

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

DECEMBER 4, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Craig Johnson called the regular meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 7:01p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Craig Johnson
Mayor Pro Tem John Sellers
Councilman Oscar Aguilar
Councilman Freddie Taylor
Councilman Gary Spraggins
Councilwoman Kayla Price

Absent: Councilman Clay Walker

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney
Gordon Frazier, Human Resources Director
Russell Ham, Water Plant Superintendent

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Adult Leadership Class member Brandon Williams led in the pledge of allegiance and Councilman Spraggins led in the invocation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Johnson recognized the Adult Leadership Class members in attendance at tonight's meeting. He reminded everyone of the Blue Santa Program. Councilwoman Price mentioned the CASA Cookie Walk on December 7th from 9A until noon. There were no proclamations for the month of December.

MANAGER'S REPORT

THE SQUARE – The Oak Avenue/College Street intersection has reopened and the Capital Construction Division is now rebuilding Oak Street from College to Jefferson.

SOUTH BROADWAY WATER PROJECT - Expect work to begin on this project in the next few days. This project will replace 2,200 feet of water main from Joyce to Drexel. The existing line is a major source of complaints regarding pressure/flow and water quality. Expect the project to last 3 weeks. The project budget is \$98,500.

NEW CITY HALL – More piers are being drilled today for the new construction on the west side of the building. Previously piers had been poured without proper inspection creating a need for more piers to satisfy the engineers. The construction manager is paying for the extra piers. Also, expect the roof to be finished later this week.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS – We have now held three successful softball tournaments at Coleman Park bringing of total of 110 teams to Sulphur Springs for two days each. The tournaments are having an impact on local restaurants, hotels and convenience stores.

CLAIMS – TML paid one liability claim on the City's behalf for a sewer overflow in a commercial building that was caused by one of our sewer cleaning crews.

The City submitted a claim in the amount of \$7,183 to TML for lightning damage at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

We did not have any Workers' Compensation Claims in November.

H.O.M.E. PROGRAM - We have 4 new H.O.M.E. projects about to get underway. This program provides new homes for citizens with low or moderate income, whose homes are dilapidated, and who have clear title to their homes. Essentially the program demolishes their old home and builds a new one in its place. The projects are funded by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS – Elsewhere around the City, employees:

- Answered 252 animal control calls and found homes for 67% of unclaimed dogs and cats.
- Prepared soccer fields for the fall season.
- Hosted 2 softball tournaments at Coleman Park.
- Attended hostage negotiation school.
- Added 3 reserve officers to the police force.
- Made 7 felony arrests in the Special Crimes Unit.
- Responded to 44 traffic accidents, made 52 arrests, wrote 369 citations, and recorded 43 offenses.
- Processed 500 tickets through municipal court.
- Responded to 106 fire/rescue calls including 2 structure fires.

- Performed preventative maintenance on 54 fire hydrants.
- Sold 977 gallons of AvGas and 3,914 gallons of Jet-A fuel.
- Oversaw warranty work on the new runway.
- Repaired 17 water main ruptures.
- Replaced 21 water meters.
- Made 3 new water taps.
- Unstopped 24 sewer mains.
- Washed 80,000 feet of sewer mains and video-inspected 2,006 feet.
- Made 4 sewer repairs as a result of previous video inspections.
- Patched 94 potholes.
- Made 14 street repairs following utility repairs.
- Treated 124 million gallons of drinking water.
- Conducted 6 health inspections and 64 public nuisance inspections.
- Conducted 28 building inspections, 19 electrical inspections, 24 plumbing inspections, 8 mechanical inspections and issued 25 building permits.
- Flushed 37 dead end water mains.
- Rehabilitated filters at water treatment plant.
- Began evaluation condition of Carter Street water tower for rehabilitation.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items on the Consent Agenda were reviewed: Consider for approval the regular City Council meeting minutes of November 6, 2012; the Special City Council minutes of November 16, 2012; Planning and Zoning Commission minutes of November 1, 2012 and November 19, 2012; the Downtown Revitalization Board meeting minutes of November 20, 2012; and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of October 29, 2012. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Spraggins moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Sellers seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2629 A REQUEST BY OWNER WAYNE COOPER TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF SOUTH HILLCREST AND MAIN STREET, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS LOTS 3 AND 4 OF BLOCK 101, FROM LIGHT COMMERCIAL (LC) TO HEAVY COMMERCIAL (HC)

Community Development Director Shane Shepard presented the staff report. Owners Wayne Cooper, Joe Bob and Corey Burgin were all available to answer any questions. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Spraggins moved to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Councilwoman Price seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CANCELLING THE JANUARY 1, 2013
REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONDUCTING
A SPECIAL MEETING ON JANUARY 8, 2013**

The City of Sulphur Springs has their regularly scheduled City Council meetings the first Tuesday of every month. However, January 1, 2013, is an observed holiday, New Year's Day, at the City of Sulphur Springs. The City Council can cancel the regular meeting and call a special meeting to be held the following Tuesday, January 8, 2013, if they so desire. There was no one to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Sellers moved to cancel the regular meeting and call a special meeting on January 8, 2013. Councilman Aguilar seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC FORUM

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.