

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

DECEMBER 5, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Mayor John Sellers 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 John Sellers
Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Aguilar
Councilman Craig Johnson
Councilman Clay Walker
Councilman Freddie Taylor
Councilwoman Emily Glass
Councilman Dan Froneberger

Absent: None

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney
Lesa Smith, Budget Analyst
Gordon Frazier, HR Director
Tory Niewiadomski, Community Development Director
Jason Ricketson, Captain, SSPD

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Sellers led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag, the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and Councilman Taylor led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

City Attorney Jim McLeroy reminded everyone of the Law Enforcement Appreciation dinner at 5P on January 11th at the Hopkins County Civic Center.

MANAGER'S REPORT

PAMPA STREET – The sewer line is finished, and the water line is finished. I expect our contractor, Texana Land and Asphalt, to cement-stabilize the base and repave the street this month.

STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Expect the following streets to be repaved in December: Calvert, Junell, Beth/Rasure/Rose and a portion of Gossett Lane. Also expect portions of Woodside Lane to be reconstructed totaling 400 linear feet.

CANTEX FORCE MAIN – This will be our next capital improvement project. It will replace 2,400 linear feet of aging sewer force main and 2,900 feet of gravity main. Currently the main passes through the middle of the hospital complex. This would be a nightmare if the main ever ruptures. The proposed route would go around the hospital complex rather than through it. One third of the city’s sewage passes through this line.



WASTEWATER TREATMENT

PLANT – The work at the wastewater treatment plant is on schedule. The three primary clarifier basins have been constructed, and backfilling continues. Other concrete structures adjacent to the clarifiers are under construction.

CROSTOWN TRAIL – The Capital Construction Division began constructing the Crosstown Trail in November. This grant-funded project will connect Buford Park to Coleman Park as well as the high school/civic center complex with a concrete path. It will also replace the sidewalk on the north side of Connally Street.

CLAIMS – There were no liability claims or workers compensation claims in November.

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

Elsewhere around the city, employees:

- Applied pre-emergent on all athletic fields.
- Edged all sidewalks and curbs at Buford, Pacific and Coleman Parks.
- Prepared all bathrooms for winter.
- Repaired 589 potholes and made 9 street repairs following utility repairs.
- Graded and smoothed Pipeline Road.
- Demolished a house at 622 Mulberry.
- Decorated downtown for Christmas.

- Conducted 14 building inspections, 13 electrical inspections, 15 plumbing inspections, 2 mechanical inspections and issued 28 building permits.
- Checked out 2,749 items from the library, and 457 eBooks.
- Made 4 felony arrests in the Special Crimes Unit.
- Responded to 181 animal control calls, achieving an adoption rate of 53%.
- Recorded 74 offenses, wrote 487 traffic Citations, made 74 arrests and responded to 38 accidents including 9 injuries and 0 deaths.
- Sold 2,438 Gallons of AvGas and 8,458 Gallons of JetA fuel.
- Installed lights at Pacific Park.
- Repaired 4 water main ruptures.
- Replaced 9 water meters.
- Unstopped 10 sewer mains.
- Achieved a daily average total suspended solids reading of 1.90 mg/L at the wastewater treatment plant. Our limit is 15mg/L.
- Washed 75,000 feet of sewer main.
- Televised and smoke tested sewer segments 1 and 2, and made repairs.
- Flushed 35 dead end water mains.
- Treated 130 million gallons of potable water.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Consider for approval the regular City Council meeting minutes of November 7, 2017; the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes of November 20, 2017; the Downtown Revitalization Board meeting minutes of November 20, 2017; the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals meeting minutes of November 21, 2017; and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of September 25 and October 23, 2017. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2720, ABANDONING A PORTION OF GLADYS ALEXANDER DRIVE

City Attorney McLeroy presented the staff report. The final path of the Crosstown Trail Project takes the sidewalk across the railroad track. This ordinance completes the business of closing the Gladys Alexander Crossing by vacating and abandoning a street and alley and by conveying property by quitclaim deed to the Kansas City Southern railway line. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Walker seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2721, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED CONVEYING CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS, TO BILLIE RUTH STANDBRIDGE

City Manager Maxwell presented the staff report. The City Council previously approved Resolution No. 1139 approving a 380 Agreement with Billie Ruth Standbridge. Pursuant to the Agreement, Mrs. Standbridge will develop the property in a manner consistent with the design of the City for development within the downtown tax increment reinvestment zone. The City is required to receive fair market value for the property in the amount of \$110,161.35. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Walker moved to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Councilman Johnson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A REPLAT OF THE ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S PIONEER BUSINESS PARK, DESCRIBED AS LOT 10 OF PART OF TRACT 218 AND ABSTRACT 1102

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Roger Feagley presented the staff report. This replat is located outside of the City limits but within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). EDC's Pioneer Business Park is located on the west side of town along the I-30 frontage road and abuts CMH Road to the east. The entire area was previously platted into larger tracts of land. The EDC is seeking to subdivide an existing platted lot that is 23.8 acres into 3 smaller lots. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the replat. Councilwoman Glass seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

Craig Johnson made a motion to appoint Johnathan Newsom as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Councilman Taylor second. There was no one else to speak to the issue. The vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM

Marty Brown, Hartland, Wisconsin, addressed the City Council.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.