

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

JANUARY 2, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Mayor John Sellers called the regular meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor John Sellers
Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Aguilar
Councilman Craig Johnson
Councilman Clay Walker
Councilwoman Emily Glass
Councilman Dan Froneberger

Absent: Councilman Freddie Taylor

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney
Lesa Smith, Budget Analyst
Gordon Frazier, HR Director
Tory Niewiadomski, Community Development Director
Jason Ricketson, Captain, SSPD

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Sellers led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag, the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and Councilwoman Glass led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

City Attorney Jim McLeroy reminded everyone of the Law Enforcement Appreciation dinner at 5P on January 11th at the Hopkins County Civic Center.

Mayor Sellers read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Title III of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, The National Fair Housing Law, during the month of April, provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN A. SELLERS, Mayor of the City of Sulphur Springs and on behalf of the Sulphur Springs City Council do hereby proclaim the month of April as

Fair Housing Month

in the City of Sulphur Springs and urge all citizens of this locality to become aware of and support the Fair Housing Law.

MANAGER’S REPORT

PAMPA STREET – The street has been repaved; the utilities have been replaced, and the curb and gutter has been repaired. All that we lack is a little cleanup.

STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Expect the following streets to be repaved in January: Calvert, Junell, Beth/Rasure/Rose and a portion of Gossett Lane. Also expect portions of Woodside Lane to be reconstructed totaling 400 linear feet.

CANTEX FORCE MAIN – This will be our next capital improvement project. It will replace 2,400 linear feet of aging sewer force main and 2,900 feet of gravity main. Currently the main passes through the middle of the hospital complex. This would be a nightmare if the main ever ruptures. The proposed route would go around the hospital complex rather than through it. One third of the city’s sewage passes through this line.



WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – The work at the wastewater treatment plant is on schedule. The three primary clarifier basins have been constructed, and the effluent troughs are being constructed now. Other concrete structures adjacent to the clarifiers are under construction.

CROSSTOWN TRAIL – The Capital Construction Division began constructing the Crosstown Trail in November. This grant-funded project will connect Buford Park to Coleman Park as well as the high school/civic center complex with a concrete path. It will also replace the sidewalk on the north side of Connally Street.

CLAIMS – There were no liability claims and only one workers’ compensation claim in December. It was a minor claim.

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – There will not be a report of revenues and expenditures since the month just ended on Sunday. The report will resume next month.

Elsewhere around the city, employees:

- Made repairs on Kids Kingdom.
- Serviced all Parks and Recreation Equipment.
- Winterized all irrigation pumps.
- Boom-shredded around Coleman Lake.
- Retrofitted lights at fire station #1 with LED lights.
- Rebuilt pump motors on Oakridge lift station.
- Repaired runway lighting.
- Treated wastewater to a daily average total suspended solids reading of 5.21 mg/L, well within our limitation of 15 mg/L.
- Repaired 9 water main ruptures.
- Replaced 7 water meters.
- Unstopped 11 sewer mains.
- Made repairs to 12 sewer mains.
- Washed 73,000 feet of sewer mains.
- Flushed 35 dead end water mains.
- Operated the water treatment plant on emergency power for 3 hours due to a power outage.
- Replaced Chlorine lines at the water treatment plant.
- Treated 124 million gallons of potable water.
- Checked out 2,205 items from the library, and saw another 491 e-book check outs.
- Produced another successful Christmas extravaganza on Celebration Plaza.
- Conducted 17 building inspections, 6 electrical inspections, 14 plumbing inspections, 3 mechanical inspections and issued 13 building permits.
- Sold 1,703 gallons of Avgas, and 9,068 gallons of Jet-A fuel.
- Processed 376 tickets through Municipal Court.
- Made 10 extensive street repairs following utility repairs.
- Repaired 494 potholes.

- Graded Pipeline Road.
- Made 67 arrests, recorded 56 offenses, wrote 376 citations and responded to 32 accidents.
- Responded to 224 animal control calls and achieved an adoption rate of 54%
- Made two felony arrests in the special crimes unit.
- Responded to 171 fire/rescue calls including 6 structure fires.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Consider for approval the regular City Council meeting minutes of December 5, 2017. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2721, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED CONVEYING CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS, TO BILLIE RUTH STANDBRIDGE

City Attorney McLeroy presented the staff report. The City Council previously approved Resolution No. 1139 approving a 380 Agreement with Billie Ruth Standbridge. Pursuant to the Agreement, Mrs. Standbridge will develop the property in a manner consistent with the design of the City for development within the downtown tax increment reinvestment zone. The City is required to receive fair market value for the property in the amount of \$110,161.35. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Walker moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 1140, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SIGNATORIES FOR CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR REQUESTING FUNDS PERTAINING TO THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TXCDBG), CONTRACT NUMBER 7217450

City Manager Maxwell presented the staff report. We have received the grant which will involve redoing the water and sewer lines, providing new curbs and gutters, and a new concrete street surface for Sunset Street from Connally Street to Houston Street. This required resolution establishes the “authorizing signatories” for the grant. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilwoman Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 1141, A REQUIRED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ALL OF OTHER POLICIES THE CITY NEEDS TO ESTABLISH AS PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES IN TAKING THIS GRANT

Kathy Boyles, Grantworks, presented the staff report. This required resolution establishes all of other policies the city needs to establish as part of responsibilities in taking this grant. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilwoman Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PAVING FOR THE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (SIP)

Public Works Director Russ Nuss presented the staff report. Publications were placed in the News Telegram and staff conducted a bid opening on December 18, 2017 at 10:15 a.m. Four bids were received and are as follows:

Texana Land & Asphalt	\$287,276.00
Area Wide Paving LLC	\$293,098.00
Richard Drake Construction	\$345,420.00
R K Hall LLC	\$370,750.00

The staff recommendation is the lowest bidder. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Walker moved to approve the bids and award the contract to Texana Land & Asphalt in the amount of \$287,276.00. Councilwoman Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM

None.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.