

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

NOVEMBER 4, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Freddie Taylor called the regular meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 7:35 p.m. City Hall is a polling place which delayed the meeting. The following council members and staff were present:

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

Absent: None

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney
Peter Karstens – Finance Director
Gordon Frazier, Director Human Resources
Jay Sanders, Sulphur Springs Police Chief
Robert Lee, Director of Utilities
Russ Nuss, Public Works Director
Dave Reed, Sulphur Springs City Engineer

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Taylor led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag and the Pledge to the Texas Flag as well as the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Councilman Sellers announced there would be a “History Tour by Foot” this November 8th at 9:00a.m. and 10:45a.m. Tickets are available at Alliance Bank and City National Bank. It is sponsored by the Downtown Business Alliance.

Mayor Pro Tem Price announced the Symphony League Auction on Saturday, November 22, 2014.

Councilman Aguilar announced the UPRA Rodeo which will be conducted November 21 – 23 at the rodeo grounds of the Hopkins County Civic Center. He also invited folks to attend the “Handicapped Rodeo” which will be conducted at 9AM on November 21. He stated this is often the only time some people get to participate in horseback riding. There will also be hayrides and wagon rides.

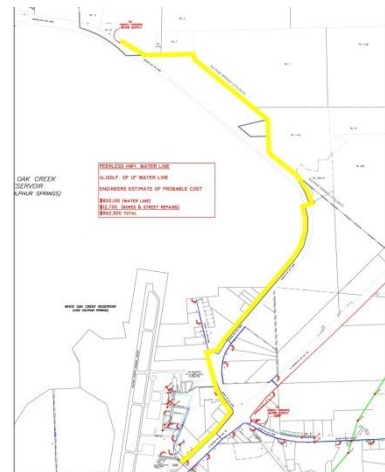
Mayor Taylor recognized the Adult Leadership Class and welcomed them to the meeting.

MANAGER’S REPORT

STREETS – The annual overlay program is completed. Morris Drive, Russell Drive, Kendall Lane, Fuller Street, North Davis Street (from the Blacklands Railroad to Park Street), and Hinnant Street were all repaved. Expect League Street, Live Oak Street, Vonda Drive, and Waco Street to be overlaid in the spring. We are currently replacing curb and gutter on Live Oak in preparation for overlay.

Lamar Street is up next for reconstruction. This ½ mile project will replace water main, sewer main and street at a cost of \$766,700. The project will extend from College to Beckham.

On-deck is a water main replacement project on FM 2285. This project will replace 2.5 miles of undersized and dilapidated water main at a cost of \$862,800. The project will begin at S.H. 19 and extend past the lake Sulphur Springs dam. The existing water main generates more repairs than any other water main in the City.

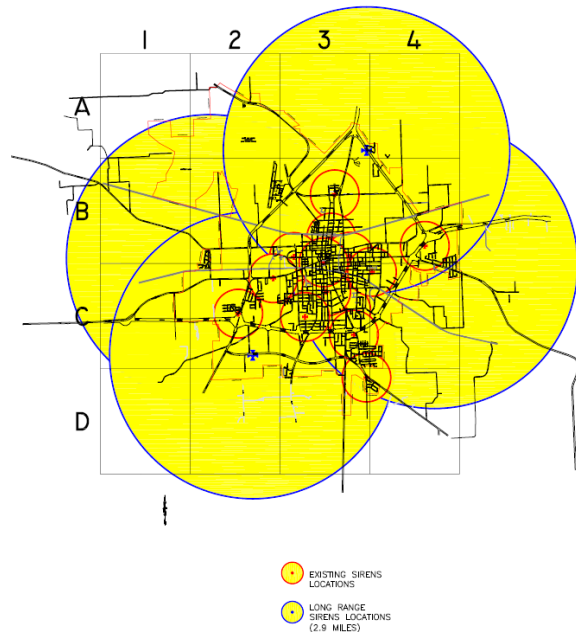


CLAIMS – We did not have any workers’ compensation claims in October.

We received 3 minor liability claims. One claimant is seeking damages from an alleged pothole incident. Another claimant seeks damages from a sewer overflow. Another seeks damages from a water incident involving sediment in the line and damage to an ice machine. All three claims have been submitted to TML.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - Total suspended solids (TSS) came in at 2.27 mg/L for October which is well within our permitted limit of 15 mg/L. The new filters are working as expected.

TORNADO WARNING SIRENS - All of the warning sirens are installed and operational. You have probably heard the tests. The 4 new sirens are extraordinarily loud, and cover the entire city. The 13 smaller sirens augment the system in more densely populated areas. The sirens will be tested on the first Wednesday of every month at noon if the skies are clear. If the skies are not clear, the test will be delayed until the next sunny day at noon.



REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – Finance Director, Peter Karstens will present the year-end summary of revenues and expenditures.

Elsewhere around the city, employees:

- Responded to 234 animal control calls and achieved an adoption rate of 62%
- Prepared Buford Park for the stew cook-off.
- Hosted a USFA softball tournament.
- Fixed sign at Pacific Park.
- Mowed Coleman Dam.
- Checked out 2,676 items from the library.
- Responded to 40 accidents, made 87 arrests, wrote 750 traffic citations, and recorded 62 offences.
- Hired a new animal control officer.
- Provided security for stew cook-off, fall festival, car shows and a zombie run.
- Processed 792 citations through Municipal Court.
- Sold 2,320 gallons of AvGas and 5,224 gallons of JetA fuel.
- Repaired 16 water main ruptures.
- Replaced 33 water meters.
- Unstopped 12 sewer mains.
- Repaired 21 sewer mains, 6 of which resulted from sewer camera inspections.
- Washed 79,000 feet of sewer mains.
- Adjusted height on multiple manholes ahead of street overlays.
- Made 19 arrests in the Special Crimes Unit.
- Patched 19 potholes.
- Made 14 street repairs following utility repairs.
- Swept 29 streets.
- Removed 5 fallen trees from city streets after storm.
- Replaced sidewalk, curb & gutter on Hunter Street.

- Rebuilt portions of curb & gutter on Kendall, Hinnant, and Live Oak.
- Installed 2 new stop signs and 3 street signs.
- Performed 11 health inspections and investigated 11 code compliance complaints.
- Conducted 24 building inspections, 28 electrical inspections, 22 plumbing inspections and issued 23 building permits.
- Performed preventative maintenance on 90 fire hydrants.
- Responded to 148 fire/rescue calls including 4 structure fires.
- Conducted 59 fire inspections.
- Repaired airport hangar lights.
- Repaired Cantex lift station.
- Installed surveillance cameras at Buford Park.
- Washed clarifiers at wastewater treatment plant.
- Shredded wastewater outfall line.
- Reviewed proposals from 4 engineering firms regarding improvements at the wastewater treatment plant.
- Flushed 37 dead-end water mains.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Consider for approval the regular City Council meeting minutes of October 7, 2014; the Downtown Revitalization Board meeting minutes of September 30 and October 14, 2014; the Construction Board of Appeals meeting minutes of October 14, 2014; and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of September 22, 2014. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

PRESENTATION BY BRIGHT STAR BASEBALL AND DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROPOSED BRIGHT STAR LEAGUE BASEBALL FIELD

This presentation was left on the agenda as a courtesy. Presentation will be made at a later date.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2660 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2014; BEARING INTEREST AT THE RATES HEREINAFTER SET FORTH; TO SECURE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED FOR CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS INCLUDING RELATED DRAINAGE, SIGNALIZATION, LANDSCAPING, LIGHTING, SIGNAGE AND UTILITY RELOCATION, AND RECONSTRUCTION OF A

CITY OWNED BILLBOARD, CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE OLD CITY HALL BUILDING LOCATED AT 125 SOUTH DAVIS STREET FOR POLICE AND OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICES, INCLUDING RELATED LANDSCAPING, PARKING AND INFRASTRUCTURE, ENGINEERING FEES FOR WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE FOR ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, POLICE, FIRE, PARKS, UTILITY AND STREETS, AND CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENTS, MUNICIPAL

Finance Director Peter Karstens presented the staff report and was available to answer any questions. Mark McLiney, Southwest Securities, explained the process, reviewed the bids received, and recommended the low bidder which was Sterne, Agee, & Leach, Inc. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Sellers moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading and to accept the low bid from Sterne, Agee & Leach, Inc. Mayor Pro Tem Price seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TWO (2) POLICE DEPARTMENT CRUISERS

Sulphur Springs Police Chief Jay Sanders presented the staff report. On October 27, 2014, staff conducted a public bid opening for two sedan police patrol vehicles. There were four (4) bids received and they were as follows:

Sulphur Springs Dodge

2015 Dodge Charger Police Pursuit V6	\$21,757.00
Total for 2 vehicles	\$43,514.00

Texas Country Ford

2015 Ford Taurus Interceptor	\$22,774.71
Total for 2 vehicles	\$45,549.42

Grapevine Dodge

2015 Dodge Charger Police Pursuit V6	\$25,144.00
Total for 2 vehicles	\$50,288.00

Caldwell Country Chevrolet

2015 Caprice Police Patrol Vehicle	\$25,210.00
Total for 2 vehicles	\$50,420.00

The lowest bid was received from Sulphur Springs Dodge. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved to accept the bids and award the contract to Sulphur Springs Dodge. Councilman Walker seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SELECTION OF ENGINEERING FIRM AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE WASTEWATER PLANT REHABILITATION PROJECT

Finance Director Karstens presented the staff report and was available to answer any questions. Four (4) responses were received from KSA, Garver, Carollo, and Alan Plummer. Using the published criteria the list was narrowed to Carollo and Garver for interviews. During the process it became obvious that there were still too many issues left unresolved to be able to move directly to the design phase of this project. Essentially staff is not at the point that we can recommend the design that will best serve Sulphur Springs' needs over the next 20 – 40 years. In the negotiations with Garver Engineering we worked out pricing parameters on Design and Construction management and Inspection. Staff recommends we only contractually proceed with three pre-design activities at this time. The actual pricing for the activities are as follows:

Surveys	\$ 65,430
Conceptual Design	\$204,564
<u>Funding Assistance</u>	<u>\$ 15,380</u>
Total	\$269,994

The staff recommendation is to select Garver Engineering for the engineering tasks listed above for a total price of \$269,994. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Walker moved to approve the staff recommendation. Mayor Pro Tem Price thanked staff for their time, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR HVAC WORK AT THE OLD CITY HALL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Finance Director Karstens presented the staff report. The bid notice was published in the local newspaper and five firms were notified. One bid was received by A & S in the amount of \$62,547. The HVAC will be the most complicated part of the remodeling project. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson insured this item concurred with the attached letter from Don Roundtree. Councilwoman Glass moved to approve the bid and award the contract to A & S in the amount of \$62,547. Councilman Sellers seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PROVIDE LIGHT METAL FRAMING DRYWALL, INSTALLATION OF INSULATION, SUSPENDED CEILING, INSTALLATION OF HOLLOW METAL DOOR FRAMES, DOORS AND HARDWARE FOR THE OLD CITY HALL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Finance Director Karstens presented the staff report and was available to answer any questions. Seven firms were notified but only one bid was received. The estimate for this work was \$44,000 but the bid received from Metroplex Drywall in Wolfe City was in the amount of \$84,515. The staff recommendation is to reject the bid. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved to reject the bid received by Metroplex Drywall. Mayor Pro Tem Price seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF UTILITY PIPE FOR THE LAMAR STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Director OF Public Works Russ Nuss presented the staff report and was available to answer any questions. There were four responses to the call to bid.

Underground Utility	\$78,326.72
Morrison Supply	\$77,182.88
Hayes Pipe	\$78,103.48
Burgin Pipe & Supply	\$84,545.76

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 1075, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS, CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE SALE OF A 0.23-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND TO HOLT TEXAS LTD. (HOLT)

City Manager Maxwell presented the staff report. HOLT desires to purchase a portion of Pampa Street that the city has no plans for or desire to maintain. The proposed price would equal the price paid for adjacent properties on a per square foot basis (\$0.68/sf). The attachments included a resolution, special warranty deed, survey, and field notes. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Sellers moved to approve the resolution and sale of property. Councilman Johnson seconded and vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC FORUM

Finance Director Karstens reminded the City Council that the old city hall offices would be moving into temporary quarters for the reconstruction project during the latter part of November.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.