

**CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL**

**JUNE 26, 2018**

**6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Sellers called the special meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 6:08 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor John A. Sellers  
Mayor Pro Tem Emily Glass  
Councilwoman Erica Armstrong  
Councilman Jimmy D. Lucas  
Councilman Norman Sanders  
Councilman Freddie Taylor  
Councilman Doug Moore

Absent: None

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager  
Gale Roberts, City Secretary  
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney  
Lesa Smith, Finance Director  
Gordon Frazier, HR Director  
Tory Niewiadomski, Community Development Director  
Pat Leber, SS Police Department, Patrol Lt.  
Robert Lee, Director of Utilities  
Russ Nuss, Director of Public Works  
Dave Reed, City Engineer  
Jim Foley, Water & Sewer Distribution Superintendent  
Mike Allen, Engineering Technician  
James Jordan, Assistant Director of Utilities  
Bryan Craig, Capital Construction  
Wade Taylor, Water & Sewer Distribution

**PLEDGE AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Sellers led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag, the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and Councilwoman Erica Armstrong led the invocation.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Consider for approval the regular City Council meeting minutes of June 5, 2018. There was no one to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Glass made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Freddie Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN FOR 2019 – 2023**

Councilman Norman Sanders moved to remove this item from the table. Councilman Doug Moore seconded and the vote to remove the item from the table was unanimous.

Community Development Director Niewiadomski presented the staff report. The Capital Improvements Plan differs from the City’s operating budget due to its multi-year nature, which means that projects can span more than one fiscal year and its budget is active until the projects are finished. The CIP committee was provided an estimated budget of \$3.5 million in sewer, \$3.5 million in water, and \$5.5 million in street/drainage based on estimated revenues from the Finance Department. From those estimates, the committee put together an anticipated 5 year plan for the Council’s review and consideration. Also provided in the CIP is a list of potential projects for our summer paving or Street Improvement Program (SIP) that is adopted annually by city council dependent upon availability of funds and shifts in priorities. There was a general discussion. The criteria for grading these projects were discussed as well a lengthy discussion regarding Bellview Street. After everyone had contributed to the discussion Councilman Sanders moved to postpone the item. Councilman Moore seconded and the vote to postpone was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SANITARY SEWER AT HIGHWAY 11**

Community Development Director Niewiadomski presented the staff report. This is a Texas Department of Transportation initiated project and they have requested that the city relocate any utilities that will be impacted by their project due to the newly acquired right-of-way. The City has executed a Utility Agreement with TxDOT which states the cost for the relocation of sewer lines is 100% reimbursable. This project relocates an existing 12” sewer line out of the new TxDOT right-of-way on Highway 11 West near the Stonebriar Subdivision. Publications were placed in the News telegram and emails were also sent to prospective bidders. Staff conducted a bid opening June 19. We received one bid and it was as follows:

JDR Contracting, LP	\$247,639.00
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Staff recommends awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, JDR Contracting, LP. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Sanders moved to accept the bid and award the contract to JDR Contracting, LP. Councilwoman Erica Armstrong seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

Mayor Sellers announced there would be a dedication of a Texas Historical Landmark at 11 a.m. at 333 College Street, Saturday, June 30, 2018. It is the second one in Hopkins County, the Hopkins Courthouse being the first.

**ADJOURN**

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.