

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL SESSION

Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:00 PM

City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas

MINUTES

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Sweeny met in **Special Session** on **Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:00 PM.** at City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas with the following agenda.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Hopkins called the meeting to order at 5 PM.

Mark Morgan Jr., Reese Cook, Brian Brooks, John Rambo, and Tim Pettigrew were in attendance.

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

Pledges were led by Tim Pettigrew. Invocation was given by Reese Cook.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

No citizens comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proclamation: National Public Works Week; May 19th - 25th, 2024

Mayor stated he will sign the proclamation and it will be posted at City Hall, proclaiming May 19th-25th, 2024 to be National Public Works Week. Mayor Hopkins thanked each of our Public Works employees and the Director of Public Works, Terrence "Tex" Bell.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Discussion and possible action to Resolution No. 24-107, Canvassing the Results of the General Election May 04, 2024, declaring the candidates for Municipal Judge and Council Positions One (1), Three (3), and Five (5) duly elected.

Mayor Hopkins recited the full Resolution including the votes received, terms to be held upon canvassing the returns, and declaring the results of the General Election, held on May 04, 2024 in the City of Sweeny, for the two-year terms of the Municipal / City Judge and City Council Positions No. One (1), Three (3), & Five (5).

Candidate	Number of Votes
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Office of the Municipal/City Judge

Robert J. Foster	352
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City Council Position No. One (1)

Neal Bess Jr.	232
Mark Morgan Jr.	194

City Council Position No. Three (3)

Brian Brooks	220
Cerrington Massey	203

City Council Position No. Five (5)

Rusty Lofton	88
Tim Pettigrew	175
Caniel "Shaun" Massey	154

Mark Morgan Jr. made the motion to approve Resolution 24-107 canvassing the votes. John Rambo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Recognition and Presentation of Appreciation Plaque for Mark Morgan Jr., Council Position No.1

Mayor Hopkins presented Mark Morgan Jr. with a plaque of appreciation for his contributions to the City of Sweeny as Councilman Position No. 1 from 2022 to 2024.

4. Administering of the Oath of Office and Statement of Elected Officer for the duly elected; Municipal Judge, Council Positions One (1), Three (3), and Five (5), Appointing Elected Officials
Attorney Stevenson administered the elected officials their Oath of Office and Statement of Elected Officer.

5. Presentation of the Certificate of Election for Newly Appointed Officials

Mayor Hopkins presented the Certificates of Election to Robert J. Foster, Neal Bess Jr., Brian Brooks, and Tim Pettigrew.

Neal Bess Jr. assumed his position as newly elected Council Position No. 1 on the diocese and the meeting continued proceedings of the regular agenda, continuing to item #6.

Mr. Bess thanked previous Councilman Position No. 1, Mark Morgan Jr., and praised his work over the last two years as Mr. Morgan stepped down.

6. Discussion and possible action to Windstorm Insurance renewal quotes for 2024-2025

City Manager stated that the windstorm quotes are included within the packets. Rates have increased again this year and are quite expensive. Previously she removed three buildings to reduce costs. She removed the EDC building and two public works shops, as the valuations were too high in relation to the worth of the buildings. She stated that there is already a lapse in coverage, and we received the renewal last week. Council discussed and would like additional information in hopes of reducing costs.

Tim Pettigrew made a motion to suspend agenda item six until the next regular council meeting in June. (City Secretary clarified as requesting next regular meeting or in June? Pettigrew answered next regular meeting. Next regular meeting is May 21, 2024.) Neal Bess Jr. seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Councilman Bess stated that when Sweeny went to Home Rule, he received an ordinance book and feels everything we need to know about the city is within the book. He encourages others to get the same.

Councilman Brooks welcomed Councilman Bess.

Councilman Rambo congratulated Mr. Bess.

Mayor Hopkins congratulated all and made a statement of the effort it takes to be within local government and voter turnouts.

Councilman Pettigrew stated he is looking forward to working with Mr. Bess and everyone.

City Manager reflected on a well-known resident in the community, Stacy Winscott, that recently passed away. She stated that she had become a close friend and was thankful for her friendship.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 5:41 PM.

City Employees Present

City Manager, Lindsay Koskiniemi

Police Chief, Brad Caudle
Director of Public Works, Terrance Bell
Finance Director, Karla Wilson
City Secretary, Kaydi Smith
Public Works Office Manager, Elizabeth Brown
Public Works Employees: Gylar Thornton, Daniel Wright, Courtlyn Davidson, Trevion Johnson and Troi Johnson

Passed and approved this 21st day of May, 2024.

Kaydi Smith

Kaydi Smith - City Secretary

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEENY, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN AND THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF SWEENY, TEXAS, ON THE 4TH DAY OF MAY, A. D. 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS TO OFFICE FOR SPECIFIED TERMS; FINDING FACT AND PROVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO.

WHEREAS, heretofore, the City Council of the City of Sweeny, Texas, by appropriate ordinance, did order and direct that a General Election be held in and throughout the City of Sweeny, Texas, on the 4th day of May, A. D. 2024, for the purpose of electing certain City officials to office for the terms provided below.

1. City Judge for a term of two (2) years;
2. One City Council person for a term of two (2) years for Position One.
3. One City Council person for a term of two (2) years for Position Three
4. One City Council person for a term of two (2) years for Position Five.

WHEREAS, notice of said election was given within the time and manner required by law and under the circumstance required by law, in particular the Election Code of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the following named persons were candidates for the office of City Judge of the City of Sweeny, Texas:

1. Robert J. Foster

WHEREAS, the following named persons were candidates for the office of city council person for the City of Sweeny, Texas:

POSITION ONE, FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS:

1. Neal Bess, Jr.
2. Mark Morgan, Jr.

POSITION THREE, FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS:

1. Brian Brooks
2. Cerrington Massey

POSITION FIVE, FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS:

1. Rusty Lofton
2. Tim Pettigrew
3. Caniel “Shaun” Massey

WHEREAS, said election was duly called and held in the manner and time required by law, and only qualified voters were permitted to vote in said election; and

WHEREAS, the election returns are now before the City Council; and

WHEREAS, it appears from said election returns, which were delivered to the City Council by the appropriate election official, that the following number of votes were cast for each of the respective candidates for the offices of City Judge and City Council person, to-wit:

OFFICE OF CITY JUDGE

CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
Robert J. Foster	352

CITY COUNCIL PERSON POSITION ONE

CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
Neal Bess, Jr.	232
Mark Morgan, Jr.	194

CITY COUNCIL PERSON POSITION THREE

CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
Brian Brooks	220
Cerrington Massey	203

CITY COUNCIL PERSON POSITION FIVE

CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
Rusty Lofton	88
Tim Pettigrew	175
Caniel “Shaun” Massey	154

WHEREAS, it appears that the candidates for the respective offices receiving the

greatest number of votes cast for such office are all and singularly qualified to hold such offices, under the terms and conditions provided by law; and

WHEREAS, it appears that said successful candidate for each of the respective offices is entitled to take office upon the taking of the constitutional oath of office required by law, and upon giving bond, if any, as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SWEENY, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE (1):

The above described general election was duly called, ordered and held and due notice thereof was given in the manner and time required by law, and all ballots were in due form and order. Only qualified voters were permitted to vote at said election.

SECTION THREE (3)

That ROBERT J. FOSTER, candidate for the office of City Judge of the City of Sweeny, Texas, NEAL BESS, JR., candidate for the office of City Council Person, Position One (1), BRIAN BROOKS, candidate for the office of City Council Person Position Three (3), and TIM PETTIGREW, candidate for the office of City Council Position Five (5), received the greater number of votes cast for such respective offices, are qualified for such offices, and are entitled to such offices upon taking the constitutional oath of office required by law and giving bond, if any, required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this the 13th day of May, A. D. 2024.

DUSTY HOPKINS, MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF SWEENY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

KAYDI SMITH, CITY SECRETARY

City of Sweeny General Election

2024 Joint Local Election

Run Time 5:18 PM
Run Date 05/10/2024

Brazoria County

Joint Local Election

5/4/2024
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Unofficial Results

Registered Voters
439 of 2249 = 19.52%

Polling Places Reporting
32 of 32 = 100.00%

Council, Position 1

Choice	Party	Absentee		Early Voting		Election Day		Total	
Neal Bess Jr.		8	66.67%	121	51.93%	103	56.91%	232	54.46%
Mark Morgan Jr.		4	33.33%	112	48.07%	78	43.09%	194	45.54%
Cast Votes:		12	100.00%	233	100.00%	181	100.00%	426	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		10		3		13	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

Council, Position 3

Choice	Party	Absentee		Early Voting		Election Day		Total	
Brian Brooks		6	50.00%	121	52.61%	93	51.38%	220	52.01%
Cerrington Massey		6	50.00%	109	47.39%	88	48.62%	203	47.99%
Cast Votes:		12	100.00%	230	100.00%	181	100.00%	423	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		13		3		16	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

Council, Position 5

Choice	Party	Absentee		Early Voting		Election Day		Total	
Rusty Lofton		2	16.67%	46	19.83%	40	23.12%	88	21.10%
Tim Pettigrew		6	50.00%	101	43.53%	68	39.31%	175	41.97%
Caniel "Shaun" Massey		4	33.33%	85	36.64%	65	37.57%	154	36.93%
Cast Votes:		12	100.00%	232	100.00%	173	100.00%	417	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		11		11		22	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

Municipal Judge

Choice	Party	Absentee		Early Voting		Election Day		Total	
Robert J. Foster		12	100.00%	200	100.00%	140	100.00%	352	100.00%
Cast Votes:		12	100.00%	200	100.00%	140	100.00%	352	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		43		44		87	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

*** End of report ***