

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 4, 2008

7:30 p.m.

Mayor Oscar Aguilar called the regular meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 7:31 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 Freddie Taylor
Councilman Chris Brown
Councilman Charles Oxford

Absent: None.

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney
Peter Karstens, Director of Finance
Robert Stidham, Assistant Police Chief
Craig Vaughn, Director of Utilities
Gordon Frazier, Human Resources Director

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Aguilar led in the pledge of allegiance and Councilman Taylor led in the invocation.

MANAGER'S REPORT

ROCKDALE ROAD II - This 880' street reconstruction project is about 50% 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 - This project will construct a 1,600' water line to the Rose Hill addition. The new 12" water line will be a second feed to the addition. The project has a budget of \$72,700.

CLAIMS – We had one minor worker's compensation claim for an employee who suffered a laceration to the head. The unfortunate employee returned to work the same day after being treated by a doctor. No liability claims were submitted in October.

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – This being the first month of the fiscal year, there isn't much to report.

MISCELLANEOUS – Elsewhere around the City, employees:

- Responded to 96 fire/rescue calls.
- Conducted 66 fire inspections.
- Performed preventative maintenance on 111 fire hydrants.
- Replaced 6 street signs.
- Received 132 hours of fire/rescue training.
- Wrote 10 weed citations.
- Worked 37 accidents, made 136 arrests, recorded 88 offenses and wrote 487 citations.
- Received additional training in SWAT response, firearms instruction, animal control, dispatching, and Spanish.
- Witnessed Ben Dickson receiving the Officer of the Year Award from the Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce.
- Made 12 felony arrests in the Special Crimes Unit and recovered \$1,000 in stolen property.
- Responded to 291 animal control calls.
- Received 65 dogs and cats at the animal control shelter, released 8 to their owners and found homes for 45, a phenomenal 79% adoption rate.
- Repaired 19 street cuts after water/sewer repairs and patched 15 potholes.
- Replaced RR crossing signs at various locations.
- Swept 25 streets.
- Abated 1 substandard structure, bringing the total to 409.
- Made repairs at Kids Kingdom.
- Prepared athletic fields for winter.
- Repaired gates at Coleman Park.
- Checked out 5,235 books, tapes, etc.
- Treated 132 gallons of drinking water.
- Treated the resulting wastewater to a level below 1 part per million.
- Unstopped 18 sewer mains.
- Repaired 6 sewer mains and 20 water mains.
- Cleaned 48,000' of sewer mains.
- Replaced a fire hydrant, a manhole and 22 water meters.
- Performed preventative maintenance at wastewater treatment plant and lift stations.

- Repaired raw water pumps at Cooper Lake pump station.
- Performed preventative maintenance at water treatment plant.
- Sold 11,040 gallons of jet fuel and 3,033 gallons of AvGas.
- Completed construction of airport access road connecting with new taxiway.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items on the Consent Agenda were reviewed: Consider for approval regular City Council meeting minutes of October 7, 2008; the Planning and Zoning meeting minutes of October 20, 2008; the Downtown Revitalization Board meeting minutes of October 21, 2008; and the Tourism and Promotion meeting minutes of September 17, 2008. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Brown moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Spraggins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF LANDFILL CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC WASTE SERVICES OF TEXAS, LTD

This is the proposed Landfill Contract for the City of Sulphur Springs. There are a couple of major changes from the original contract. The changes include the term of the agreement, rate escalation based on volume, and rate escalation based on unusual or unexpected events. Director of Finance Peter Karstens presented the staff report and Lanny Caffey, General Manager of Duncan Disposal/Republic Waste Services of Texas, was available to answer any questions. There was a general discussion and a couple of comments about the contract. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Spraggins moved to approve the contract as presented. Councilman Oxford seconded motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE SANITATION WASTE CONTRACT

In October 2003 we agreed with Republic Waste Services of Texas to provide Waste Collection Services for us through an exclusive franchise agreement for 5 years with three possible two-year extensions. December 31, 2008 we will reach the end of the five years. Director of Finance Peter Karstens presented the staff report and Lanny Caffey, General Manager of Duncan Disposal/Republic Waste Services of Texas, was available to answer any questions. There was a general discussion and a couple of comments about the two-year extension of the existing contract. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Spraggins moved to approve the two-year extension of the contract with the 5% rate increase for the first year and another 5% rate increase for the second year of the extension. Councilman Oxford seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 966 APPOINTING A BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND A CHAIRPERSON FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone has been established and agreed with Hopkins County and the Hopkins County Memorial Hospital District on the amount of their participation. The Zone was created to have a Board of Directors consisting of five members. Of the five, the City chooses three members, Hopkins County chooses one and the Hopkins County Memorial Hospital District chooses one member to serve on this board. Hopkins County selected County Judge Cletis Millsap and the Hopkins County Memorial Hospital Board chose Jan Chapman. Councilman Brown suggested that he, Mayor Aguilar, and Mayor Pro Tem Spraggins be appointed. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Jordan moved to appoint Mayor Aguilar, Mayor Pro Tem Spraggins, and Councilman Brown to serve as the City of Sulphur Springs members of the Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone Number One Board. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 967 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HOPKINS COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, SETTING THE TERMS BY WHICH THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution approves the agreement with the Hospital District for their participation in the Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone Number One. Their participation will be at 25% compared to 100% for the City of Sulphur Springs and 100% for Hopkins County. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Oxford moved to approve Resolution No. 967 as presented. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 968 EXECUTING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR THE SULPHUR SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

This is a resolution executing an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture for financial assistance. This financial assistance is not a loan from United States Department of Agriculture and will be used to purchase equipment for the Fire Department and Police Department. The equipment will be for laptops, cellular air cards, projectors, radios and 1 year service with My State USA. The laptops, cellular air cards and projects will be for Fire and Police for Emergency Management and will make the city in compliance with National Incident Management System. Radios will be for Volunteers on Patrol. The funds will also be used to enter into a one year agreement with My State USA which is a web base weather notification system. Assistant Police Chief Robert Stidham presented the staff report and was available to answer any questions. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Jordan moved to approve Resolution No. 968 as presented. Councilman Oxford seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Jordan Krause handed out a letter with pertinent information on fluoride and stated he was available to meet with the City Council, individually or as a group, to discuss the contents of the letter. Mr. Krause then thanked the City Council for their time.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.