

**CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**JANUARY 6, 2009**

**7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Oscar Aguilar called the regular meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 7:05 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Oscar Aguilar  
Mayor Pro Tem Gary Spraggins  
Council Garry Jordan  
Councilman Clay Walker  
Councilman Chris Brown  
Councilman Charles Oxford

Absent: Councilman Freddie Taylor

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager  
Gale Roberts, City Secretary  
James Litzler, Acting City Attorney  
Peter Karstens, Director of Finance  
Johnny Vance, Director of Community Development  
Craig Vaughn, Director of Utilities  
Gordon Frazier, Human Resources Director

**PLEDGE AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Aguilar led in the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Pro Tem Spraggins led in the invocation.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**ROCKDALE ROAD II** - This 880' street reconstruction project is about 75% completed. This is the second of 4 phases. Water and sewer improvements were already constructed earlier in the year. The project has a budget of \$223,700 including water and sewer improvements.

**ROSE HILL WATER LINE** - The capital Construction Division has finished constructing this 1,600' water line to the Rose Hill addition. The new 12" water line is the second feed to the addition. The project had a budget of \$72,700. It looks like we will come well under budget

**HOUSTON STREET** - The City will hold public meeting on December 09, at 6 pm. at the Public Library regarding the proposed plans for Houston Street. Construction drawings will be on display and our engineering firm will be present. Anyone with an interest in the project should attend. We will be reconstructing Houston Street from League to Jackson. This will be a complete reconstruction including water, sewer, concrete street, drainage, sidewalks...everything. The cost is likely to be between \$3.1 Million and 3.5 million depending on how extensive the drainage system is. All property owners on Houston Street should definitely attend.

**CLAIMS** – We did not have any worker's compensation claims or liability claims in November.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS** – Elsewhere around the City, employees:

- Repaired numerous potholes and utility cuts.
- Trimmed trees at various locations for clearance and for visibility at "stop" signs.
- Replaced or repaired various "school zone" "crosswalk" and speed limit signs.
- Swept 74 streets.
- Conducted 30 health inspections, and 33 public nuisance inspections.
- Conducted 50 building inspections, 42 electrical inspections, 46 plumbing inspections, 31 mechanical inspections and issued 11 building permits.
- Abated 1 substandard structure, bringing the total to 410.
- Unstopped 24 sewer lines.
- Cleaned over 51,000 feet of sewer lines.
- Repaired 3 manholes.
- Video inspected 1,200 feet of sewer mains.
- Repaired 21 waterline ruptures.
- Installed 4 water taps and repaired 2 fire hydrants.
- Replaced 33 water meters.
- Replaced sludge pump at wastewater treatment plant.
- Performed preventative maintenance on sludge press.
- Treated wastewater effluent to an average total suspended solids count of 2.27 mg/L.
- Attended haz-mat training.
- Distributed 2,076 meals to seniors.

- Sold 9,000 gallons of jet fuel and 2,068 gallons of aviation gas.
- Made repairs at Kids Kingdom.
- Planted Rye grass on softball fields.
- Winterized concessions at parks.
- Made repairs at senior center.
- Made 104 arrests, recorded 89 offenses, wrote 394 citations and worked 32 accidents.
- Checked out 5,235 books.
- Processed 397 tickets.
- Made 26 felony drug-related arrests in the Special Crimes Unit.
- Responded to 233 animal control calls and found homes for 81% of all dogs and cats that were not claimed by their owners. Excellent Job!
- Responded to 88 fire/rescue calls, including 5 structure fires.
- Performed preventative maintenance on 115 fire hydrants.
- Conducted 45 fire inspections.

### **VISITORS/PUBLIC FORUM**

Some of the Sulphur Springs Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> graders participated in an environmental poster contest. One of the teachers, Rae Altenbaumer, addressed the City Council to request some type of recycling program be implemented in the future. She also brought several of the posters that were entered in the contest.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items on the Consent Agenda were reviewed: Consider for approval regular City Council meeting minutes of December 2, 2008; the Special City Council meeting minutes of December 9, 2008; the Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting minutes of December 16, 2008; the Tourism and Promotion Board meeting minutes of October 8, 2008; and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of November 24, 2008. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Brown moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Oxford seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON INDEPENDENT AUDIT FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS 2008**

Randy Howard of Pingleton, Howard & Company made a presentation of the audit to the City Council. The audit makes comparisons of how we ended financially as compared to the 2008 budget as well as the previous year. The City of Sulphur Springs continues to be in excellent financial condition. The audit becomes the foundation upon which the city staff will start to build the next budget. There was no one to speak to the issue.

Councilman Jordan moved to accept the audit as presented. Councilman Brown seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**VISITORS/PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Jordan Krause distributed information to the City Council regarding fluoridation.

**ADJOURN**

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.