water & Wastewater Operator

No action.

5. Action, if any, on item discussed during Closed Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberations Regarding Personnel Matters; Interim City Manager

No action.

6. Action, if any, on Item discussed during Closed Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberations Regarding Personnel Matters; Director of Public Works

No action.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Discussion and possible action to budgetary needs pursuant to any possible action from Executive Session items and/or generalized staffing or contractual changes.

Mayor asked for a motion to table to next meeting. Neal Bess Jr. stated so moved. Seconded by Shaun Massey. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action on an after-hours answering service.
Currently after-hours calls go to the sheriff's office; if it is a public works call, it is getting pushed back due to other urgent emergencies. Opinion that it would be best and recommending Public Works calls to go directly to an answering service.

Shaun Massey motioned to have David to check in with current system that we have and get with Windstream to forward over to Public Works. Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Discussion: Neal Bess Jr. stated to put Public Works on call cell phone out for weekends.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reese Cook asked if the prior item would bypass the Fire Department from responding to calls. No legal requirement for Fire Department to respond to gas leaks, but it is best practice. Should be a procedural change in house.

Attorney Stevenson left the meeting at 5:33 pm.

9. Discussion and possible action on proposed amendments to the adopted fee schedule and correlating procedural changes pursuant to proposed amendments.

Reese Cook moved we approve these changes to the City's adopted fee schedule as presented for draft of ordinance, to be adopted at the following meeting. Neal Bess Jr. seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Neal Bess Jr. stated he attended the hospital board meeting recently and they are to open 02/06/25. No project manager at meeting. Gulf Coast Transit Board and TxDot are looking to bring GCT to Sweeny and Brazoria.

Reese Cook stated on Saturday is the 2nd annual alumni soccer game. Sunday, the Sweeny Little League is having day a day at the park, including vendors and open registration. Christmas in the Park was good last weekend.

Brian Brooks stated after the EDC meeting Monday, they will be moving forward at the Industrial Park for electrical in hopes to start increasing sales taxes.

Reese Cook stated Kenneth Lott had contacted him regarding the Stewarts building. We need a grocery store and could reach out to Heb or Brookshire Brothers. May be beneficial for the Mayor to send out letter requesting.

Brian Brooks added that previously Lowes Food Store had interest in both stores. Maybe the EDC could contact Lowes Grocery Store.

Mayor stated he has sent emails to Michocana, but hasn't heard back yet. The Food Pantry recently had their soft opening and plan to open in January. That will help some in need with groceries.

David Jordan stated it has been a busy week with lots of things in the works. Working on ideas for Industrial Park sewer, ideas for Stewarts, and moving forward the best we can.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:54 PM.

Employees in attendance:

Interim City Manager, David Jordan

Public Works Director, Terrence Bell
City Secretary, Kaydi Smith

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Kaydi Smith, City Secretary