

CITY COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR SESSION

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 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 **Regular Session** on **Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 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 6:00 PM. Neal Bess Jr., Brian Brooks, Sandra Blaine, and Caniel "Shaun" Massey were present. John Rambo was absent.

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

Pledges were led by Neal Bess Jr.
Invocation was given by Attorney Stevenson.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation: African American History Month; February 2026

Mayor Hopkins stated that he will sign the proclamation and it will be posted within City Hall proclaiming February to be African American History Month.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

Leigh Ann Thornton, 702 Ave B, approached Council with concern of the upcoming cold weather. She asked what plans are being made, as the shelter is not completed yet? She has additional resources and contacts if needed. She does not want this to be a repeat of several years ago. She suggested the City contact the School District, as they have indoor climate-controlled kennels.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Minutes: Regular Session, December 16, 2025

Shaun Massey moved to approve the Regular Session, December 16, 2025 minutes. Sandra Blaine seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Financial Statements: Ending December 31, 2025

4. Quarterly Investment Report: First Quarter, FY 25/26

Neal Bess Jr. moved to accept the Quarterly Investment Report for the first quarter of fiscal year 25/26. Seconded by Shaun Massey. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Monthly Departmental Updates: December 01-31

6. Board Updates: December 01-31

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Discussion and possible action regarding meetings held with Keyur Gorji in reference to the City's water system.

Keyur Gorji provided a presentation and cost proposals intended to mitigate water hardness and coloration issues within the City's water system. The treatment unit would be designed, installed, and engineered by Mr. Gorji and his firm. He expressed confidence that his method would be an effective solution and gave the following pricing options.

- Option 1: \$930,000 + SCADA integration of \$22,000 (40% down and 60 equal payments of \$10,785) to remove IX unity and piping inside building and the installation of the aeration and filtration unit outside.
- Option 2: \$875,000 for new IX unit inside existing building
- Option 3: \$1,750,000 to install new filter and new IX unit

Discussion only; no action.

8. Discussion and possible action to appointing members to the Crime Control and Prevention District.

Shaun Massey moved to approve the appointment of the applicants selected and approved by the Crime Control and Prevention District consisting of Tolley, Wolf, Smith, Murray, Cissna, and Bynum. Seconded by Neal Bess Jr. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to Resolution 26-R100, updating the bank signers for the Crime Control and Prevention District.

Shaun Massey moved to approve Resolution 26-R100, designating the following check signers at First State Bank: Woodrow Tolley, CCPD Chairman, Linda Wolf, CCPD Treasurer, and Karla Wilson, Finance Director. Seconded by Sandra Blaine. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action to authorize the City Manager and staff to negotiate with the Fire Department for a new contract.

City Manager, David Jordan, stated that the contract with Sweeny Fire and Rescue has been expired for nearly two years. Sweeny Fire and Rescue is on the City's workers compensation insurance policy and utilizing city owned facilities. Negotiations are needed to establish a new contract.

Shaun Massey moved to authorize the City Manager and staff to work with the Board of Directors of Sweeny Fire and Rescue to develop a new contract for the Council to approve. Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Discussion: Neal Bess Jr. stated he believes the contract has expired longer than two years. The new group, formed in 1995, became incorporated because the old fire department was going to sell equipment that the City of Sweeny had purchased. After incorporation was when the contract was originally initiated.

All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and potential action regarding the annexation process and related request.

Council discussed the potential annexation including the City's utility capacities, utility expansion costs, drainage concerns, and projected development revenue.

Neal Bess Jr. motioned to table the agenda item. Seconded by Brian Brooks. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding drainage projects and execution of interlocal agreements.

City Manager stated that the capital improvement project would be completed through an interlocal agreement with the Drainage District, utilizing their contractors. The scope would include regrading existing drainage ditches and cleaning culverts. Culvert replacement would be limited to collapsed culverts only. If we were to pursue an engineered study to regrade channels and install larger culverts, it would reduce the amount of work eligible for completion due to engineering costs. It is his opinion that we could get more for the money, or investment, to clean out and regrade ditches to the flowline and cover more footage of drainage, than we would with complete engineering and change out of culverts.

Shaun Massey moved to allow City staff to work with the Drainage District and Brazoria County to clean and regrade ditches and only replace culverts that are severely damaged. Seconded by Brian Brooks.

Discussion: Neal Bess Jr. questioned if the Slough could handle new development and it needs cleaning. Councilman Massey stated the west side of town needs relief too.

All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve the Certificate of Construction Completion for the GLO-MIT Contract, No. 22-02-007-D205, and to approve the final payments for the completed project.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Certificate of Construction Completion for the GLO-MIT Contract, No. 22-02-007-D205, and to approve the final payments for the completed project. So moved stated Brian Brooks. Seconded by Shaun Massey. Brian Brooks, Sandra Blaine, and Shaun Massey were in favor. Neal Bess Jr. abstained. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action to modify current budget for possible equipment purchase and additional personnel to perform required construction on gas line project.

Installation of approximately three miles of gas line, mandated by the Railroad Commission, has been estimated by contractors at \$1 million to complete. City Manager believes he can hire two gas personnel and purchase a skid steer with a trencher attachment for less. He is requesting to move \$100,000.00 to the gas department to fund the equipment and employees to complete the project. Council discussed renting versus purchasing equipment, and alternative work programs for employee assistance.

Brian Brooks moved to authorize the City Manager to reallocate the Capital Improvement budget in Gas Department to hire personnel and acquire equipment to install utility infrastructure. Seconded by Sandra Blaine.

Discussion: Shaun Massey asked how much is in the budget for Capital Improvement Gas. City Manager responded that there is \$150,000 per department for gas, water, and sewer.

Brian Brooks, Sandra Blaine, and Shaun Massey were in favor. Neal Bess Jr. opposed. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance 26-100, ordering the May 02, 2026 General Election, for Council Position No. 1, 3, & 5, and the Municipal Judge, all for terms of two years.

Shaun Massey moved to approve ordinance 26-100 calling the May 2nd, 2026, General Election for Council Positions 1, 3, & 5 and the Municipal Judge. Seconded by Brian Brooks. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

The City Council convened into executive session at 7:20 PM pursuant to the provision of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained therein:

16. Deliberation Regarding 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; City Manager Performance & Evaluation

OPEN SESSION

The City Council adjourned Executive Session and reconvened into Open Session at 7:47 PM pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code.

17. Action if any, on items discussed during Closed Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberation Regarding Personnel Matters

Shaun Massey moved to recompensate, City Manager, David Jordan, for his insurance, in the amount of \$9,600.00, and review compensation at the next meeting. Seconded by Brian Brooks. Brian Brooks, Sandra Blaine, and Shaun Massey were in favor. Neal Bess Jr. opposed. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Neal Bess Jr. showed Council a newspaper clipping of Paul Lindsay and the Sweeny Fire Department from 1947.

The Mayor noted that numerous incidents have occurred over the past year, directing his remarks to Chief Caudle. He commended the Chief and his Officers for their professionalism during the most recent incident and thanked them for the respect and compassion shown to the family involved.

Shaun Massey stated that the Parks and Recreation Board will be setting up a workday at MLK Park and the TJT Walking Trail.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM.

Financial Statements are on file with the City Secretary's Office.

Staff and Boards Present

City Manager, David Jordan

Chief of Police, Brad Caudle

Director of Public Works, DeLane Brown

Finance Director / Personnel Services, Karla Wilson

City Secretary, Kaydi Smith

SEDC Exec. Director/ PW Office Manager, Michelle Medina

Fire Department, Tim Webb

Sweeny Beautification Committee, Sanci Kennedy

Crime Control & Prevention District, Woody Tolley & Linda Wolf

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Kaydi Smith -- City Secretary