

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

AUGUST 4, 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 Clay Walker
Councilman Oscar Aguilar
Councilman Freddie Taylor
Councilman John Sellers

Absent: None

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney
Gordon Frazier, Director Human Resources
Lesa Smith, Budget Analyst

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Price stated we would have a guest, Jason Gloar with a local Boy Scout Troop, leading the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag and the Pledge to the Texas Flag. Councilman Taylor led in the invocation

PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Price presented Jeanette Moser, Manager of Public Affairs, Atmos Energy, a proclamation recognizing August 11, 2015 as “Underground Damage Prevention Day” in the City of Sulphur Springs. The date, 8/11, corresponds to the nationwide one-call number 811 which provides anyone planning to excavate a simple, easy way to contact the state underground notification center.

MANAGER’S REPORT

STREETS, WATER AND SEWER - The FM 2285 waterline replacement project is complete. This project replaced 2.5 miles of undersized and dilapidated water main. The project was budgeted at \$862,800. The project will come in well under budget. The old water main generated more repairs than any other water main in the City. Ironically, just as the Capital Construction Division was about to place the new line into service, the old line ruptured one more time for good measure.



The Davis Street waterline replacement project is up next. 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 along with the other streets in the summer paving program.

The annual summer paving program is about to kick off. Texana Land and Asphalt will pave the following streets in the next month or two:

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	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 might 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.

CLAIMS – We did not have any worker’s compensation claims in July.

We had one liability claim in July for a minor accident.

CITY BUSINESS OFFICE – We’re almost done. Move-in day is set for.....any day now.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - Total suspended solids (TSS) came in at 1.64 mg/L, well within the limit of 12 mg/L.

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – Finance Director, Peter Karstens, will **not** present the year-to-date summary of revenues and expenditures since he has covered the same information in the budget presentation.

Elsewhere around the city, employees:

- Hosted a Dixie Boys Baseball tournament (14) teams.
- Replaced all light bulbs in the Coleman Park athletic complex.
- Shredded around Coleman Lake.
- Fertilized athletic fields.
- Initiated 15 code enforcement investigations.
- Conducted 21 building inspections, 8 electrical inspections, 18 plumbing inspections, 1 mechanical inspection and issued 27 building permits.
- Responded to 132 fire/rescue calls including 4 structure fires.
- Performed preventative maintenance on 86 fire hydrants.
- Sent 79 code compliance notices (weeds) and issued 26 citations.
- Checked out 3,946 library materials and concluded the summer reading program with 1,089 in attendance.
- Rebuilt the control vault for the Celebration Fountain.
- Worked on electrical systems at old city hall.
- Retained geotechnical contractor in preparation for redesign of the wastewater treatment plant.
- Performed multiple repairs and preventative maintenance actions at the wastewater treatment plant.
- Inspected several restaurant grease traps.
- Repaired 5 water main ruptures.
- Replaced 17 water meters.
- Unstopped 14 sewer mains.
- Repaired 2 sewer mains.
- Washed 85,000 feet of sewer mains.
- Performed preventative maintenance on Gena Creek sewer outfall line.
- Treated 165 million gallons of Cooper Lake water.
- Flushed 36 dead-end water mains.
- Repaired mixer in Carter Street water tower.
- Sold 2,221 gallons of AvGas and 6,886 gallons of JetA fuel.
- Made 91 arrests, recorded 103 offences, responded to 35 accidents and wrote 678 traffic citations.
- Responded to 252 animal control calls and achieved an adoption rate of 34%.
- Made 4 felony arrests in the special crimes unit.

- Patched 681 potholes.
- Made 9 extensive street repairs following utility repairs.
- Began new construction of sidewalks, curbs and landscaping at the water office (old city hall).
- Boom shredded several streets around town.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Consider for approval the City Council meeting minutes of July 7, 2015; the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes of July 20, 2015; and the Downtown Revitalization Board meeting minutes of June 30, and July 21, 2015. Councilman Johnson questioned the procedure when the Planning and Zoning Commission are unable to meet due to a lack of quorum and what happens to the items that were on their agenda. City Manager Maxwell and City Attorney McLeroy addressed the questions. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Sellers seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2666 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET

Finance Director Peter Karstens presented the staff report. There are changes in the second reading as we need to add \$100,000 for construction of the Park Pavilion as well as \$40,000 of court funds sent to the state (40% of the \$100,000 revenue increase). The pavilion which is located where the swimming pool used to be is being built primarily with donated funds. We have received \$25,000 from Grocery Supply Corporation (GSC) and they have pledged an additional \$25,000 for each of the next two years, making their total donation \$75,000. While we wait for the additional \$50,000 this amendment calls for using the Capital Fund – Fund Balance. The additional \$25,000 of the expenditures would be funded by the city from the Capital Fund – Fund balance (total \$100,000). There will be other components of the project that are being donated. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading with the requested changes. Mayor Pro Tem Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 1091 REQUESTING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY FOR A SIGNAL LIGHT AT FM 2285 AND HIGHWAY 19

City Manager Maxwell presented the staff report. He had received a call from a citizen requesting this be done as it is a very dangerous intersection. Councilman Walker added that it has been an ongoing problem for years and his daughter had been in an accident at

that intersection years ago. Finance Director Karstens said he had witnessed a horrific incident and goes through that intersection everyday on his way to and from work. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Glass moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilman Sellers seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR REINSURANCE FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES

Finance Director Karstens presented the staff report. Three proposals were received from Blue Cross, American Fidelity, and Highmark. We received one “our rates would not be competitive” letter from Stop Loss Insurance Services. Blue Cross and Highmark were firm while American Fidelity remained conditional on July claim experiences before their rates are finalized. Highmark gave us the lowest proposal as well as a firm bid with fixed cost of \$371,080 at \$60,000 and \$344,048 at \$70,000. American Fidelity was not firm and Blue Choice was at \$384,485 for \$60,000 and \$358,970 for \$70,000. Employee budget rates will be increased by 11.5%, spouse rates by 14%, and children by 11%. He also stated that staff recommends changing the prescription reimbursement from:

two tier: \$15 generic, \$25 name brand *to*
four tier: \$15 generic, \$35 – preferred name brand, \$60 non-preferred name brand drugs, and 50%/50% for specialty drugs

Staff also recommends using prior authorization and step therapies to control cost. Staff also recommends increasing the out of pocket from \$5,000 to \$6,000. The staff recommendation is to choose Highmark at the \$70,000 level specific stop-loss for \$344,048, fixed costs with the changes in the internal rates as noted. There was a general discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved to accept the bids and award the contract to Highmark. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A REQUEST TO REPLAT 22 LOTS LOCATED IN THE ROCK CREEK ADDITION, PHASE II

This portion of Phase II is located off Arbala Road and completes Round Rock Circle along the backside. Utilities were previously installed with Phase I and only the concrete street remains to be constructed. This plat was on the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting that failed to meet due to a lack of quorum. According to the Texas Local Government Code, Section 212.009(a), the municipal authority responsible for approving plats shall act on a plat within 30 days after the date the plat is filed. A plat is

considered approved by the municipal authority unless it is disapproved within that period. (b) If an ordinance requires that a plat be approved by the governing body of the municipality in addition to the planning commission, the governing body shall act on the plat within 30 days after the date the plat is approved by the planning commission or is considered approved by the inaction of the commission. A plat is considered approved by the governing body unless it is disapproved within that period. There was a general discussion regarding this issue. Property owner Wayne Cooper was available to answer any questions. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved to approve the plat as presented. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC FORUM

Charles Oxford addressed the City Council citing a recent visit from one its members and stated he would appreciate prior notification or an appointment rather someone show up on his doorstep.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.