

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL SESSION & BUDGET WORKSHOP

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 4:00 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 **Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 4:00 PM.** at City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas with the following agenda.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem, Neal Bess Jr., called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Neal Bess Jr., Reese Cook, Brian Brooks, John Rambo, and Shaun Massey were in attendance. Mayor Hopkins was absent.

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

Pledges were led by Councilman Brooks. Invocation was given by Councilman Cook.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

N/A

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action on required drainage to offset new impervious surface at 605 N. Main Street.

Sohil Maredia, owner of 605 N Main, approached Council stating he has owned the convenience store for twelve years here in Sweeny. They are trying to finalize construction and will need to finish the drainage. The drainage was not completed as per their original plans. He is the owner as well as the general contractor on the job. He is asking for Council's consideration to move the drainage to the rear of the building. His construction loan for the bank has termed and he is needing a Temporary CO in order to keep his funds to continue the construction loan and work. City Manager stated the drainage was to be installed underground within the parking area, including a tunnel system that would tie in the runoff drainage from the rear of the property. These plans were originally approved by the Drainage District, TxDot, and City Engineers. After meeting with Mr. Maredia last week, the City agreed to give a sixty day temporary occupancy in order to help with his financial situation, if he were to complete the drainage as per the plans. Now Maredia is wanting to change the specifications to add retention ponds in the rear of the facility to accommodate the drainage. Drainage District provided a letter to Maredia that all plans would still have to adhere to drainage requirements in order for them to approve. Changes would additionally need to be reviewed and approved by TxDot and the City Engineer. City Manager expressed that she wants the drainage completed per the plans already approved, and does not recommend changes to the current plans. Council continued to discuss.

Reese Cook moved that the City issue a temporary certificate of occupancy for sixty days for the owner of 605 N Main Street to bring the drainage into an approved and permitted spec. During this time the business will not be in operation, unless a permanent certificate of occupancy is issued and not rectified prior or if not rectified by sixty days, the temporary certificate of occupancy will be pulled by the City. John Rambo seconded. Shaun Massey asked if Tex will be stopping by checking on things. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action to reschedule the August 20, 2024 Regular Session City Council meeting.

City Manager requested rescheduling the regular meeting, as the Mayor will not be able to attend on August 20th. She gave information regarding tax rate procedures that will be held at the next meeting. City Manager stated she is looking for a motion moving the regular meeting to the 27th. (08/27/2024) Mr. Brooks stated so moved. Shaun Massey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible action on setting a date and time for a Public Hearing of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Budget.

No action

4. Workshop on Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

Council reviewed and discussed the proposed FY 25/25 Budget.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Reese Cook stated that school starts tomorrow and there will be a lot of traffic on the streets. He saw the signage on the streets; be mindful.

Shaun Massey stated that next Friday the school district is supposed to have a football game at midnight. The Lions Club will be fixing hot dogs.

Neal Bess stated he recently cooked three hundred hamburgers and two hundred and twenty hotdogs over the weekend for Greater Mountain Zion. Bess asked Tex, Director of Public Works, about giving Council an update. Tex gave addresses of culvert cleanings and information requested previously to the individual Council members. He additionally gave information on completing sampling in house. This would cost approximately \$4,400.00.

David Jordan, Technical Advisor, stated that the TWDB preliminary report is showing at 90% wastewater.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Pro-Tem asked for motion to adjourn. Reese Cook stated so moved; adjourn. Rambo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m. by hitting the gavel after the carried motion to adjourn.

Staff or Members Present

City Manager, Lindsay Koskiniemi

Police Chief, Brad Caudle

Director of Public Works, Terrance Bell

Finance Director / Personnel Services, Karla Wilson

City Secretary/ Developmental Services, Kaydi Smith

Fire Chief, Roger Barton

Technical Advisor, David Jordan

Passed and approved this 29th day of August, 2024.

Kaydi Smith

Kaydi Smith -- City Secretary