

CITY COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR SESSION

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Sweeny will meet in **Regular Session** on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM.** at City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas with the following agenda.

The Regular Session was called to order by Mayor Jeff Farley at 6:24 PM. Due to lack of quorum the meeting was delayed.

Mark Morgan Jr., Bill Hayes, and John Rambo were in attendance. Brian Brooks and Tim Pettigrew were absent.

City Officials Present were City Manager Lindsay Koskiniemi, Attorney Charlie Stevenson, Police Chief Brad Caudle, Fire Chief Roger Barton, and City Secretary Kaydi Smith.

Citizens Wishing To Address City Council

This item is available for those citizens wishing to address City Council on an issue not on the agenda. Any item discussed cannot be voted on but could be considered for placement on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting. Limited to three (3) minutes.

Mr. Tolley, owner of Space Walk of Lake Jackson, approached Council to request reservation of the Backyard Park to hold an event to include the Lions Club. He would be passing flyers out to the schools for children to attend if reservation is allowable.

Pledges & Invocation

The pledges and invocation were skipped by mistake and completed after citizens addressing council. The pledges were led by Mark Morgan Jr. & the invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson.

Public Hearings And Action Items

No Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

1. Proclamation: Juneteenth Day; June 19, 2023
Mayor Farley stated the Proclamation would be signed and posted.
2. Minutes: Regular Session, April 25, 2023
Mark Morgan Jr. made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session from April 25, 2023. Seconded by John Rambo. All in favor. Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

3. Resolution Canvassing the Results of the General Election May 06, 2023

Mayor Farley recited the Resolution to include the votes received and terms to be held on canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on May 06, 2023 in the City of Sweeny for the two-year terms of the Mayor, City Council Position No. 2, and City Council Position No. 4.

Office of the Mayor

Candidate:	Number of Votes
1. Neal Bess Jr.	152
2. Dusty Hopkins	241

Council Position Two

Candidate:	Number of Votes
1. Reese C. Cook (unopposed)	313

Council Position Four

Candidate:	Number of Votes
1. John A. Rambo	250
2. Kelly Fuller	133

Dusty Hopkins, Reece C. Cook, and John A. Rambo received the greater number of votes for each such respective offices and are entitled to such offices upon taking the constitutional oath of office, required by law.

Bill Hayes made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mark Morgan Jr. seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

4. Resolution Canvassing the Results of the Special Election May 06, 2023

Mayor Farley recited the results of the Special Election held May 06, 2023.

Proposition A	Number of Votes
For	283
Against	101

Proposition A: A reduction of the local sales and use tax currently received by the Sweeny Economic Development Corporation, a Type B economic development corporation, from one half of one percent to three eighths of one percent, contingent upon the eligible voters of the proposed City of Sweeny Crime Control and Prevention District, which comprises the City of Sweeny, approving the ballot proposition authorizing the creation of the City of Sweeny, Crime Control and Prevention District dedicated to crime reduction purposes and the adoption of a sales and use tax for said district at a rate of one-eighth of one percent.

Proposition A, For (approving of) received the greater number of votes, therefore creating a reduction from the Type B Economic Development Corporation Sales and Use Tax Rate from one half of one percent, to a rate of three eighths of one percent, and creating a Sweeny Crime Control and Prevention District and adopting a sales and use tax at a rate of one eighth of one percent. *Mark Morgan Jr. made the motion to approve the Resolution. John Rambo seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.*

5. Presentation of Appreciation Plaques:

Bill Hayes; Council Position No. 2

Jeff Farley; Mayor

City Manager presented Jeff Farley and Bill Hayes with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the City of Sweeny. On behalf of Congressman Randy Weber's Office, Amber Murray presented Mayor Farley and Councilman Hayes with a certificate of recognition and read aloud.

6. Appointment of Elected Officials: Certificate of Election, Statement of Officer, and Oath of Office

Newly Elected Officials approached the diocese for Attorney Charlie Stevenson to administer the Oath of Office to each of the newly elected, simultaneously. Each official recited the oath and signed; swearing to faithfully execute the duties of their individual position for the City of Sweeny.

Each newly elected official signed the Certificate of Election and Statement of Elected Officer. Outgoing officials stepped down from the diocese and the newly elected officials engaged in their new positions.

Mayor Hopkins assumed responsibility as the newly elected Mayor to continue the proceedings of the regular agenda. Due to quorum restraints, Mayor Hopkins requested to a motion to table remaining items and conclude this regular meeting.

John Rambo made the motion to table the remaining agenda items until the next meeting. Mark Morgan Jr. seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

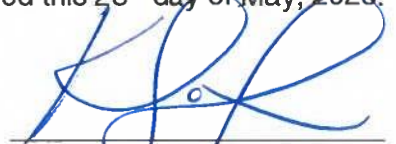
Mayor Hopkins asked for a motion to adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm. *John Rambo made the motion and Mark Morgan Jr. seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Attached Exhibit

Exhibit A: Official Election Results

Passed and Approved this 23rd day of May, 2023.



Kaydi Smith, City Secretary

City of Sweeny Cumulative Report
 2023-05-06 Joint Local Election
 Run Time 3:41 PM
 Run Date 05/18/2023

Brazoria County
 Joint Local Election
 5/6/2023
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Official Results
 Registered Voters
 397 of 2185 = 18.17%
 Precincts Reporting
 1 of 1 = 100.00%

Mayor

Choice	Party	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
Neal Bess Jr.		2 100.00%	109 39.93%	41 34.75%	152 38.68%
Dusty Hopkins		0 0.00%	164 60.07%	77 65.25%	241 61.32%
Cast Votes:		2 100.00%	273 100.00%	118 100.00%	393 100.00%
Undervotes:		0	3	1	4
Overvotes:		0	0	0	0

Council, Position 2

Choice	Party	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
Reese C. Cook		2 100.00%	218 100.00%	93 100.00%	313 100.00%
Cast Votes:		2 100.00%	218 100.00%	93 100.00%	313 100.00%
Undervotes:		0	58	26	84
Overvotes:		0	0	0	0

Council, Position 4

Choice	Party	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
John A. Rambo		0 0.00%	175 65.79%	75 65.22%	250 65.27%
Kelly Fuller		2 100.00%	91 34.21%	40 34.78%	133 34.73%
Cast Votes:		2 100.00%	266 100.00%	115 100.00%	383 100.00%
Undervotes:		0	10	4	14
Overvotes:		0	0	0	0

City of Sweeny Proposition A

Choice	Party	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
For		2 100.00%	196 72.59%	85 75.89%	283 73.70%
Against		0 0.00%	74 27.41%	27 24.11%	101 26.30%
Cast Votes:		2 100.00%	270 100.00%	112 100.00%	384 100.00%
Undervotes:		0	6	7	13
Overvotes:		0	0	0	0

*** End of report ***