

**CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL**

**APRIL 5, 2016**

**7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Kayla Price called the regular meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 7:01 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Kayla Price  
Mayor Pro Tem Emily Glass  
Councilman Craig Johnson  
Councilman Oscar Aguilar  
Councilman Freddie Taylor  
Councilman John Sellers

Absent: Councilman Clay Walker

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager  
Gale Roberts, City Secretary  
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney  
Peter Karstens, Finance Director  
Shane Shepard, Director Community Development  
Gordon Frazier, Director Human Resources  
Russ Nuss, Director of Public Works  
Karon Weatherman, Senior Citizens Director  
Pat Leber, SSPD Officer  
Lesa Smith, Budget Analyst

**PLEDGE AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Price led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag and the Pledge to the Texas Flag. Mayor Pro tem Glass led the invocation.

**PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Karon Weatherman, Clayton McGraw, Mona Giles, and Kelly Hammill were presented with a proclamation recognizing volunteerism.

## **Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service**

**WHEREAS**, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation's mayors are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet city needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps address the most pressing challenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to preserving the environment and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

**WHEREAS**, national service participants serve in more than 70,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve with, both through their direct service and by recruiting and managing millions of additional volunteers; and,

**WHEREAS**, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and,

**WHEREAS**, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with mayors across the country to recognize the impact of service on the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 7, 2016.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Kayla Price, Mayor of Sulphur Springs, Texas, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2016, as **National Service Recognition Day**, and

encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our city, to thank those who serve, and to find ways to give back to our community.

Councilman Aguilar reminded everyone of the rodeo that will be held April 22-23, 2016, at the Civic Center. He is still looking for a few more participants for the steer riding competition. The rodeo will be held at the Civic Center this April 22 & 23, 2016.

Councilman Sellers reminded everyone that April 21<sup>st</sup> , which is also San Jacinto Day, the old cars will be coming through Sulphur Springs as they tour the Bankhead Highway.

Councilman Johnson reminded everyone of the Rotary “Claws for a Cause” fundraiser which will be held April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

There will also be a tree planted April 29<sup>th</sup> in honor of Arbor Day.

### **MANAGER’S REPORT**

**STREETS, WATER AND SEWER** - Bill Bradford Road is progressing slowly but steadily. Utilities work continues from west to east. The road is closed to through traffic, but open to customers of the businesses located in the closed portion of the road, namely Village Pawn and Gun Shop and Sulphur Springs Floral Etc.

This \$1.4 million project includes water and sewer utilities, underground drainage on the western end of the street and complete reconstruction of the street. Previously I reported that the street would be paved in asphalt with 500’ feet of concrete at both ends. Staff is presently evaluating whether to construct the entire street with concrete. We recently got a great bid on concrete on Rockdale Road, and the contractor who performed the work did a good job. We are going to bid the job both ways and bring it to the City Council at a future meeting.

**EZ MART SEWER PROJECT** – At a previous meeting, the city council approved a sewer project on Mockingbird Lane between Furr’s and EZ-Mart that would divert wastewater flow from three fast food restaurants and one apartment away from the Mockingbird sewer main and toward the trunk line that parallels South Town Branch. The new line would also carry flow from any new development south and east of Chili’s. This project has begun, and it is progressing from east to west. So far, we have installed 168’ of sewer line starting at the eastern boundary of the Furr’s property, and we just finished installing a manhole in the EZ-Mart driveway approach. Next we will cross Mockingbird and continue to the west.

**DAVIS/TOMLINSON PARKING LOT** - Demolition has begun. Construction will begin on the south side of the project and progress to the north. Doing it this way will preserve some of the parking throughout the project for nearby businesses.

**JEFFERSON STREET PARKING LOT** - This is a County project at the northeast corner of Jefferson and Rosemont. The new lot will have 77 spaces. The County is constructing the lot in concrete and the City is installing lights and landscaping per our earlier agreement at the time the tax increment reinvestment zone was created. When the County opted into the zone, the City committed to beautification of the lot when it was built.

**SPRING CLEANUP** – Spring cleanup is in full swing. Saturday will be the last day. The location is the same as previous years, ¼ mile east of Flowserve on Industrial Drive. It is open to city residents only. Residents should bring their water bill and ID. Hours are from 7 am to 7 pm. No household hazardous waste is accepted; no tires, batteries, chemicals, or anything with refrigerant in it.

**CLAIMS** – We had one workers' compensation claim in March for a knee injury. The incident has not resulted in any lost time.

We had three liability claims in March, two claiming damage to a structure from wastewater overflows and one claiming damage to an automobile from a pothole. All three were submitted to TML. All three were denied.

We were served one lawsuit in March.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REMODEL** – This project is completed. The Police Department has moved in, and the temporary trailers are gone.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT** - Total suspended solids (TSS) came in at 7.74 mg/L, well within the limit of 15 mg/L.

**REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES** – Finance Director, Peter Karstens will present a year-to-date summary of revenues and expenditures.

Elsewhere around the city, employees:

- Fertilized all athletic fields in preparation for spring youth athletic programs.
- Mowed the airport, library grounds, Pacific Park, senior citizens building grounds, Buford Park, Coleman Park, and the north side of Coleman Lake.
- Patched 149 potholes.
- Repaired 12 street cuts following utility repairs.
- Poured concrete for dog pens at animal control.
- Repaired drain flume at the airport.
- Cleaned storm drains and catch basins.
- Checked out 3,698 library materials.

- Rebuilt the bar screen at the wastewater treatment plant.
- Performed preventative maintenance on numerous items at the wastewater treatment plant and water treatment plant.
- Responded to 128 fire/rescue calls including 2 structure fires.
- Responded to 189 animal control calls and achieved a 50% adoption rate.
- Made 6 felony arrests in the Special Crimes Unit.
- Responded to 40 accidents, wrote 640 traffic tickets, made 74 arrests and recorded 59 offenses.
- Conducted 40 building inspections, 15 electrical inspections, 17 plumbing inspections, 2 mechanical inspections, and issued 29 building permits.
- Sold 1,280 gallons of AvGas and 4,100 gallons of JetA fuel.
- Repaired 11 water main ruptures, and installed 3 water taps.
- Replaced 17 water meters.
- Unstopped 45 sewer mains.
- Washed 76,000 feet of sewer mains.
- Smoke tested sewer segments 9, 25, 28 and made necessary repairs.
- Flushed 36 dead-end water mains.
- Treated 116 million gallons of potable water.
- Opened Lake Sulphur Spring flood gates for 4 days due to rainfall.
- Operated and inspected all 5 pumps at Lake Sulphur Springs in preparation for work at the Cooper Lake pump station. We were on generated power for 10 days at Cooper Lake while the North Texas Municipal Water District and the City of Irving replaced the electrical service and pump controls on their side of the building. We had Lake Sulphur Springs ready to go just in case something went wrong.

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Consider for approval the regular City Council meeting minutes of March 1, 2016; the Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting minutes of March 15, 2016; the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes of March 21, 2016; the Downtown Revitalization Board meeting minutes of March 29, 2016; and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of February 22, 2016. There was no one to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Glass moved to approve the minutes as presented, Councilman Johnson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2678, A REQUEST BY OWNER TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1630 ARBALA ROAD (1.2 ACRES) AND PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WILDCAT WAY BETWEEN**

**ARBALA ROAD AND HOLIDAY DRIVE (89.6 ACRES) FROM SINGLE FAMILY TO HEAVY COMMERCIAL**

Community Development Director Shepard was available to answer any questions. The owner is requesting to rezone two properties along Wildcat Way between Holiday Drive and Arbala Road. The first property is a 1.2 acre lot at the corner of Wildcat Way and Arbala Road. The second property is an 89.6 acre tract along the south side of Wildcat Way. These properties were annexed into the city in 2006. At that time the city initiated a rezone to Single Family 6000. This request conforms to the Land Use Plan. The owner of the property has installed the water and sewer utilities for the properties in accordance with the Community Facility Policies Resolution No. 535. The Planning and Zoning conducted a public hearing and recommends approval. Councilman Johnson suggested considering rezone for all four corners of the intersection. Charles Oxford had a question regarding the Land Use Plan. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2679, A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE BUDGET**

Finance Director Peter Karstens presented the staff report. This budget amendment proposes to increase the budget by \$690,464.00. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Councilman Sellers seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 1106, A REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION**

Finance Director Peter Karstens presented the staff report. This resolution allows the City of Sulphur Springs to expend certain funds on projects and then get reimbursed later by bonds (COs) or by lease purchase financing. This resolution has to do with those projects that are part of the FY 2016 Budget Amendment that was previously considered. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Aguilar moved to approve the resolution as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2680, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS, LIMITING**

**PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF ENTERPRISE LANE TO TWO (2) HOURS**

The Sulphur Springs/Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation has requested that the city limit parking on both sides of Enterprise Lane to two (2) hours to facilitate better accommodation of truck traffic for current and future businesses on Enterprise Lane. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Councilman Johnson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FLEX BASE, AGGREGATE, BEDDING AND ROCK**

Public Works Director Russ Nuss presented the staff report. Publications were placed in the newspaper and staff conducted a bid opening on February 26, 2016. One bid was received from R. K. Hall Construction. Charles Oxford questioned why there was no bid for washed sand. These are unit prices and no quantities are guaranteed. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to accept the bids and award the contract to R. K. Hall Construction. Councilman Sellers seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A REQUEST TO PLAT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1419 SOUTH BROADWAY, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS LOTS 9 AND 10 OF BLOCK 209-1, FROM TWO LOTS INTO ONE LOT**

This property is located on the corner of McCann and South Broadway. The city upgraded the water in 2012 and the developer has proposed to upgrade the sewer along McCann. The property is currently zoned Light Commercial and the developer has been informed that our sidewalk policy will sidewalks along South Broadway. Engineering plans for the offsite sewer upgrade have been prepared and approved. A Community Facilities Contract has been signed by the developer and is ready to be executed as part of the platting procedure. There was a general discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the plat as submitted. Mayor Pro Tem Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM**

Charles Oxford brought a partially filled trash bag with litter he picked up at the north entrance of Sulphur Springs in less than two days. He would like to see the Police Department enforce the laws pertaining to litter.

**ADJOURN**

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.