

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL**

**MAY 5, 2015**

**7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Freddie Taylor called the regular meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Freddie Taylor  
Mayor Pro Tem Kayla Price  
Councilman Craig Johnson  
Councilman Oscar Aguilar  
Councilwoman Emily Glass  
Councilman John Seller

Absent: Councilman Clay Walker

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager  
Gale Roberts, City Secretary  
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney  
Shane Shepard, Community Development Director  
Gordon Frazier, Director Human Resources  
Jason Ames, SSPD, Patrol Officer  
Mark Estes, SSPD, Sergeant Investigator, SCU

**PLEDGE AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Taylor led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag and the Pledge to the Texas Flag as well as the invocation.

**PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Councilman Sellers reminded everyone of the Rotary Spelling Bee on May 7, 2015.

Councilman Aguilar reminded everyone of the UPRA Rodeo on May 22 and 23, issuing challenges to Marc Maxwell, John Sellers, Craig Johnson and Freddie Taylor to ride a bull or pay a fee.

Mayor Taylor recognized that the day is Cinco de Mayo.

Mayor Taylor read a proclamation declaring the month of May as “Motorcycle Safety and Awareness” month. He also read a proclamation about Lupus awareness and declared May 15<sup>th</sup> as “Put on Purple Day” in the City of Sulphur Springs, Texas.

## **CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS**

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, today’s society is finding more citizens involved in motorcycling on the roads of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, motorcyclists are roughly unprotected and therefore more prone to injury or death in a crash than other vehicle drivers; and

**WHEREAS**, campaigns have helped inform riders and motorists alike on motorcycle safety issues to reduce motorcycle related risks, injuries, and, most of all, fatalities, through a comprehensive approach to motorcycle safety; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of all who put themselves behind the wheel to become aware of motorcyclists, regarding them with the same respect as any other vehicle traveling the highways of this country; and it is the responsibility of riders and motorists alike to obey all traffic laws and safety rules; and

**WHEREAS**, urging all citizens of our community to become aware of the inherent danger involved in operating a motorcycle, and for riders and motorists alike to give each other the mutual respect they deserve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Freddie Taylor**, Mayor of the City of Sulphur Springs, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

### **“MOTORCYCLE SAFETY and AWARENESS MONTH”**

in this city. Further, I urge all residents to do their part to increase safety and awareness in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 2015.

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Freddie Taylor, Mayor

## CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, On May 15, 2015, The Lupus Foundation of America, Lone Star Chapter will host a Lupus Awareness event, “Put On Purple Day” to educate the public of lupus and its effects on individuals, families and society; and

**WHEREAS**, An estimated 1.5 million Americans suffer from lupus, the chronic inflammatory, autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, especially the skin, joints, blood and kidneys; and

**WHEREAS**, The Lupus Foundation of America is the foremost national nonprofit health organization dedicated to finding the causes and cure for lupus; and providing support, services and hope to all people affected by the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, while there is no known cure for lupus, and the disease is difficult to diagnose, it is increasingly important to raise understanding and consciousness of the disease to help save lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FREDDIE TAYLOR**, Mayor of the City of Sulphur Springs, Texas, do hereby proclaim the 15<sup>TH</sup> of May as:

#### “PUT ON PURPLE DAY”

and ask that all citizens join in observance of this special occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sulphur Springs, Texas, to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 2015.

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Freddie Taylor, Mayor

#### **MANAGER’S REPORT**

**STREETS, WATER AND SEWER** - The Lamar Street reconstruction project is almost done. In fact, it should be finished tomorrow with a little cooperation from Mother Nature.

The FM 2285 waterline replacement project is underway. We’ve already installed 1,000 feet of pipe, and a contractor will be on site today to bore under FM 2285. This project will replace 2.5 miles of undersized and dilapidated water main at a cost of \$862,800. The project will begin at S.H. 19 and extend past the lake Sulphur Springs dam. The existing water main generates more repairs than any other water main in the City.

The Rockdale Road reconstruction project is on deck. You may recall that in the past five years we have replaced two out of four segments of Rockdale Road (on the north side of the interstate). This project will reconstruct the remainder of Rockdale Road.

Expect the Davis Street waterline re-placement project to follow Rockdale Road. This project will replace 1,500 feet of water main on North Davis from Park to Glover. This will clear the way for this street segment to be paved this summer.

**CLAIMS** – We had 5 workers’ compensation claims in March. One was serious enough to result in lost time. A capital construction employee dropped a 12” pipe on his foot on March 25. He returned to work today.

We did not have any liability claims in March.

**CITY BUSINESS OFFICE** – Reconstruction is rapidly moving along at the old City Hall. Workers are installing sheet rock now, and painting should begin within a week. We have been hoping to move in by late July. That is beginning to look like an easy target.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT** - Total suspended solids (TSS) came in at 5.52 mg/L for March which is well within our permitted limit of 15 mg/L. Next month our permit parameter drops to 12 mg/L and with the increasing temperatures we will have more difficulty meeting those parameters. This is why we are working toward a major upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant.

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

Elsewhere around the city, employees:

- Patched 1,170 potholes.
- Made 12 extensive street repairs following utility repairs.
- Swept 66 streets.
- Replaced 10 “STOP” signs and installed 2 new ones.
- Replaced various other street signs.
- Repaired 5 water mains.
- Replaced 14 water meters.
- Unstopped 47 sewer mains.
- Repaired 9 smaller sewer mains.
- Made a major sewer repair to a 24” sewer main passing under College Street which required a new bore.
- Continued smoke testing sewer mains in areas under or near surface drainage.
- Washed 75,000 feet of sewer mains.
- Flushed 37 dead-end water mains.
- Performed preventative maintenance on the Cooper Lake raw water pumps.

- Checked out 2,793 items from the library.
- Responded to 116 fire rescue calls including 4 structure fires.
- Performed preventative maintenance on 50 fire hydrants.
- Repaired roof leak at library, and adjusted the front door.
- Reinstalled light pole on Main Street.
- Installed another camera at Buford Park.
- Repaired crosswalk lights at the post office.
- Reset school zone lights to daylight savings time.
- Performed preventative maintenance at Cantex lift station.
- Performed preventative maintenance on numerous apparatuses at the wastewater treatment plant and water treatment plant.
- Saw heavy wastewater loading from some of our industrial plants, enough to trigger surcharges on two of them.
- Processed 583 tickets through municipal court.
- Sold 1,203 gallons of AvGas and 7,131 gallons of JetA.
- Conducted 19 health inspections in March and initiated 34 code enforcement investigations.
- Conducted 15 building inspections, 6 plumbing inspections, 15 electrical inspections, 2 mechanical inspections and issued 14 building permits.
- Responded to 33 accidents, made 77 arrests, wrote 587 traffic citations and recorded 75 offenses.
- Responded to 215 animal control calls while achieving an adoption rate of 63%.
- Made 5 felony arrests in the special crimes unit and seized 428 grams of methamphetamine.
- Refurbished bathrooms at Buford Park and readied the concession stands for the new season.
- Installed new bleachers at Sweeties Field.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Consider for approval the regular City Council meeting minutes of April 7, 2015; the Downtown Revitalization Board meeting minutes of April 20, 2015; the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes of April 21, 2015; the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals meeting minutes of April 21, 2015; and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of March 30, 2015. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Sellers moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Price seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR AvGAS AND JETA FUEL SYSTEMS FOR THE SULPHUR SPRINGS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

Airport Director Joey Baker presented the staff report. There were three bids received. Mr. Baker distributed a letter from Garver Engineering supporting Fuel Tech, Inc., the lowest bidder in the amount of \$289,031.00. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Mayor Pro tem Price seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**VISITORS/PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**ADJOURN**

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.