

**CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**JUNE 5, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Freddie Taylor 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 Yolanda Williams  
Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Aguilar  
Councilman Freddie Taylor  
Councilman Gary Spraggins  
Councilman Chris Brown

Absent: Councilman Garry Jordan  
Councilman Clay Walker

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

**PLEDGE AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Freddie Taylor led in the pledge of allegiance and the invocation.

**OATHS OF OFFICE WILL BE GIVEN TO COUNCILMEN ELECT FREDDIE TAYLOR AND GARY SPRAGGINS**

City Secretary Gale Roberts gave Oaths of Office to councilmen-elect Freddie Taylor and Gary Spraggins.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SELECTION OF MAYOR**

Councilman Brown made a motion to nominate Yolanda Williams as Mayor. Councilman Aguilar seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

Councilman Brown made a motion to nominate Oscar Aguilar as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

**NORTH TOWN BRANCH RELOCATION** - The Capital Construction Division is making steady progress excavating the new route for North Town Branch behind City Hall. We purchased 1.3 acres south of Ashcroft Street last month, and then immediately cleared off the property, and began excavating the new drainage ditch. As you may recall, this series of events was precipitated by the collapse of North Town Branch under the City Hall Parking lot. The lot was purchased for \$65,000, the excavation work will end up costing the City between \$42,000 and \$58,000.

**SKATE PARK** - We are waiting for Texas Parks and Wildlife to approve the construction plans for the skate park. When that happens, construction on the skate park will resume. The Council authorized \$100,000 for the construction of a skate park. The City then successfully applied for a \$50,000 grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife. The grant provides for the reconstruction of the basketball courts at Buford Park as well as some playground equipment.

**COMO STREET** - The Capital Construction Division has finished rebuilding a portion of Como Street in the vicinity of Morningstar Foods, Ocean Spray and J.B. Weld. We had originally thought that the street failure was the result of a failing underground drain, but when we excavated the road we discovered that the drainage line was just fine. The deterioration was simply the result of water infiltrating the road base through all of the cracks and joints. We have decided to reseal all of the cracks and joints in Como Street to prevent this from happening again. The City Council had budgeted \$91,100 for the project, but because no drainage repairs were necessary the actual cost of the project will only be about \$55,000, including the crack/joint sealing.

**CO-OP SEWER PROJECT** - This project is next up. It will replace 3,250 linear feet of sewer main beginning at Jackson Street near the Northeast Texas Farmers Co-op and extend westward. It has a budget of \$186,800 for the project. We are still working to resolve some alignment issues. Once resolved, we'll get started.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - Finance Director, Peter Karstens will give a review of revenues and expenditures year-to-date.

**CLAIMS AND ACCIDENTS** – Three worker's compensation claims were filed in May. One employee suffered a dog bite, one was exposed to poison Ivy, and one sustained a minor eye injury. All three employees were treated and released to work without lost time.

We received two minor liability claims in May, one for a flat tire caused by a pothole, and the other for a scratch in the side of a van, allegedly caused by debris thrown by one of our mowers. The tire claim was denied by TML, and the claim for damages to the van will probably be paid.

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

- Demolished a substandard structure at 340 Putman.
- Made 13 street repairs as a result of utility repairs.
- Cleared tree limbs around town after recent storms.
- Added “speed limit” signs in the Cedar Springs addition and the Austin Acres addition.
- Swept 34 streets.
- Conducted 42 health inspections (Wilma is back).
- Conducted 13 building inspections, 39 electrical inspections, 40 plumbing inspections, 20 mechanical inspections and issued 20 building permits.
- Responded to 88 fire/rescue calls.
- Made 48 fire inspections.
- Maintained 104 fire hydrants.
- Obtained 48 hours of continuing fire response education.
- Checked out 4,742 books, tapes, etc. 40% went to non-residents.
- Processed new volumes into the library collection.
- Made final preparations for the summer reading program.
- Treated 134 million gallons of drinking water.
- Put the Coleman water tower back online.
- Ran emergency generator at water treatment plant as a result of power failure.
- Maintained high-service water pumps.
- Flushed 40 dead-end water mains.
- Maintained flood gates at Lake Sulphur Springs.
- Processed 711 tickets through the municipal court.
- Repaired fuel pumps at the airport.
- Repaired sludge press at wastewater treatment plant.
- Cleaned 57,500 feet of sewer line.
- Installed 2 new sewer taps.
- Unstopped 19 sewer mains.
- Inspected 600 feet of sewer main.
- Installed 527 feet of water main on Jefferson Street.
- Repaired 11 minor water leaks.
- Installed 4 water taps.
- Repaired 8 fire hydrants and replaced 2.

- Repaired 6 low-flow water services.
- Sent 7 employees to water distribution training.
- Made preparations to replace turntable on #1 sludge tank at wastewater treatment plant (WWTP).
- Cleaned effluent flume at WWTP.
- Passed TCEQ inspection at WWTP with flying colors.
- Maintained influent basin.
- Produced effluent with a daily total suspended solids (TSS) count of 2.46 mg/L.
- Attended crisis intervention training and SWAT training.
- Hired a new animal control officer.
- Seized \$73,520 in U.S. currency.
- Welcomed 5 new reserve officers to the police department.
- Welcomed 4 new volunteers to the volunteers on patrol program.
- Activated the emergency operations center twice for storms.
- Auctioned off 10 seized vehicles.
- Responded to 43 accidents, made 116 arrests, recorded 89 offenses, and wrote 633 citations.
- Received 38 dogs and cats at the animal shelter, founds homes for 8, and released 2 to their owners.
- Had an active month in the special crimes unit with 16 felony arrests and 5 misdemeanor arrests.
- Opened the swimming pool.
- Turned on spray park at Pacific Park.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items on the Consent Agenda were reviewed: Consider for approval: regular City Council minutes of May 1, 2007; Special City Council minutes of May 15, 2007; City Council Retreat minutes of May 15, 2007; Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting minutes of May 15, 2007; Downtown Revitalization Board Meeting minutes of May 15, 2007; and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of April 23, 2007. Councilman Brown moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2501, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY ON ARBALA ROAD, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 211, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO SINGLE FAMILY 6000 (SF-6)**

This property is owned by Rose Enix and was annexed into the city limits on November

7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer any questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Brown moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Spraggins seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2502, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF S.H. 19, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 241, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO LIGHT COMMERCIAL (LC)**

This property is owned by Plas Ray Williams Jr. and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer any questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Spraggins moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Brown seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2503, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF S.H. 19, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 241-02, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO LIGHT COMMERCIAL (LC)**

This property is owned by E. L. and Wanda Alexander and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer any questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2504, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF S. H. 19, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 241-03, FROM AGRICULTURE**

**(AG) TO LIGHT COMMERCIAL (LC)**

This property is owned by the Ronny and Joyce Burchfield and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Brown moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Spraggins seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2505, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF S. H. 19, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 241-04, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO LIGHT COMMERCIAL (LC)**

This property is owned by Ava Lee Martin and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Brown moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2506, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF S. H. 19, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 241-06, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO LIGHT COMMERCIAL (LC)**

This property is owned by Jimmy and Cynthia Stovall and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Spraggins moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2507, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF I-30, BEING FURTHER**

**DESCRIBED AS TRACT 1, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO SINGLE FAMILY 6,000 (SF-6)**

This property is owned by R. Chris and Scarlett C. Gibbons and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Brown moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO, 2509, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF I-30 AND SOUTH OF MAIN STREET, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 158, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI)**

This property is owned by McCall Farms Ltd. and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Brown moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Spraggins seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2510, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF I-30 AND SOUTH OF MAIN STREET, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 158-11, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI)**

This property is owned by Billy and Yolanda Cox and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Spraggins moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2511, A CITY INITIATED REZONING**

**REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON NORTH OF I-30 AND SOUTH OF MAIN STREET, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 205, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI)**

This property is owned by Michael and Sue Norton and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Brown moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2512, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF I-30 AND SOUTH OF MAIN STREET, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 207, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI)**

This property is owned by Michael and Sue Norton and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Spraggins moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2513, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED OF I-30 AND SOUTH OF MAIN STREET, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 1, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI)**

This property is owned by Jeffrey and Francis Wiles and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Brown moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.



**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2514, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF S.H. 19, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 241-07, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO LIGHT COMMERCIAL (LC)**

This property is owned by Sam Hollie and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Brown moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Spraggins seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2515, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF S.H. 19, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 241-08, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO LIGHT COMMERCIAL (LC)**

This property is owned by Derald Lynn Millsap and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2516, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON ROCKDALE ROAD, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 255, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO SINGLE FAMILY 6,000 (SF-6)**

This property is owned by Kevin, Shari, Arnold, and Margaret Mohl and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Brown moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Spraggins seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2508, A CITY INITIATED REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF I-30 AND SOUTH OF MAIN STREET, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TRACT 3, FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI) (THIS ITEM WAS PREVIOUSLY TABLED)**

This property is owned by Johnny Dobson and was annexed into the city limits on November 7, 2006. All property annexed must be zoned Agriculture initially and later rezoned to accommodate the future proposed use within one year. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer questions. This item was previously tabled. The property owner, Johnny Dobson, apologized to the City Council because he was, in fact, properly notified and all the property was annexed. He wanted to know why the city had annexed his property. City Manager Marc Maxwell explained that the annexations began with the Highway 11 realignment and ended with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council deciding to take in everything between Highway 11 and I-30 all the way out to Highway 19. There were also some other areas, industrial sites, that were taken in as well. Mr. Dobson stated that he was unhappy with the Light Industrial zoning. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Spraggins moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2517, ESTABLISHING A REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR GSA ENTERPRISES, INC./DBA FIDELITY EXPRESS**

GSA Enterprises, Inc./dba Fidelity Express is in the process of expanding its operation in Sulphur Springs. The current expansion is 4.5 million dollars and will add 12 new jobs. One of the incentives that we offered to them was a tax abatement and this ordinance establishes a reinvestment zone. EDC Director Roger Feagley was available to answer any questions. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2518 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2007; BEARING INTEREST AT THE RATES HEREINAFTER SET FORTH; TO SECURE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED FOR**

**CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, AND EXTENDING CITY STREETS AND DRAINAGE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ACQUISITION OF STREET EQUIPMENT, ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, INSTALLING AND EQUIPPING ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM, ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES FOR THE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY AIRPORT; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; MAKING CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS OF THE CITY IN REFERENCE TO THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND THE FUNDS FROM WHICH SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION ARE TO BE PAID; APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AWARDED SALE OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO**

This ordinance authorizes the sale of Certificates of Obligation called for in the 2006-2007 budget which called for a combination of three debt issues:

\$2,500,000 for the Water and Sewer CIP	20 years
\$3,500,000 for the Street CIP	10 years
\$ 975,000 for Equipment	10 years

Finance Director Peter Karstens and Dan Almon of Southwest Securities were available to answer any questions. Mr. Karstens distributed a preliminary official statement to the City Council and reiterated that this was the first reading of the ordinance with the second reading required July 3, 2007. Councilman Spraggins wanted information regarding the bids. Mr. Almon explained that the City Council has the right to reject the bids and the resale could be postponed or rescheduled. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Spraggins moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL IN HERITAGE PARK ON THE SQUARE**

A number of local veterans have organized the Hopkins County Veterans Memorial, a 501(c)3 corporation, for the sole purpose of erecting a memorial to all veterans of foreign war from Hopkins County. The project is not designed yet, but it is envisioned to be fairly large in its physical size. Not just a single statue, but perhaps a series of markers or perhaps even a wall. This group anticipates that the design of the memorial will be

expensive and would like to have some kind of preliminary approval from the City Council before they undertake that expense. Clayton McGraw made a presentation and distributed hand-outs to the City Council. Don Roundtree also addressed the City Council and thanked City Manager Marc Maxwell for all his assistance. Mr. Maxwell suggested that an overall master plan be created by an architect to avoid a piecemeal effect in the downtown area allowing generations to enjoy the project for many years. There was a brief general discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Brown moved to approve the concept of the memorial with the intent of the City Council to have final approval and to direct staff to fund an architect. Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION BOARD FOR PARKING FOR THE MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION**

On March 20, 2007 staff submitted four drawings for the proposed parking on Main Street in the downtown area to the Downtown Revitalization Board. Over a series of meetings and adjustments the Downtown Revitalization Board approved the design to recommend to the City Council and involved the Downtown Business Alliance in their decision process. Director of Community Development Johnny Vance was available to answer any questions. There was a general discussion about the fact that Main Street will become one-way going west from the square to North Davis Street. There was no one to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar moved to approve the parking design recommendation. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON USE OF AMPLIFIED EQUIPMENT FOR THE DAIRY FESTIVAL**

This is a request for use of amplified equipment after 10:00 p.m. for the Dairy Festival. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Spraggins moved to approve the request. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO THE (1) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, (2) ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS, (3) AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD, (4) SULPHUR RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD, (5) LIBRARY BOARD, (6) BOARD OF TOURISM AND PROMOTION, (7) PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, (8) CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS, (9) PLANNING**

**AND ZONING COMMISSION, AND (10) THE SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITY BOARD**

There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the board appointments as discussed (see below). Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar seconded the motion and the vote unanimous.

City Manager Marc Maxwell read the list of appointments for the record.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

TOM SELLERS  
CLAY WALKER

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

CLAYTON MCGRAW  
JAMES HULEN  
CLAUDE WALTERS  
JONATHAN COOPER, ALTERNATE  
GARY STOKES, ALTERNATE

**AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD**

MARK MCCLENDON  
DAVID POSKEY  
KURT SEHNERT

**SULPHUR RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

G. V. HUGHES

**LIBRARY BOARD**

CONNIE JOHNSON  
GINA SYNDER

**BOARD OF TOURISM AND PROMOTION**

BILL GLOVER  
DEBORAH BALKCOM

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

KELLY WISER  
DEREK SORELY

**CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS**

RICKEY PAYNE  
JOHN COOPER  
JEFF REDDING  
JIM FRY, ALTERNATE

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

RITA EDWARDS  
JOHN SELLERS

**SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITY BOARD**

L. B. JORDAN  
LARRY BOOKER  
FRED DIAL

The motion carried.

**VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM**

The outgoing Mayor, Freddie Taylor, thanked the City Council for their support during his term as Mayor. He thanked the city staff and stated that Marc Maxwell is a great leader for the staff. He also thanked Gale Roberts for her assistance with proclamations and scheduling. Councilman Taylor also wished Mayor Williams the best of luck and told her to enjoy her term as Mayor. He stated that he really had a wonderful time serving as Mayor of the great City of Sulphur and thanked everyone for a great year.

**ADJOURN**

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.