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

Mayor Gary Spraggins
Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brown
Councilman Craig Johnson
Councilman Clay Walker
Councilman Oscar Aguilar
Councilman Charles Oxford

Absent:

Councilman Freddie Taylor

Staff:

Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney
Gordon Frazier, Director of Human Resources
Johnny Vance, Director of Community Development
Peter Karstens, Director of Finance
Craig Vaughn, Director of Utilities
Robert Lee, Assistant Director of Utilities

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION
Mayor Spraggins led in the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Pro Tem Brown led the invocation.

OATH OF OFFICE WILL BE GIVEN TO MAYOR GARY SPRAGGINS AND COUNCILMAN FREDDIE TAYLOR
The Oath of Office was given to Mayor Gary Spraggins by City Secretary Gale Roberts. Councilman Taylor was absent and will be sworn in July 6, 2010.
DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SELECTION OF MAYOR
Councilman Brown moved to select Mayor Spraggins as Mayor for a second term. Councilman Johnson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM
Councilman Brown moved to select Councilman Johnson as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Walker seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

MANAGER’S REPORT
HOUSTON STREET - Utility construction continues westward from Sunset Street toward League Street. Houston Street has been reconstructed up to Sunset Street. Once water, sewer, and drainage improvements are completed, road construction will continue from Sunset to League. This will complete Phase II of the Houston Street project. Next, crews will start on the third and final phase, Church to Jackson.

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT - The taxiway reconstruction is completed. The runway reconstruction project is underway. Austin Road and Bridge is the contractor. This $3.7 million project is 90% grant funded. Expect the runway to be completed this fall.

CONNALLY STREET - Work is progressing well on Connally Street. Excavation/sub-base stabilization is completed. Electrical rough-in is completed. The brick seat-walls are under construction. Expect concrete forms very soon. We are still expecting to be completed in September.

CLAIMS – We had one minor worker’s compensation claim in May.

We had one liability claim from Verizon. Apparently a capital construction employee struck a Verizon pole with an excavator while working on Houston Street. Verizon claims damages of $4,081. TML will handle the claim.

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – Finance Director, Peter Karstens will not present a report on year-to-date revenues and expenditures since the month closed just yesterday.

MISCELLANEOUS – Elsewhere around the City, employees:
  o Repaired slides at Kids Kingdom that had been vandalized.
  o Prepared athletic fields for tournaments at Coleman Park.
  o Wrote 801 citations, responded to 49 accidents, made 76 arrests, and recorded 78
offenses.
  o Responded to 240 animal control calls, received 49 dogs and cats at the shelter, returned 3 to their owners and adopted 37. That is an 80% adoption rate.
  o Made 4 felony arrests in the Special Crimes Unit.
  o Responded to 98 fire/rescue calls including 3 structure fires.
  o Performed preventative maintenance on 109 fire hydrants.
  o Conducted 34 fire inspections.
  o Issued 10 weed citations.
  o Patched potholes at 34 locations and made 17 street repairs following utility repairs.
  o Conducted 28 health inspections and 66 public nuisance inspections.
  o Conducted 30 building inspections, 36 electrical inspections, 32 plumbing inspections, 21 mechanical inspections, 18 miscellaneous inspections and issued 26 building permits.
  o Repaired Douglas school zone lights.
  o Repaired wastewater filters and aerators.
  o Repaired 7 water breaks.
  o Installed 2 new water taps and replaced 20 water meters.
  o Unstopped 16 sewer mains.
  o Repaired 1 sewer main and repaired or replaced 3 manholes.
  o Cleaned 89,000 feet of sewer mains.
  o Pressed 1,401 cubic yards of wastewater sludge.
  o Treated wastewater to a daily average suspended solids count of 6.52 mg/L.
  o Performed repairs and preventative maintenance on water treatment clarifiers and raw water pumps.
  o Flushed 38 dead-end water mains.

CONSENT AGENDA
The following items on the Consent Agenda were reviewed: Consider for approval the regular City Council meeting minutes of May 4, 2010; the special City Council meeting minutes of May 25, 2010; the Zoning Board of Adjustments meetings minutes of May 18, 2010; the Downtown Revitalization Board meeting minutes of May 18, 2010; the Tourism and Promotion Board meeting minutes of April 14, 2010; and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of April 19, 2010. 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 PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2573, A REQUEST BY OWNER GLENN IRVIN & CO. REAL ESTATE TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 212 WEST SHANNON ROAD, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS LOT 37 OF BLOCK 212, FROM HEAVY COMMERCIAL (HC) TO LIGHT COMMERCIAL (LC)

The Director of Community Development, Johnny Vance, presented the staff report. The property owner requested to rezone the property to Light Commercial (LC) which would require a wooden privacy fence instead of a masonry wall as a buffer between his property and the adjoining property which is zoned Multi-Family. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Oxford moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CHEMICALS FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

The City advertised for bids on Alum, Alum/Copper Sulfate Blend, Liquid Ammonium Sulfate, Chlorine, Sulfur Dioxide, Liquid Caustic Soda and Chlorine Dioxide (Chlorite) to be used at the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants. Low bids were submitted May 12, 2010 by the following companies:

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<td>Altivia</td>
<td>1% $290/ton</td>
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<td>Liquid Caustic Soda</td>
<td>K A Steel Chem, Inc.</td>
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<td>Chlorine Dioxide (Chlorite)</td>
<td>Siemens Water Tech.</td>
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Craig Vaughn, Director of Utilities, and Robert Lee, Assistant Director of Utilities, were available to answer any questions and present the staff report. The bid tabulation sheet containing all the bids was distributed to the City Council. Councilman Walker asked which chemicals were used the most. Mr. Vaughn stated that it varies a lot between the
two plants. The Wastewater Treatment Plant uses a lot of Chlorine and Sulfur Dioxide where the Water Treatment Plant uses a lot of Chlorine Dioxide, Alum, and Caustic Soda. Mr. Lee added that Alum was used more frequently at the Water treatment Plant. Mayor Spraggins asked if the different seasons had an impact on the usage of chemicals. Mr. Lee stated that weather plays a large part in the utilization of chemicals especially during the hot summer months. He also stated that the prices vary a great deal, especially Caustic Soda, but overall these prices are less. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Oxford moved to accept the low bids and award the contract accordingly. Councilman Aguilar seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION NO. 995 ADOPTING THE TAX ABATEMENT POLICY
Every two years the city must adopt a tax abatement policy to direct its considerations if and when a tax abatement is brought to the City Council for approval. Finance Director Peter Karstens presented the staff report. Roger Feagley, Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation, was also available to answer any questions. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Walker moved to approve the resolution as presented and the policy submitted by the Economic Development Corporation with the modification to item “J” creating a more conforming process and the addition of item “S” limiting equipment abatements to five (5) years regardless of the amount. Councilman Brown seconded and the vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO THE (1) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, (2) ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, (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 ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS, (9) PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, (10) SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITY BOARD, (11) ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AND (12) THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION BOARD
City Manager Maxwell stated that we had been unable to contact Bernard Vaughn about his service on the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals. He suggested the City Council may wish to substitute the name of Charles Westbrook. As a matter of record Mayor Spraggins read the list in its entirety. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Brown moved to approve the list of board appointments as presented (see below) with the suggested modification. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson seconded and the vote was unanimous.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CRAIG ROBERTS
TORY HUMPHRIES
GENE WATSON

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
MATT BROWN
MATT JOHNSON
JOEL SHEFFIELD
RUSTY HARDIN - ALTERNATE

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
MARK MEADOWS
JERRY BREWER
KURT SEHNERT

SULPHUR RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
KEITH SHURTLEFF

LIBRARY BOARD
SHARON BURNEY
GARY BLOUNT

BOARD OF TOURISM AND PROMOTION
MAX BRADFORD
LUCY MCCORKLE
HARRY SINGH
SANDI WALLACE

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
LONNIE FOX
BRYAN VAUGHN
DAVID MCCAIG

CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS
WAYNE COOPER
GARY STRIBLING
ZACK KING - ALTERNATE
CHARLES WESTBROOK - ALTERNATE
The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SALARY OF THE CITY SECRETARY
There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Oxford moved to award a five percent (5%) increase in salary to the City Secretary. Councilman Aguilar seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Walker stated the City Secretary has done an exemplary job. He stated that though these are difficult times both in the public and private sector her efforts warrant an increase and he wishes it could be more. He also stated the raise she is getting may not be as much as some others make in cities with a comparable population but he is glad to do this and feels it is very well warranted. Mayor Spraggins concurred.

The motion carried.
VISITORS/PUBLIC FORUM  
Bette Landis addressed the City Council asking for additional railing and reflectors around the ditches at Easy and Atkins Streets. City Manager Marc Maxwell stated we can put up more posts with additional reflectors. She said she would be satisfied for a while.

ADJOURN  
With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.