

**CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL**

**APRIL 2, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

Mayor John A. 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 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  
Tory Niewiadomski, Community Development Director  
Lesa Smith, Finance Director  
Gordon Frazier, HR Director  
Jason Ricketson, Captain SSPD

**PLEDGE AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Sellers led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag and the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and the invocation was led by Mayor Pro Tem Glass.

**PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS  
NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY  
APRIL 2, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation's counties are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to fighting the opioid epidemic, to responding to natural disasters, to supporting veterans and military families; and

**WHEREAS**, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with local leaders nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and local leaders across the country **for National Service Recognition Day on April 2, 2019.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, John A. Sellers, Mayor of the City of Sulphur Springs, Texas, County of Hopkins, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2019, as **National Service Recognition Day**, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

**ISSUED UNDER BY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2019.

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**Mayor John A. Sellers**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SPRING CLEANUP** – Spring cleanup is scheduled for April 8 -13, 7 am to 7 pm, ¼ mile east of Flowserve. It is open to city residents only. Bring ID and a water bill for proof of residency. No hazardous waste, paints, solvents, batteries, tires, etc.

**CROSTOWN TRAIL** - Construction has paused on this project. Everything between League Street and Coleman Lake is completed except lighting. Construction crews are now focused on Connally Street and Sunset Street. Toward the end of the Connally Street project the Crosstown Trail project will resume with the installation of sidewalks on Connally Street.

**SUNSET STREET** – Water Mains and Sewer Mains have both been installed. Cement stabilization should occur this month, and then the concrete work will begin.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT** - Phase 2 is well under way. All of the concrete has been poured for the two new aeration basins. The basins are now being fitted with a network of diffused air piping. This piping will be connected to 3 massive blowers that have already been installed. Once these basins are operational, the existing basins will be taken offline, and they will be refitted with diffused aeration just like basins 1 & 2. Once all of this is completed our aeration capacity will be greatly enhanced. This is the heart of our wastewater treatment process.

**CONNALLY STREET** – Sewer main installation is nearly complete. I expect the water main installation to begin this month.

**PAVING PROGRAM** – Texana Land & Asphalt has paved Beasley, Carter, Cranford, Ashcroft/Town, Ingram, Brewer, Peach, Georgia, Pipeline and Putman Streets. Hodge and Elm will be completed this week. Our quantities came in a little low, so we are going to pave a segment of Mulberry and Locust. That will probably happen next week. This will mark the end of the 2019 paving program. The program is partially funded by the recently enacted Street Maintenance Fee found on resident's/business owner's water bills. This year's program is estimated to cost \$941,000. The street maintenance fee produces over \$500,000/yr.

**CLAIMS** – We had one workers compensation claim in March. A firefighter suffered second degree burns to his ears and upper arm. He was treated and returned to work after 6 days.

We did not have any liability claims in March.

We submitted a claim for hail damage. TML has scheduled a roof inspection for tomorrow.

**REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES** – Finance Director Lesa Smith will **not** give a year-to-date report of revenues and expenditures since the month just ended yesterday.

Elsewhere around the city, employees:

- Made electrical repairs at the senior citizen center, Peavine Pinion Pond, Celebration Plaza and the wastewater treatment plant.
- Modified the a/c system at city hall.
- Treated wastewater to a daily average total suspended solids reading of 1.29 mg/L.
- Repaired 7 water main ruptures.
- Replaced 16 water meters.
- Unstopped 27 sewer mains.
- Repaired 2 sewer mains.
- Washed 70,000 feet of sewer mains.
- Responded to 194 animal control calls and achieved an adoption rate of 40%.
- Made 6 felony arrests in the special crimes unit.
- Responded to 2,570 calls for police.
- Responded to 40 accidents, made 68 arrests, recorded 60 offences and wrote 658 citations.
- Treated 125 million gallons of potable water.
- Flushed 35 dead end water mains.
- Performed preventative maintenance of chlorine regulators.
- Made 5 extensive street repairs following utility repairs.
- Patched 925 potholes.
- Replaced 8 street signs and 4 stop signs.
- Conducted 27 building inspections, 15 electrical inspections, 37 plumbing inspections, 7 mechanical inspections and issued 19 building permits.
- Issued a building permit for 200 Main Street. Owner has until May 01 to open street.
- Responded to 229 fire/rescue calls including 5 structure fires and 6 vehicle fires.
- Conducted 26 fire inspections and reviewed 26 pre-fire plans.
- Performed preventative maintenance on 40 fire hydrants.
- Checked out 2,950 items from the library and an additional 749 eBooks.
- Sold 3,154 gallons of AvGas and 8,289 gallons of JetA fuel.
- Began softball season and soccer season.
- Refurbished and sealed several picnic tables.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Consider for approval the regular City Council meeting minutes of March 5, 2019; the special City Council meeting minutes of March 25, 2019; the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes of November 19, 2018; the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals meeting minutes of October 16, 2018; the Downtown Revitalization Board meeting minutes of February 12, 2019; and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of February 25, 2019. There was no one to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Glass made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2743 FOR A ZONE CHANGE REQUEST BY OWNER, TATE PRICE, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 607 HOUSTON STREET, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS LOT 25 OF BLOCK 16, FROM SINGLE FAMILY-6 (SF-6) TO TWO-FAMILY (2F)**

Community Director Niewiadomski presented the staff report. Staff recommended denial as this is a traditionally single-family zoned area with single family uses in proximity to the site. The Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing and recommended denial. There was a general discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Sanders made a motion to deny the request. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Sanders, Taylor, Glass, Moore  
Nays: Armstrong, Lucas, Sellers  
Abstain: none

**The motion to deny carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2744 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS LIMITED TAX NOTE, SERIES 2019; TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED TO FUND ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES FOR MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS, RENOVATIONS OF EXISTING MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND FOR COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF THE NOTE; BEARING INTEREST AT THE RATES HEREINAFTER SET FORTH; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF THE NOTE, LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE NOTE; CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS OF THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO THE NOTE, THE FUNDS FROM WHICH SAID NOTE IS BE PAID AND THE PROJECTS TO BE**

**FUNDED WITH THE NOTE; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT, A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE NOTE AND AGREEMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL ADVISORY AND BOND COUNSEL SERVICES; AWARDING SALE OF SAID NOTE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO**

Finance Director Smith presented a brief staff report and introduced Financial Advisor Andrew Friedman of SAMCO Capital and Bond Counsel Jeff Gulbas of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton LLP. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Glass moved to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Councilman Moore seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2745 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2019; TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY ISSUED FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND PAYING COSTS OF ISSUANCE FO THE BONDS; BEARING INTEREST AT THE RATES HEREINAFTER SET FORTH; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF BOND; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; MAKING CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS OF THE CITY IN REFERENCE TO THE BONDS AND THE FUNDS FROM WHICH SAID BONDS ARE TO BE PAID; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT, ESCROW AGREEMENT, BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL ADVISORY AND BOND COUNSEL SERVICES; AWARDING SALE OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO**

Finance Director Smith introduced Financial Advisor Andrew Friedman of SAMCO Capital. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Council Moore moved to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR WATER MATERIALS FOR THE CONNALLY STREET GRANT PROJECT**

Community Director Niewiadomski presented the staff report. Staff placed bid notices in the News Telegram. Certified emails were also sent to eight prospective bidders. Bids were opened on March 25, 2019 and four bids were received.

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>TOTAL BID PRICE</b>
<b>Hayes Pipe Supply</b>	\$86,092.30
<b>Underground Utility Supply</b>	\$86,599.85
<b>Ferguson Waterworks</b>	\$87,462.03
<b>Core and Main</b>	\$92,964.26

Staff recommends award of the contract to Hayes Pipe Supply as the low bidder. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to accept the bids and award the contract to Hayes Pipe Supply. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR WATER FOR STEEL POLES FOR CROSSTOWN TRAIL PROJECT**

*This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*

**VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM**

None. However, Mayor Sellers reminded everyone of the Rudy Bruner Officials being in town later in the week. The DBA is sponsoring the 17<sup>th</sup> semi-annual History Walk, Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m.

**ADJOURN**

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.