

**CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL**

**DECEMBER 2, 2014**

**7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Pro Tem Kayla Price called the regular meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 7:01 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Pro Tem Kayla Price  
Councilman Craig Johnson  
Councilman Clay Walker  
Councilman Oscar Aguilar  
Councilwoman Emily Glass  
Councilman John Sellers

Absent: Mayor Freddie Taylor

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager  
Gale Roberts, City Secretary  
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney  
Peter Karstens – Finance Director  
Gordon Frazier, Director Human Resources  
Jason Ricketson, Sulphur Springs Police Captain  
Russ Nuss, Public Works Director  
Hope Cain, Director Library Services

**PLEDGE AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Price led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag and the Pledge to the Texas Flag. Councilman Sellers led the invocation.

**PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

City Secretary Roberts announced the funeral arrangements for Jerry Maynard's father, Gary Maynard.

Councilman Johnson announced college football playoff selection committee has just named Texas Christian University as No.3 in the rankings.

City Manager Maxwell reminded everyone of the planned Christmas festivities. He

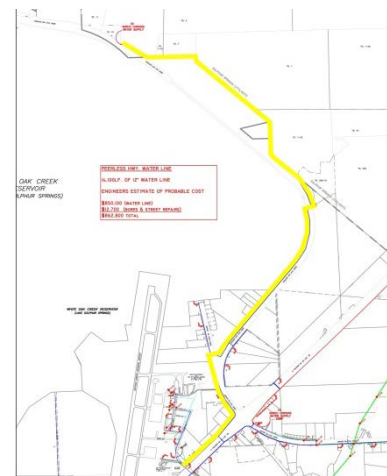
stated the Lions Club Lighted Christmas parade would begin at 7P instead of 530P. There will also be the lighting of the Christmas Tree, snow slide, and white tigers all happening downtown Sulphur Springs this Friday night.

Mayor Pro tem Price announced the Photo Walk which is also scheduled for Friday night, Christmas in Heritage Park, CASA Cookie Walk, and the Choral Society has a presentation Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. There is something for everyone!

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

**STREETS** – Lamar Street is up next for reconstruction. This ½ mile project will replace water main, sewer main and street at a cost of \$766,700. The project will extend from College to Beckham.

On-deck is a water main replacement project on 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.



**CLAIMS** – We had one minor workers' compensation claim in November for an eye injury. The employee was treated and released to full duty.

We did not receive any liability claims on November.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT** - Total suspended solids (TSS) came in at 1.92 mg/L for November which is well within our permitted limit of 15 mg/L. The new filters are working as expected.

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

Elsewhere around the city, employees:

- Patched 34 potholes and made 11 street repairs following utility repairs.
- Repaired a soft spot on Texas Street.
- Swept 49 streets.
- Built 4 stages.
- Hung holiday lights downtown.
- Replaced 465 feet of curb and gutter.
- Made 3 substantial storm drain repairs.
- Replaced electrical service at Lake Sulphur Springs' pump station.

- Responded to 48 accidents, made 56 arrests, recorded 49 offences and wrote 732 traffic citations.
- Made 5 felony arrests in the special crimes unit.
- Responded to 184 animal control calls and achieved a 56% adoption rate.
- Conducted 4 health inspections and 4 code compliance investigations.
- Conducted 18 building inspections, 13 electrical inspections, 19 plumbing inspections, 2 mechanical inspections and issued 13 building permits.
- Sold 1,647 gallons of AvGas and 4,614 gallons of JetA fuel.
- Trimmed the tall hedge in front of the Library.
- Held one softball tournament.
- Sprayed pre-emergent on athletic fields.
- Repaired 20 water main ruptures and replaced 13 water meters.
- Unstopped 27 sewer mains.
- Washed 71,000 feet of sewer mains.
- Processed 652 tickets through municipal court.
- Checked out 2,072 materials from the Library.
- Flushed 37 dead end water mains.
- Performed various preventative maintenance items at the water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant.

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

Consider for approval the regular City Council meeting minutes of November 4, 2014; the Downtown Revitalization Board meeting minutes of November 24, 2014; and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of October 27, 2014. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Sellers seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF UTILITY PIPE FOR THE PEERLESS HIGHWAY WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Public Works Director Russ Nuss presented the staff report and were available to answer any questions. Mr. Nuss explained that Underground Utility was disqualified due to the bidding of a material (C909) that was not specified. He further explained the largest part of the bid was 13,600 feet of 12" C900 and 400 feet of 6" C900. Underground Utility had crossed out the C900 and bid C9090 pipe which is a thinner pipe. The staff recommendation is to award the bid to HD Supply of Royce City for \$247,713.77. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved to award the bid to HD Supply. Councilman Walker seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON TWO BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REINVESTMENT ZONE #1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

City Secretary Roberts presented the staff report. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Sellers moved to reappoint Kayla Price and Oscar Aguilar. Councilwoman Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REINVESTMENT ZONE #1 MOVING THE ANNUAL MEETING FROM MAY TO JANUARY**

City Secretary Roberts presented the staff report. May is sometimes difficult to have a board meeting due to elections, possible run-off elections, the retreat, and holiday. The Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone #1 Board of Directors voted to change the bylaws by moving the annual meeting to January. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Walker moved to approve the amendment to the bylaws moving the annual meeting from May to January. Councilman Aguilar seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REINVESTMENT ZONE #1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

City Secretary Roberts presented the staff report. This appointment is for the 2015 calendar year. There was no one to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Price moved to reappoint Emily Glass. Councilman Johnson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 1076 APPROVING A FINANCING PACKAGE FOR THE SULPHUR SPRINGS HOPKINS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Executive Director of the EDC, Roger Feagley, presented the staff report and was available to answer any questions. The purpose of this financing package is so the Sulphur Springs Hopkins County EDC can enter into an agreement with Guaranty Bank and Trust as the lead agency along with City national bank, Alliance Bank, and Texas Heritage Bank. The package is for the construction of two new buildings in the business parks. One will be in Pioneer Business Park on the west side of Sulphur Springs and the other building will be built in Heritage Business Park on the east side of Sulphur Springs. The total value of financing is four million dollars with each bank taking one-fourth of

the total amount of the loan. This financing package will not affect the City of Sulphur Springs. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Sellers moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilwoman Glass seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PROPOSED AGREEMENT LEASING THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM TO THE HOPKINS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (HCGS) AND ESTABLISHING REVENUE SHARING FOR THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF HCGS REAL PROPERTY**

Councilman Johnson moved to approve the agreement as presented. Councilman Aguilar seconded. There was a lengthy discussion with Gilda Cain, Commerce, Texas, and Cristal Joslin, Royce City, Texas, speaking against the agreement. The motion carried with all members of City Council voting unanimously to approve the lease agreement.

**The motion carried.**

**VISITORS/PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**ADJOURN**

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.