

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

APRIL 3, 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 A. Sellers
Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Aguilar
Councilman Craig Johnson
Councilman Clay Walker
Councilman Freddie Taylor
Councilwoman Emily Glass
Councilman Dan Froneberger

Absent: None

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney
Lesa Smith, Finance Director
Gordon Frazier, HR Director
Tory Niewiadomski, Community Development Director
Jay Sanders, Director of Public Safety
Robert Lee, Director of Utilities

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

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

PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

SUNSET STREET – The city has received a \$275,000 Community Development Block Grant to rebuild Sunset Street from Connally to Houston. This will include new water mains, new sewer mains and a new concrete street. The City is matching the grant with \$132,000. We will submit construction drawings in June and begin work in the fall.

STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Calvert Street was milled and repaved during spring break. In February we repaved Beth, Rasure, Rose, Junell and a portion of Gossett Lane.

CANTEX FORCE MAIN – This will be the final capital improvement project in the 2013 – 2017 C.I.P. 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.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – I will propose the 2018 -2022 Capital Improvement Plan at the May city council meeting.

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 now finished as well. Other concrete structures adjacent to the clarifiers are finished. Now all of the pumps and associated pipe works and wiring need to be constructed. I expect to bring the clarifiers online in July, weather permitting.

CROSSTOWN TRAIL – Construction of the Crosstown Trail is ongoing. 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 – We experienced two workers' compensation claims in March. A police officer sprained an ankle while making an arrest. A capital construction employee was struck by a falling limb. Both injuries resulted in lost time on the job. Both employees have since returned to work.

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

H.O.M.E. PROGRAM – We have two H.O.M.E. projects ongoing, and we expect a third very soon. The H.O.M.E. program replaces old dilapidated homes owned by low income persons with new homes.

Elsewhere around the city, employees:

- Conducted 28 building inspections, 14 electrical inspections, 31 plumbing inspections, 6 mechanical inspections and issued 18 building permits.
- Made 7 street repairs following utility repairs.
- Repaired 250 potholes.
- Replaced 9 stop signs.
- Cleaned storm drains twice.
- Repaired a drainage problem at 225 Gilmer Street.
- Graded Wisenbaker Road and Pipeline Road.
- Repaired landscaping in all yards on Pampa Street following the reconstruction this winter.
- Checked out 3,014 items from the library and 603 eBooks.
- Responded to 230 animal control calls, achieving a 27% adoption rate.
- Made 13 felony arrests in the special crimes unit.
- Made 78 arrests, recorded 50 offenses, wrote 555 traffic citations and responded to 53 accidents in the Patrol Division.
- Responded to 162 fire/rescue calls including 2 structure fires.
- Performed preventative maintenance on 66 fire hydrants.
- Conducted 68 fire inspections and reviewed 68 pre-fire plans.
- Prepared all athletic fields for springs baseball, softball and soccer.
- Sold 2,823 gallons of AvGas and 8,369 gallons of JetA fuel.
- Repaired Highway 11 lift station.
- Repaired lights on the Hopkins County Veterans memorial.
- Performed preventative maintenance on the back-up generator at Coleman Park water tower.
- Repaired the waterfall pump at Coleman Park.
- Treated wastewater effluent to a daily average total suspended solids rating of 2.03 mg/L.
- Repaired 3 water main ruptures and replaced 20 water meters.
- Repaired 9 sewer mains.
- Unstopped 17 sewer mains.
- Washed 75,000 feet of sewer mains.
- Flushed 35 dead end water mains.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Consider for approval the regular City Council meeting minutes of March 6, 2018; the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes of March 19, 2018; and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of February 28, 2018. There was

no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Walker seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH GARVER ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE APPLICATION ENGINEERING FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REHAB PROJECT

Utilities Director Robert Lee presented the staff report. Lance Klements with Garver Engineering was also available to answer questions. The Application Engineering services by Garver Engineering for the WWTP will provide SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system software upgrades, programming of programmable logic controllers (PLCs), development of human machine interface (HMI) graphics, and on-site startup support. Garver Engineering will develop new PLC programming and SCADA graphic screens as required to implement plant wide integration of process systems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as defined in the construction contract documents. This item was discussed when Council approved the application for the loan from the Texas Water Development Board to fund the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade. It was decided at that time to leave it out of the loan request and to pay out of City funds at a later date. Part of this needs to be programmed and in place by June-July of this year when we put the Clarifier/Pump Station complex in service in order to control these operations. The base bid for the proposed contract for Application Engineering is \$208,576. Funds have been set aside in this budget in the Enterprise Capital Projects Fund. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the contract as presented. Councilwoman Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2723 FOR A REZONING REQUEST BY MARK HILL TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 876 CAMP STREET, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS LOT 1-A OF BLOCK 24-5 OF THE WILLIAMS ADDITION, FROM LIGHT COMMERCIAL (LC) TO SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED (SFA)

Community Development Director Tory Niewiadomski presented the staff report. This property is located at the southwest corner of League and Camp Streets. Adjacent properties are currently zoned Multi-Family (MF) to the south and west, Heavy Commercial (HC) to the north, and Single Family (SF-6) to the east. Staff recommends approval as this request is an appropriate transition in the area between multi-family and single family and it is consistent with intended future land use plan for the area. The Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing and recommends approval. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the

ordinance on the first reading. Councilwoman Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A MOTION TO PURSUE (OR NOT TO PURSUE) 12-HOUR SHIFTS FOR POLICE PATROL OFFICERS

Director of Public Safety Jay Sanders present the staff report. The patrol officers would like to convert to the 12-hour system. There are issues regarding alertness and fatigue surrounding this issue that should be considered. Making the change would take some time. An election among the officers would need to be conducted to officially determine their willingness and the personnel policy would have to be amended. Should the city council wish to proceed, staff will return at a future date with an amendment to the personnel policy. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilwoman Glass moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM

James Tully, Aaron Kager, and Jeannie Perkins addressed the City Council.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.