

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

MAY 4, 2021

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:

Present: Mayor John A. Sellers
Mayor Pro Tem Freddie Taylor
Councilman Jay W. Julian
Councilman Harold Nash Sr.
Councilman Oscar Aguilar
Councilman Gary Spraggins
Councilman Doug Moore

Absent: None

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney
Lesa Smith, Finance Director
Tory Niewiadomski, Community Development Director
Gordon Frazier, Director of Human Resources
James Jordon, Director of Utilities

CALL TO ORDER

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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 Councilman Nash.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Aguilar commented on how great the Cinco de Mayo Celebration was on Saturday. It was very elaborate and well attended.

He also added that the northwest corner pavilion at Pacific Park should be repaired and named the Prince Beachum Barbeque Pavilion.

Councilman Aguilar commented on drainage issues at Ramsey and Putman as well as at Ramsey and College Streets. College Street is in the works and hopefully these side streets will get some attention. Councilman Nash added that he had seen a school bus stalled in that area. City Manager Maxwell stated College Street repairs are in our near future.

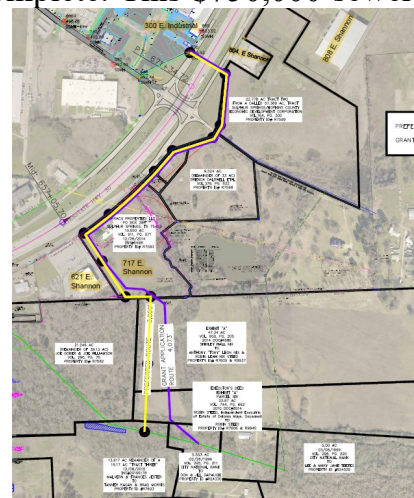
MANAGER'S REPORT

COVID-19 RESPONSE – The number of active cases in Hopkins County decreased 82% since our last meeting with 27 active cases as of May 4th. There are 4 patients in the covid unit at the hospital.

GRAYS BUILDING –The brick is installed. The walls are painted. The concrete floors are being polished. The large roll-up doors will be installed soon. Bathroom and kitchen fixtures will be installed soon. Outside concrete work will begin soon followed by landscaping. The Grays building will be open by Juneteenth.

SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING – Construction drawings are still being prepared by REES Associates. We have hired Tandem Consulting to oversee the construction just like the Grays Building.

SAPUTO SEWER MAIN – Construction is about 40% complete. This \$750,000 sewer project is funded entirely by a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture. The new main will supplement an older undersized main. The path of the new main begins at Saputo and continues under the interstate. It then continues South for 3,500 feet before connecting to an existing trunk line. The new main has a 15-inch diameter. This grant is made possible because of a \$50 million plant upgrade at Saputo and their cooperation with the Texas Department of Agriculture. Without their cooperation this project would not have been possible.



STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Staff has finalized the list of this year’s streets to be paved via the Street Improvement Program (SIP).

2021 SIP		
Street	Segment	Length
Austin	Davis to Brinker	565
Beckham	Oak to Elm	3,379
Duckworth	Mockingbird to Broadway	1,250
Gena	Cul de Sac to end	1,130
League	Bellview to Pampa	3,131
Lee	Davis to Broadway	1,901
N. Davis	Houston to Bonner	675
Patton	College to Weaver	950
Phyllis Ct.	College to Cul de Sac	950
Texas	Tate to Lee	2,772
Texas	Lee to Industrial	1,188
Woodbridge Crossing	Various	500
Total Linear Feet		19,391
Total Miles		3.67
Total Cost		\$1,152,098
Street Maintenance Fee Revenue		\$502,000

COLLEGE STREET – This will be the next reconstruction project after the Saputo Sewer Line Project.

CLAIMS – We did not have any workers compensation claims in April. We did receive a liability claim for damages incurred when one of our employees backed into another vehicle. There were no injuries.

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – Finance Director Lesa Smith will present a report of revenues and expenditures.

Elsewhere around the city, employees:

- Made 12 extensive street repairs following utility repairs.
- Repaired 137 potholes.
- Hauled street sweeping spoils to the landfill.
- Completed Spring Clean-Up with 74 40-yard roll-off containers hauled off and 819 vehicles served.
- Made curb and gutter repairs in preparation for the Street Improvement Program on Texas & Peach and Beckham & Beckworth.
- Planted spring flowers downtown.
- Prepared the fountain for operation.
- Repaired fences on ballfields.
- Prepared ball fields for youth leagues.
- Served 3,576 meals at the Senior Citizens Center.
- Responded to 169 animal control calls while achieving an 81% adoption rate.
- Made 12 felony arrests in the special crimes unit.
- Responded to 2,223 calls for police service, responded to 37 accidents, wrote 487 citations, recorded 50 offences made 60 arrests.
- Responded to 196 calls for fire/rescue including 4 structure fires and 1 vehicle fire.
- Performed preventative maintenance on 82 fire hydrants.
- Performed 40 fire inspections and reviewed 40 pre-fire plans.
- Sold 4,137 gallons of AvGas and 9,295 gallons of Jet A fuel.
- Accommodated 1,595 landings/takeoffs at the airport.
- Checked out 2,770 items from the library.
- Conducted 33 building inspections, 16 electrical inspections, 10 plumbing inspections, 6 mechanical inspections and issued 23 building permits.
- Installed two surge suppression modules at the wastewater treatment plant.
- Began maintenance on the Grays Building.
- Repaired the belt press at the wastewater treatment plant.



- Treated wastewater effluent to a daily average total suspended solids reading of .95 mg, a very, very good reading.
- Sent out 353 tons of sludge for composting and sent another 659 tons of sludge to the landfill.
- Repaired 8 water main ruptures.
- Replaced 15 water meters.
- Unstopped 44 sewer mains.
- Washed 80,000 feet of sewer mains.
- Flushed 36 dead-end water mains.
- Treated 137 million gallons of potable water.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Consider for approval the regular City Council meeting minutes of April 6, 2021; the Downtown Revitalization Board meeting minutes of January 26, 2021; the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes of March 15, 2021; and the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of March 1, 2021. There was no one to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Spraggins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE No. 2778 ON REQUEST OF DONNIE & ALLEN WISENBAKER, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ROCKDALE ROAD AND HIGHWAY 19 FROM SINGLE FAMILY TO HEAVY COMMERCIAL

Community Development Director Niewiadomski presented the staff report. The applicant is proposing to rezone the property to Heavy Commercial to accommodate existing uses and future uses along the Highway 19 corridor and consist of two tracts of land. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Taylor made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Moore seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE No. 2779 RESTRICTING PARKING IN THE 200 BLOCK OF TOMLINSON STREET.

City Manager Maxwell presented the staff report. We are beginning to experience congestion problems in the 200 block of Tomlinson Street caused by parking. Vehicles are parking in front of a dumpster on the north side of the street near the west end of the street preventing a dumpster from being emptied. Vehicles are also parking on the south side of the street making it difficult for trash trucks to pass. If it is difficult for a trash truck to pass, then it is also difficult for a fire truck to pass. This ordinance addresses both issues. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Aguilar made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Nash seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2780, A REZONING REQUEST BY OWNERS LARRY & LINDA EVANS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1340 HILLCREST FROM SINGLE-FAMILY TO HEAVY-COMMERCIAL.

Community Development Director Niewiadomski presented the staff report. The applicant is proposing to rezone the property to Heavy Commercial to accommodate existing uses and future uses along the Highway 19 corridor and consist of two tracts of land. The property is surrounded by a mix of zoning designations, from Light Commercial to the north, east and south, pending heavy and light commercial to the west. Given the context of the area, heavy commercial is an appropriate use. It also fits in with the land use plan of commercial along Highway 19. There was a brief discussion. There

was no one else to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Taylor moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilman Spraggins seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2781 ON A REQUEST BY CHARLES SICKLES TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1079 ROCKDALE AND 1085 ROCKDALE FROM SINGLE FAMILY TO HEAVY COMMERCIAL.

Community Development Director Niewiadomski presented the staff report. The applicant currently operates body shop facilities on the properties and has split zoning across property lines on the lots. In order to clean up the zoning, the applicant desires to have the property zoned consistent with the body shop use which requires heavy commercial zoning which is what the property frontage is zoned. The property is surrounded by a mix of zoning designations, from Heavy Commercial to the west and south and single family to the north and east. Given the context of the area, heavy commercial is an appropriate use. It also fits in with the land use plan of commercial along I-30 and Rockdale Road in this section. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Taylor moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Councilman Nash seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 1239 APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS, AND THE CITY OF FRISCO, TEXAS, FOR PURCHASING GOODS AND SERVICES COMMONLY USED BY THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS AND THE CITY OF FRISCO.

Fire Chief James presented the staff report. This interlocal agreement will allow us to purchase personal protective fire equipment, breathing air products, specialized fire service equipment and specialized fire services. Although we are members of purchasing cooperatives such as BuyBoard; the City of Frisco seems to get a lower price. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Taylor moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilman Spraggins seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 1240 FINDING THAT ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE

CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH OCSC; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND CONSULTING SERVICES; FINDING THAT THE CITY’S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL

City Manager Maxwell presented the staff report. On April 8, 2021, Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (“Oncor” or “Company”) filed an Application for Approval to Amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (“DCRF”) to Increase Distribution Rates with each of the cities in their service area. In the filing, the Company asserts that it is seeking an increase in total distribution revenue requirement by approximately \$97,826,277. The resolution authorizes the City to join with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor (“OCSC”) to evaluate the filing, determine whether the filing complies with law, and if lawful, to determine what further strategy, including settlement, to pursue. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Spraggins moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilman Moore seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 1241, A 380 AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 316 TOWNE STREET

Community Development Director Niewiadomski presented the staff report. Jeff Orwosky owns a vacant lot at 316 Towne Street. He is seeing economic incentives to build a single-family home to make the project feasible. The applicant is constructing a 1,690 square foot home on the property. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Nash moved to approve the resolution as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM

None.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.