




City Of Seagraves

Regular Session

Seagraves City Council

Monday October 08, 2018 – 7:00 P.M

Guest: Ruben Valles, LaWanda Houston, Larry Carlisle, Christie Valles, Adam Davila, Brent Grundstrom, Monetta Barron, Sandy Ellerd, JoAnna Aranda, Calvin Sellers, Renee Goodger, Gary Smith, Steve McCormick, Charlotte Roberson. Ricky Bueno, Eva Soto, Lauro Miranda. - 

- 1) **Call to Order-Announce Quorum:** 07:14PM
- 2) **Invocation:** Charles Evans
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Dan Grife
- 4) **Roll Call:** Charles Evans, Cindy Durham, Kendra Sellers, Debra Middleton, Ruben Valles, Shannon Wadzeck(absent)
- 5) **Approve Minutes:**
 - a) Special Session 08-28-18: Motion to Accept - Debra Middleton, Second by Kendra Sellers. Motion Passed
 - b) Special Session 09-04-18: Alderman Valles Objects to language final paragraph (except Alderman Valles) to be inserted in the official record. Motion to Accept with addendum - Debra Middleton, Second by Cindy Durham. Motion Passed
 - c) Special Session 09-17-18:(Session Opened) Motion to Accept by Cindy Durham, Second by Kendra Sellers. Motion Passed.
 - d) Special Session 09-24-18:(09-17 Session Continued) Motion to Accept by Debra Middleton, Second by Cindy Durham. Motion Passed.
 - e) Special Session 09-25-18:(09-17 Session Continued) Motion to Accept by Debra Middleton, Second by Kendra Sellers. Motion Passed.
 - f) Special Session 09-26-18:(09-17 Session Continued) Motion to Accept by Debra Middleton, Second by Cindy Durham. Motion Passed.
 - g) Special Session 09-27-18:(09-17 Session Continued) Motion to Accept by Debra Middleton, Second by Cindy Durham. Motion Passed.Minutes for Regular Session of 09-10-2018 were not available.
Minutes Approved: Special Session 10-09-18 Motion to approve by Debra Middleton, Second Cindy Durham. Motion Passed. (Shannon Wadzeck absent)
- 6) Move up item 13 on agenda: **Pass Resolution to Hire Engineers.** Motion to Pass by Kendra Sellers, Second by Debra Middleton. Motion Passed.

Adopt Citizen Participation Plan. Motion to adopt by Kendra Sellers, Second by Cindy Durham. Motion Passed.

Motion to Accept Administrative Report by Kendra Sellers, Second by Cindy Durham. Motion Passed.

- 7) **Public Comment:** Steven McCormic Mr. McCormic announced the Simpson Hotel will reopen and begin operating. Cheryl Hicks ^{Hicks} will live in the hotel and manage the day to day operations as well as operating a Catering business from the Hotel. He asked the Public Works Director if she knew of anything else he needed to take care of before he could open. Ms. Goodger told him that the Health Inspector will require a door be installed between the Kitchen and the Managers apartment. Mr. McCormic said he had heard that some businesses had not been able to open in Seagraves. Ms. Goodger said she does not anticipate any other issues.
- Ruben Valles (Fire Chief, Seagraves VFD) asked why the dumpster behind his residence moved. Ms. Goodger said she had already contacted SOS and the driver was advised to place the dumpster where it had been and not to move it again.
- JoAnna Aranda asked for an answer regarding the charges being made to her multiunit rental properties. Alderman Valles demanded an answer. Mayor Evans said that the Council had not had an opportunity to revisit the existing Ordinance but that now that the Budget was in place he intended to call a session to review it. Ms. Goodger suggested that if the City were to make an exception for one landlord, it would be compelled to recalculate charges for all multiunit properties in the City and that the result would become administratively cumbersome and financially ruinous to the operation of the Enterprise. She also suggested that some sort of amendment might be added to the existing Ordinance rather than to grant an exception to it. Debra Middleton asked the Mayor if a Special Session should be called to discuss the matter soon. Mayor Evans directed the City Secretary to call A Special Session for Monday October 22nd at 06:00 PM to take up the issue.
- Ricky Bueno inquired about changes in drainage along Ave. B. Ms. Goodger said that the dykes were made to control flooding on other properties in the area.
- Eva Soto spoke for the owner of the residence at 901 17th St. regarding the required setbacks for construction of a fence. Ms. Goodger replied that the Zoning Ordinance of 2015 called for the referenced setbacks.
- 8) **Address by Commissioner Rosson:** The commissioner was unable to attend.
- 9) Debra Middleton Motion to execute the Inter Local Agreement between the City of Seagraves and Gaines County for street maintenance, Second by Ruben Valles. Motion Passed.
- 10) **Mayor Evans Declared Trick or Treat Night 2018:** as October 27th at 07:00PM at the Jr. High Parking Lot.
- 11) **Municipal Court Report:** Judge Sellers asked if the Council had any questions regarding the report and pointed out that revenue would be higher except for the Open Cases.
Cindy Durham Motion to accept the report, Second by Kendra Sellers. Motion Passed.
- 12) **Police Report:** Alderman Valles remarked that the number of Animal Calls seemed high. Cindy Durham asked why so many. Sandy Ellerd said that they were mostly dead or downed animals and loose dogs.
Kendra Sellers Motion to accept the Police Report, Cindy Durham Second. Motion Passed.
- 13) **Public works Report:** Alderman Valles asked who had authorized the installation of speed bumps along the western stretch of 19th street behind the High School. He stated that any decision of that sort

should be made by the City Council. Ms. Goodger replied stating that it had been her understanding that issues related to the Public Works and street maintenance in the City fell to her department and that decisions regarding how and when to do that maintenance were at her discretion. Mr. Valles related several complaints he had heard about the speed bumps. Mayor Evans said that he had directed Ms. Goodger to make reasonable modifications to the road and that she had already done as he instructed. She said that she had removed the center hump in each section and reduced the height of the remaining bumps to 3 inches. Mr. Valles said that she should have not used asphalt to construct the control devices but should have used composite premanufactured speed bumps instead. Ms. Goodger pointed out that such devices were cost prohibitive and were not made to withstand traffic conditions on a public roadway. Mr. Valles suggested that he could supply them to the City and that the cost was not unrealistic. Ms. Goodger said that she had installed the traffic control devices at the request of the School District because of safety concerns for the students in the area. She continued that she was waiting for an inspection by school maintenance before she made further modifications. Alderman Valles then produced a sheet of paper saying it had been given to him by an anonymous source and passed it to the Mayor. Ms. Goodger asked if the paper concerned her. The City Secretary asked that he be given a copy of the paper for inclusion in the records and the Mayor said he would see to it. See attachment (10-8-18-1). Ms. Goodger requested to discuss the matter in private with the Council. Mayor Evans announced that the Council would retire into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

City Council Retires to Executive Session at 08:04PM

Executive Session Ends: 08:30PM Resume open session.

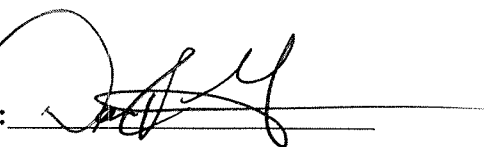
Motion to accept the Public Works Report by Kendra Sellers, Second by Debra Middleton. Motion Passed.

- 14) **Set Date and Time for the Next Regular Session:** The next Regular Session will be on November 12th 2018 at 07:00 PM (Place to be Determined)
- 15) **Motion to Adjourn** by Kendra Sellers, Second by Debra Middleton. Motion Passed. Meeting Adjourned at 08:40PM



Charles Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary (Dan Grife)