

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

OCTOBER 10, 2017

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
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Peter Karstens, Finance Director
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 and the Pledge to the Texas Flag. Councilman Froneberger led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

There were no announcements or presentations. City Manager Maxwell presented his staff report.

MOORE STREET - The concrete work is completed. All that remains is a little backfilling behind the curbs and some cleanup.

PAMPA STREET – The reconstruction of Pampa Street



has begun. The Capital Construction Division has finished replacing the sewer line. Construction on the water line is about to begin. After that the street will be stabilized with Portland cement and will be overlaid with asphalt.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – The work at the wastewater treatment plant is on schedule despite all the spring/summer rains. The three primary clarifier basins have been constructed, and backfilling continues. Other concrete structures adjacent to the clarifiers are under construction.



CLAIMS – Workers' Compensation - A team of four firefighters were exposed to flood waters that possibly contained E coli while assisting in Hurricane Harvey evacuation. Employees were evaluated / tested and are receiving recommended precautionary medical treatment. Claims have been submitted to TML.

Also, we received 4 minor liability claims in September. The TML risk pool denied 3 of them.

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

Elsewhere around the city, employees:

- Repaired the Highway 11 lift station.
- Installed a new camera on the courthouse.
- Began installing Christmas lights.
- Installed an intercom at the Police Department.
- Performed preventative maintenance on wastewater aerators.
- Rebuilt pumps at the Oakridge lift station.
- Treated wastewater to a daily average total suspended solids (TSS) reading of .96 mg/L.
- Repaired 12 water main ruptures.
- Replaced 17 water meters.
- Unstopped 13 sewer mains.
- Repaired 13 sewer mains.
- Washed 75,000 feet of sewer mains.
- Flushed 35 dead end water mains.
- Repaired flood gates at Lake Sulphur Springs.
- Rebuilt fluoride pump and repaired water treatment flocculators.
- Treated 130 million gallons of potable water.
- Performed 70 fire inspections.

- Performed preventative maintenance on 75 fire hydrants.
- Responded to 139 fire rescue calls including 4 structure fires.
- Made 5 felony arrests in the special crimes unit.
- Seized 15 grams of methamphetamine.
- Seized \$99,680 on two traffic stops on the interstate, and another \$13,471 while working a crash.
- Closed 55 code enforcement cases and opened 51 more.
- Recorded 46 offences, wrote 495 traffic citations, made 71 arrests and responded to 37 accidents.
- Sold 2,450 gallons of AvGas and 7,815 gallons of JetA fuel.
- Made 19 extensive street repairs following utility repairs.
- Patched 601 potholes.
- Checked out 2,827 items from the library and another 492 e-books.
- Conducted 34 building inspections, 27 electrical inspections, 27 plumbing inspections, 10 mechanical inspections and issued 22 building permits.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A REQUEST BY LOVE’S TRAVEL STOP AND COUNTRY STORE TO PLAT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1201 SOUTH HILLCREST, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS LOTS 2 AND 5 OF BLOCK 217

Community Development Director Niewiadomski presented the staff report. There was a brief discussion about signage and sewer lines. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar moved to approve the plat as presented with the execution of a community facilities contract for public improvements. Councilman Walker seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A REQUEST BY WAYNE COOPER TO PLAT SIX (6) ACRES OF A 12-ACRE TRACT LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WILDCAT WAY AND WEST OF MAJORS DRIVE

Community Development Director Niewiadomski presented the staff report. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Froneberger moved to approve the plat and that development adhere to pro rata agreements 395 and 397 that were approved in January 2011 and remain in effect until January 2021. Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONCRETE FOR THE CROSSTOWN TRAIL PROJECT

Finance Director Karstens presented the staff report. We received two bids for concrete. Martin Marietta bid \$104.00/CY and Bell Concrete bid \$108.00/CY. The staff recommendation is Martin Marietta's bid at \$104.00 per cubic yard for 3200psi and \$108.00 per cubic yard. There was a general discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Walker moved to approve the bids and award the contract to Martin Marietta. Councilwoman Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2719, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS, SETTING FORTH REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND CREDIT EXTENSIONS GUIDELINES FOR CREDIT ACCESS BUSINESSES; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING REPEALING AND SAVINGS CLAUSES; PROVING A TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2018

City Manager Maxwell presented the staff report. Attorney James Litzler, Pastor Mark Bryant, and Pastor Joel Tiemeyer spoke in favor of the ordinance. There was a general discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilwoman Glass moved to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Councilman Johnson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM

Justin Davidson addressed the City Council stating there should be a hotline for complaints. He added that 732 Houston and 357 North League needed mowing and maintenance to bring the properties up to standards. He also praised the work the street sweeper is accomplishing.

The Mayor recognized Boy Scouts of America Troop 66 and thanked them for being present at the meeting.

Councilman Johnson suggested staff work with Hopkins County to save money and Councilman Walker agreed.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and interest in their community.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

