

**CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

MARCH 5, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Mayor John A. 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 A. Sellers
Mayor Pro Tem Emily Glass
Councilwoman Erica Armstrong
Councilman Jimmy D. Lucas
Councilman Norman Sanders
Councilman Freddie Taylor
Councilman Doug Moore

Absent: None

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

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Sellers led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag and the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and the invocation was led by Mayor Pro Tem Glass.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the citizens of the great State of Texas make every effort to preserve, protect, and promote the diversified and cultural history of our state; and

WHEREAS, Saturday, March 2, 2019, the State of Texas will celebrate its 183rd year since the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence creating the Republic of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in February 1845 the Republic of Texas approved a resolution to enter the Union and part of that resolution, which came to be known as the Constitution of 1845, stated that Texas would retain its right to divide into four states in addition to the original Texas. The Republic of Texas existed for nine years before joining the Union as the 28th state on December 29, 1845; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature purchased the land and buildings of the Alamo complex in the early part of the 20th century and designated the Alamo chapel as an official Texas State Shrine. Alamo Day is celebrated on March 6th of each year; and

WHEREAS, Texas is known as the Lone Star State and the flag displays a single five-point white star on a field of blue with an upper white horizontal stripe and a lower red horizontal stripe; and

WHEREAS, in 1826 the Texas Rangers, a unique group of lawmen used to track down outlaws, settle feuds, and reconcile land disputes, were established by Stephen F. Austin. In 1935, the Texas Rangers became a branch of the Texas Department of Public Safety and today the organization still works for law and order in the state; and

WHEREAS, Texas is the only state that was a Republic before joining the Union, the second largest state in land mass, and the second largest in population. It occupies about seven percent of the total land and water areas of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John A. Sellers, Mayor of the City of Sulphur Springs, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2019 as

“TEXAS HISTORY MONTH”

and urge all citizens to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

It is so proclaimed this the 5th day of March 2019.

John A. Sellers, Mayor

MANAGER'S REPORT

CROSTOWN TRAIL - Construction has paused on this project. Everything between League Street and Coleman Lake is completed except lighting. Construction crews are now focused on Connally Street and Sunset Street. Toward the end of the Connally Street project the Crosstown Trail project will resume with the installation of sidewalks on Connally Street.

SUNSET STREET – The new sewer main has been installed, and the water main is under construction.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - Phase 2 is well under way. All of the concrete has been poured for the two new aeration basins. Next, they will be fitted with all of the diffused air piping and then connected to 3 massive blowers that have already been installed. Once these basins are operational, the existing basins will be taken offline, and they will be refitted with diffused aeration just like basins 1 & 2. Once all of this is completed our aeration capacity will be greatly enhanced. This is the heart of our wastewater treatment process.

CONNALLY STREET – Sewer main installation continues on this project. I expect the sewer installation to be completed this month. Construction of the new water main will follow.

PAVING PROGRAM – Texana Land & Asphalt has paved Park Springs Road and has begun on Carter Street. Asphalt doesn't perform well if it is placed in cold weather, so the work won't resume until later this week. That's when Texana will finish Carter before also paving Putman Street and then pave Beasley, Cranford, and Brewer next week, weather permitting.

Once those streets are paved, CTS work will begin on Elm, Ingram, Pipeline, Peach/Georgia, Ashcroft/Town, and Hodge Streets. Then Texana will come back through and pave those streets after the CTS work is completed.

CLAIMS – We had two workers compensation claims in February. One was a fairly serious head injury from a slip & fall accident. He was treated and returned to work after 5 days of recovery. Also, a police officer suffered a minor head injury during an altercation. No treatment was required, but a first report of injury was filed.

We did not have in liability claims in February, but we did file one property claim of our own. One of our dump trucks suffered damage when a pickup truck was involved in another vehicle accident and then careened into the dump truck. There were no injuries, and we submitted a property damage claim to TML.

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – Finance Director Lesa Smith will give a year-to-date report of revenues and expenditures.

Elsewhere around the city, employees:

- Repaired 587 potholes.
- Made 7 major street repairs following utility repairs.
- Replaced 8 stop signs, 4 no parking signs, and 4 speed limit signs.
- Tore down and removed a burned house on 7th street and another on Atkins Street.
- Repaired 226 feet of Teer Street.
- Replaced 100 feet of curb & gutter in Ingram Street.
- Replaced the valley gutter on Texas Street at Beasley.
- Responded to 195 fire/rescue calls including 1 structure fire.
- Performed 53 fire inspections and reviewed 53 pre-fire plans.
- Performed preventative maintenance on 16 fire hydrants.
- Installed a new air return duct inside city council chambers to improve efficiency.
- Relocated school zone lights.
- Achieved a daily average total suspended solids reading of 1.66 mg/L at the wastewater treatment plant, far below our permitted limit of 15 mg/L.
- Repaired 5 water mains and 9 sewer mains.
- Unstopped 42 sewer mains.
- Washed 70,000 of sewer mains.
- Installed 19 new sewer service lines and 2 manholes.
- Opened the Lake Sulphur Springs flood gates due to rainfall.
- Flushed 35 dead end water mains.
- Performed preventative maintenance on numerous water treatment apparatuses.
- Treated 115 million gallons of potable water.
- Checked out 3,058 items from the library and checked out an additional 735 eBooks.
- Sold 1,552 gallons of AvGas and 6,260 gallons of JetA fuel.
- Began preparing athletic fields for the coming season.
- Boom-shredded Peavine Pinion Pond.
- Conducted 28 building inspections, 21 electrical inspections, 16 plumbing inspections, 5 mechanical inspections and issued 28 building permits.
- Responded to 2,387 calls for police patrol division.
- Made 83 arrests, recorded 53 offences, wrote 567 citations and responded to 48 accidents in the patrol division.
- Made 9 arrests in the special crimes' unit.
- Responded to 167 animal control calls and achieved a 62% adoption rate at the shelter.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Consider for approval the regular City Council meeting minutes of February 5, 2019; the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals meeting minutes of November 20, 2018; the Downtown Revitalization Board meeting minutes of January 22, 2019; and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of January 22, 2019. There was no one to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Glass made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2740 FOR ANNEXATION OF AREA 1, PIONEER BUSINESS PARK AND ADJACENT PROPERTIES

Community Director Niewiadomski presented the staff report. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2741 FOR ANNEXATION OF AREA 2, HERITAGE BUSINESS PARK AND ADJACENT PROPERTIES

Community Director Niewiadomski presented the staff report. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 1166 APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY TBK MATERIALS, LLC, TO CONVERT SOLID WASTE CONCRETE INTO RECYCLED MILLINGS BY CRUSHING TO BE USED IN STREET AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, MAKING FINDINGS SUPPORT THEREOF, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAME BY CITY MANAGER

TBK Materials, LLC will be in the area in a few weeks to crush the solid concrete waste stored at the RK Hall facility west of Sulphur Springs. They have offered to crush the concrete waste stored at the property adjacent to the City Wastewater Treatment Plant in the same trip which would result in a substantial savings to the City with a lower mobilization costs for the mobile plant move-in. At the same time, the City would be able

to eliminate the substantial piles of solid concrete waste currently stored and would instead be left with crushed concrete to be used in place of purchased materials at about 1/3 of the price of purchased materials. The City will continue to need materials for street development and the byproduct of this method of solid waste disposal will prove a valuable asset in such work in the future. Because this matter deals with solid waste removal and disposal, competitive bidding is not required. Even so, the quoted rates appear to be competitive for the services offered. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the resolution as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Glass seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2742, A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2727, THE 2018 – 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE

Finance Director Smith presented the staff report. There was a brief discussion. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the resolution as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Glass seconded the motion and the votes was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CEMENT TREATMENT OF SUBGRADE FOR SUNSET STREET CDBG GRANT PROJECT

Community Director Niewiadomski presented the staff report. Staff placed bid notices in the News Telegram. Certified emails were also sent to inform prospective bidders. Bids were opened on February 13th at 10:15am. Three bids were received from 5W Contracting, Texana, and Anderson Asphalt.

A bid summary below shows 5W Contracting, LLC as the low bidder.

BIDDER	TOTAL PRICE
5W Contracting, Sulphur Springs, TX	\$85,888
Texana Land Asphalt, Sulphur Springs, TX	\$89,318
Anderson Asphalt and Concrete, Forney, TX	\$112,782

The low bidder has met all the requirements for the CDBG Grant. This Contractor performed the same type of work on Locust Street in 2017. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Moore moved to accept the bids and award the contract to 5W Contracting in the amount of \$85,888.00. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM

None. However, Mayor Pro Tem Glass asked City Manager Maxwell if the city could research to see what other cities are doing regarding police workman's compensation issues.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.