

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

OCTOBER 2, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Craig Johnson called the regular meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 6:33p.m. Councilman Spraggins moved to adjourn to executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.074, personnel matters, specifically relating to the appointment of a Public Works Director and an Associate Municipal Court Judge. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion. There was no one present to speak to the issue. The vote was unanimous. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Craig Johnson
Councilman Clay Walker
Councilman Oscar Aguilar
Councilman Freddie Taylor
Councilman Gary Spragins
Councilwoman Kayla Price

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem John Sellers

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney
Shane Shepard, Director Community Development - 7P
Peter Karstens, Director of Finance - 7P
Jim Bayuk, Police Chief - 7P
Phyllis Rogers, Municipal Court Judge - 7P
Robert Lee, Utilities Director - 7P
Joey Baker, Tourism/Airport Director - 7P
Jay Sanders, Police Captain - 7P
Russell Ham, Water Plant Superintendent - 7P
Russ Nuss, Capital Construction Superintendent - 7P

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting into open session at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Johnson noted that a proclamation had been created for National 4-H Week which officially begins October 7, 2012. The proclamation was not read but given to City Secretary Robertsto include as a matter of record. There were no further announcements.

The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

THE SQUARE – The Oak Avenue reconstruction project is in full swing. Most of the demolition is complete, and the Capital Construction Division is installing new water mains and sewer mains at the intersection of Oak and College. They have also installed some electrical conduit that will allow us to remove two utility poles on Oak Avenue near the intersection.

EAST SHANNON WATERLINE PROJECT – This project is complete. The Broadway water main replacement project will be next. It will replace the aging water main from Joyce to Drexel. We have acquired most of the easements for the project, but not all.

NEW CITY HALL –The lead-based paint abatement contractor has blasted the paint from the stucco portions of the exterior. They are now beginning the tedious work of hand-removing the paint from all of the stonework.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT - The US Fast Pitch Association (UFSA) held their first softball tournament at Coleman Park September 22-23. More than 30 softball teams attended keeping restaurants, convenience stores and hotels busy for the weekend. Another tournament is scheduled for October 6-7, followed by a regional qualifier tournament on Nov 3-4. They are already planning several tournaments for next year.

CLAIMS - We had no workers' compensation claims or liability claims in September.

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

MISCELLANEOUS – Elsewhere around the City, employees:

- Fertilized all of the athletic fields.
- Mowed the airport property, library and senior center.
- Treated 160 million gallons of drinking water.
- Responded to 121 fire/rescue calls.
- Conducted 53 fire inspections.
- Performed preventative maintenance on 70 fire hydrants.
- Replaced 29 street signs.
- Removed vegetation from and attached buoys to the water fall pump inlet at Coleman Lake.
- Witnessed the retirement of Lt. Ron Plaxco.
- Made 8 felony arrests in the Special Crimes unit.
- Responded to 216 animal control calls.
- Achieved an adoption rate of 77%
- Wrote 326 citations, made 105 arrests, recorded 94 offenses and responded to 33 accidents.
- Processed 376 tickets through municipal court.
- Sold 1,214 gallons of AvGas and 8,019 gallons of JetA fuel.
- Repaired 20 water main ruptures.
- Replaced 26 water meters and made 3 new water taps.
- Unstopped 19 sewer mains.
- Video recorded 1,823 feet of sewer main and made 5 necessary repairs.
- Pressure washed and vacuumed 78,000 feet of sewer mains.
- Patched 29 potholes.
- Made 28 street repairs following utility repairs.
- Replaced pole banners downtown.
- Replaced various stop signs.
- Built a batting cage at Coleman Park.
- Built overflow parking at Coleman Park.
- Conducted 29 health inspections and 35 public nuisance inspections.
- Conducted 44 building inspections, 28 electrical inspections, 27 plumbing inspections, 16 mechanical inspections and issued 18 building permits.
- Installed mixer pumps in the Carter Street water tower and the Coleman Park water tower.
- Made preparations for the filter drain pipe replacement project at the water treatment plant.
- Replaced 2 pump motors at the Cooper Lake pump station.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items on the Consent Agenda were reviewed: Consider for approval the regular City Council meeting minutes of September 4, 2012; Special City Council meeting minutes of September 25, 2012; Downtown Revitalization meeting minutes of September 18, 2012; and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of August 27, 2012. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Spraggins moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Price seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AMENDMENT OF BRASHEAR WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION CONTRACT

Utilities Director Robert Lee presented the staff report and was available to answer any questions as well as Gene George with Brashear Water Supply Corporation. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified Brashear Water Supply Corporation that their contract with the City of Sulphur Springs does not provide an adequate amount of water to supply their customers. The amended contract increases the maximum rate from 200 gallons per minute to 300 gallons per minute and increases the maximum annual use from 55 million gallons to 82.5 million gallons. The city water system has an adequate supply and is capable of meeting the gallon per minute and pressure requirements. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilwoman Price moved to approve the amended contract as presented. Councilman Spraggins seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

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

Police Chief Jim Bayuk presented the staff report and was available to answer any questions as well as Police Captain Jay Sanders. Publications for bids were printed in the Sulphur Springs News Telegram on September 10 and 17, 2012. Three bids were received and opened September 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The total amounts are as follows:

Texas Country Ford	\$52,580.52
Brian Toliver Ford-Lincoln-Mercury	\$51,109.84
Sulphur Springs Dodge	\$50,288.90

Oscar Strain, Brian Toliver Ford, said that he appreciated the opportunity to bid. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Spraggins moved to approve the bids

and award the contract to the lowest bidder which is Sulphur Springs Dodge. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON EXTENSION OF SANITATION COLLECTION CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC WASTE SERVICES

Finance Director Peter Karstens presented the staff report and was available to answer questions as was Reid Donaldson, Republic Waste Services. On January 1, 2004 the city started a new 5-year contract with Republic Waste Services for waste collection. The contract allowed for three additional two-year terms if both parties agreed in writing. Two extensions have been done and the third one is recommended with one change, that it should be for three years instead of two with all other contractual terms staying the same. This will make the “hauling” contractual term the same as the “landfill” term which concludes December 31, 2015. Republic Waste Services agrees to the three-year extension. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Spraggins moved to approve the three-year extension of the contract with Republic Waste Services. Councilwoman Price seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

City Manager Maxwell presented the staff report. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilwoman Price moved to approve naming Russ Nuss as the Public Works Director. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSOCIATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

City Attorney McLeroy presented the staff report. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilwoman Price moved to approve naming Charles Busby as the Associate Municipal Court Judge for a 2-year appointment. Councilman Spraggins seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC FORUM

Wilfred Pobursky stated he would like to donate his time to clean the grounds at Buford Park during the Hopkins County Annual Championship Stew Cook-off and Festival.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.