

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

JULY 7, 2015

7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilman Clay Walker

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney
Gordon Frazier, Director Human Resources
Phyllis Rogers, Municipal Court Judge
Russ Nuss, Director of Public Works
Robert Lee, Director of Utilities
Russell Ham, Superintendent of Utilities
Jay Sanders, Sulphur Springs Police Chief

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Price stated we would begin with the pledge but to remain standing as we recognize the nine individuals that lost their lives in the tragedy at Charleston, South Carolina, as we express sympathy from one city to another. Mayor Pro Tem Glass read the names of the nine victims and a special prayer was delivered by Councilman Taylor after the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Price recognized the efforts of Pastor Valanderous Bell for organizing the candlelight vigil held the evening of July 3rd in honor of the citizens of Charleston, South

Carolina. As they are healing from such a dreadful tragedy we came together as a community to lift them up in prayer which, in turn, strengthens our own community.

MANAGER'S REPORT

STREETS, WATER AND SEWER - The FM 2285 waterline replacement project is picking up speed now that the rains have abated. We've installed 8,800 feet of pipe, and three of four bores have been completed. We expect to complete this project in July. This project replaces 2.5 miles of undersized and dilapidated water main at a cost of \$862,800. The project begins at S.H. 19 and extends past the Lake Sulphur Springs dam. The old water main generates more repairs than any other water main in the City.

Later on the agenda is the summer paving contract. The following street segments are up for repaving this summer:

Live Oak	Helm to Dead-end	\$91,779
Waco	Industrial to Lee	24,600
Vonda	Mockingbird to Wright	35,042
League	Main to Bellview	78,272
Carter	College to Fuller	17,057
S. Davis	Kyle to Lee	82,529
Woodlawn	Locust to Davis	57,601
West/Joyce	Shannon to McCann	41,435
Jill	College to dead-end	52,721
S. Moore	Tate to Barbara	54,909
Finney	League to Sunset	<u>25,325</u>
TOTAL		\$561,270

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.

CLAIMS – We had 3 workers compensation claims in June. Two employees were treated for heat exhaustion. One of them spent a week in the hospital and still has not returned to work. The third claim was for a minor cut.

We did not have any liability claims.

We submitted one claim to the TML risk pool for damage to the control vault for the fountain in Celebration Plaza. It flooded and ruined most of the equipment inside.

CITY BUSINESS OFFICE – Reconstruction is nearing completion at the old city hall. Move-in day is set for July 31.

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

Elsewhere around the city, employees:

- Hosted 2 Dixie softball tournaments, one USFA softball tournament and one Piney Woods baseball tournament.
- Aerated the soccer fields.
- Mowed around Coleman Lake.
- Sold 6,105 gallons of JetA fuel and 1,719 gallons of AvGas.
- Assisted the Sulphur Springs Symphony League with the Independence Day celebration.
- Conducted 34 code enforcement inspections.
- Conducted 31 building inspections, 8 electrical inspections, 18 plumbing inspections, 4 mechanical inspections and issued 26 building permits.
- Responded to 134 fire/rescue calls including 4 structure fires.
- Performed preventative maintenance on 88 fire hydrants.
- Sent out 153 weed/brush compliance letters.
- Made repairs to the fountain in Celebration Plaza.
- Replaced 20 GFCI power receptacles on Celebration Plaza.
- Performed repairs and preventative maintenance on numerous items at the wastewater treatment plant.
- Achieved a daily average TSS reading of 1.79 mg/L at the wastewater treatment plant, pretty good considering the circumstances, and well within our permit parameters.
- Repaired 5 water main ruptures.
- Replaced 17 water meters.
- Unstopped 16 sewer mains and repaired 3 sewer mains.
- Cleaned 95,000 feet of sewer mains.
- Flushed 36 dead-end mains.
- Treated 130 million gallons of potable water.
- Patched 537 potholes.
- Made 16 extensive street repairs following utility repairs.
- Removed numerous trees from the streets following storms.
- Installed new curb and gutter at old city hall.
- Fixed drainage problem on Graham Street.
- Checked out 4,136 books and other materials from the library.
- Made 69 arrests, responded to 47 accidents, recorded 66 offences, and wrote 652 traffic citations.
- Responded to 246 animal control calls.

- Achieved an animal adoption rate of 20%.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Consider for approval the City Council meeting minutes of June 2, 2015 and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of May 22, 2015. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING, AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 312 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE, AND FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2665 ESTABLISHING A REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR ALUF PLASTICS

Mayor Price opened the public hearing. There was no one to speak to the issue. The public hearing was closed.

Economic Development Executive Director, Roger Feagley, was available to answer any questions. This is a request to create a reinvestment zone which establishes geographical boundaries of an area where a taxing entity can offer a tax incentive. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Sellers moved to adopt the ordinance on second and final reading. Councilwoman Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 1090 APPROVING A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ALUF PLASTICS

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Roger Feagley presented the staff report and was available to answer any questions. The current project is \$975,000 and will add 40 new jobs. The contract is in compliance with the current tax abatement policy. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilman Sellers seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A MOTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH GHS FOR THE PROVISION OF SOFTWARE, DATA HOSTING AND COLLECTION SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL COURT AND TERMINATE CURRENT AGREEMENTS WITH MCCREARY, VESELKA, BRAGG AND ALLEN, P.C. (MVBA) AND INCODE

City Manager Marc Maxwell presented the staff report. Dave Graves, GHS, was also available to answer any questions as well as Municipal Court Judge Rogers. There was a

brief general discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved to approve the hiring of GHS and terminating MVBA. Councilman Aguilar seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2666 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET

Finance Director Peter Karstens presented the staff report. This budget amendment increases the overall expenditure limit by \$150,000. The budget amendment recognizes the additional sales tax that the city is collecting which is in excess of \$100,000 plus \$100,000 additional revenue from Municipal Court fines and fees. On the expenditure side this amendment authorizes the remodeling of the Police Station. Overall, the estimated project cost is \$250,000. Staff recommends that we delay the remodel of the garage/property room section until the next year (FY 2017 - \$50,000) which brings the immediate budget needs down to \$200,000. This amendment starts the project with \$150,000. So, \$100,000 of that in this amendment comes from the revenue increases in the General Fund noted above (Sales Tax and Fines). The balance of the \$50,000 contingency built into the budget of the 2014 Certificates of Obligation that in the end wasn't needed for the various projects.

The last \$50,000 would be placed into next year's budget (FY 2016) which will start in October. It is anticipated that it will come from any savings from the first phase as well as savings from equipment purchases (last Certificate of Obligations) which have been trending less than budget. Affected Police Personnel would move into the office trailers during the construction. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the ordinance on first reading. Mayor Pro Tem Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CHEMICAL BIDS

Director of Utilities Robert Lee presented the staff report. The low bids received on June 23, 2015 are as follows:

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Price</u>	<u>Current Price</u>
Alum	Chemtrade	\$ 189.00 dry/ton	\$ 197.18 dry/ton
Alum Copper Blend 1%	Chameleon	\$ 233.75 dry/ton	\$ 236.16 dry/ton
Alum Copper Blend 2%	Chameleon	\$ 271.00 dry/ton	\$ 276.16 dry/ton
Chlorine	Brenntag	\$ 610.00 per ton	\$ 512.00 per ton
Sulphur Dioxide	Brenntag	\$ 725.00 per ton	\$ 725.00 per ton
Caustic Soda 25%	UnivarUSA	\$ 584.31 dry/ton	\$ 620.00 dry/ton

Caustic Soda 32%	UnivarUSA	\$ 559.28	dry/ton	\$ 580.00	dry/ton
Caustic Soda 50%	Brenntag	\$ 477.00	dry/ton	\$ 574.00	dry/ton
Liquid Ammonium Sulfate	Chameleon	\$.0905	liquid lb	\$ 0.0930	liquid lb
Phosphate, Barrel 55 gal.	Sterling	\$.5328	liquid lb	\$ 0.6750	liquid lb
Phosphate, Tote 275 gal.	Sterling	\$.5424	liquid lb	\$ 0.6750	liquid lb

Charles Oxford requested the names of the chemicals which were read aloud by City Manager Maxwell. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to accept the low bids and award them accordingly. Councilman Sellers seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ROADWAY MILLING

Director of Public Works Russ Nuss presented the staff report. There were four responses:

Richard Drake Construction	\$138,300
Texana Land & Asphalt	\$152,800
Texup Construction	\$150,400
5 W Contracting	\$169,100

This is part of the work is performed during the summer paving program. Though the lump sum bids are compared above, the actual bid is for the unit prices as noted in the bid sheets. The bids are compared at estimated quantities which result in a lump sum bid. Staff recommends the bid is awarded to the lowest responsive bid which is Richard Drake Construction for unit prices as noted:

Wedge Mill for Overlay	10,000 SY	\$2.60 per SY
Full Width Milling	40,000SY	\$2.45 per SY
Remove & Replace Soft Spots	100 TN	\$143/ton

The staff recommendation is to accept the low bid and award contract to Richard Drake Construction. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to accept the bids and award the contract to Richard Drake Construction. Mayor Pro Tem Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ASPHALT RESURFACING

Director of Public Works Russ Nuss presented the staff report. There were four responses:

Texana Land & Asphalt	\$487,605.00
Richard Drake Construction	\$552,670.00
5 W Contracting	\$571,050.00
R. K. Hall	\$654,500.01

Though lump sum bids are compared, the actual bid is for unit prices. The bids are compared at estimated quantities which result in a lump sum. The actual use may be more or less than the estimated amount.

Staff recommends that the bid is awarded to the lowest responsive bid which is Texana Land & Asphalt for unit prices as noted:

Type D HMAC Surface	500 tons	\$98.71 per ton
Tach Coat	6,000 gal.	\$1.00 per gallon
Prime Coat	1,000 gal.	\$5.00 per gallon
Type F HMAC Surface	3,500 tons	\$103.50 per ton
Remove & Replace soft spots	500 tons	\$130.00 per ton

Total bid at specified estimates: \$487,605.00

There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Sellers moved to accept the bids and award the contract to Texana Land & Asphalt. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CEMENT TREATED SUBGRADE

Director of Public Works Russ Nuss presented the staff report. There were three responses:

Texana Land & Asphalt	\$49,600
Richard Drake Construction	\$81,800
5 W Contracting	\$103,900

This is part of the work performed on the summer paving program. Though the lump sum bids are compared above, the actual bid is for the unit prices as noted in the bid sheets. The bids are compared at estimated quantities which result in a lump sum bid.

The actual use may be more or less than the estimated amount. Staff recommends the bid is awarded to the lowest responsive bid which is Texana Land & Asphalt for unit prices as noted:

Cemented Treated Subgrade	8,000 sq. yd.	\$3.20 per square yard
Prime Coat	2,000 gal.	\$5.00 per gallon
Cement	100 tons	\$135.00 per ton
Remove & Replace soft spots	100 sq. yd.	\$5.00 per square yard

Total bid at specified estimates: \$49,600

There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved to accept the bids and award the contract to Texana Land & Asphalt. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC FORUM

Marc Overton addressed the City Council about bicyclers and obeying the traffic laws. He is a cyclist and obeys the laws but there are many that do not which is very dangerous. He asked the City Council to please consider what can be done to remedy this situation.

Police Chief Jay Sanders thanked the City Council for approving the remodel of the Police Station. Councilman Sellers added that he helped build that part of the building when he was in college.

Mayor Price recognized Russ Nuss and his crew for all the work they did to help make the Sulphur Springs Symphony League 2015 Independence Day Celebration so successful. It was held Saturday, June 27th, with the concert by the Northeast Texas Symphony Orchestra and an extraordinary fireworks display.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.