



City Of Seagraves

Regular Session

Seagraves City Council

Monday, December 10th, 2018 – 7:00 P.M

City Council Chambers 309 Hill St.

Guest: Larry Carlisle, Calvin Sellers, Brent Grundstrom, Renee Goodger, Elvia Gallegos, Barry Brian, Marcia Martin, Monetta Barron, Derek Ray, Lee Lerma, Willie Loewen

- 1) **Call to Order-Announce Quorum:** 07:00PM
- 2) **Invocation:** Charles Evans
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Dan Grife
- 4) **Roll Call:** Charles Evans, Cindy Durham, Kendra Sellers, Debra Middleton, Ruben Valles(ABSENT), Shannon Wadzeck
- 5) **Approve Minutes:** *Regular Session 11-13-18* Motion to Accept by Debra Middleton, Second by Cindy Durham. Motion Passed. *Special Session 10-22-2018* Motion to Accept by Debra Middleton, Second by Kendra Sellers. Motion Passed.
- 6) **Auditors Report:** Derek Ray addressed the Council and thanked the City for his firm having been the Auditors for the past 24 years. He went over the report to point out the significant information in it. He explained that GASB is a new required part of annual audits and that pages 30 through 39 were not prepared by his firm. He pointed out that the city was in a \$93,000.00 positive position as compared to last year. Two lines of credit will be paid off this fiscal year. The city is in a far more favorable financial position than in recent years. (Ruben Valles Arrived at 07:22 PM and took his seat)
- 7) **Public Comment:** Charles Evans addressed the meeting before allowing Public Comments. He said that the Council was aware of the problems with waste removal that were ongoing. He said that the council was in the process of finding a way to deal with the issue. He said that the contract with the current service was about to expire. Monetta Barron asked what the term of the contract was. The City Secretary replied that the term was due to expire at the end of January 2019 and that the city had the option to not renew with the same company if a suitable alternative could be found in time. Mayor Evans said that the issue would be more fully discussed during the Public Works Report later in the meeting. Elvia Gallegos asked if there had been any action from the economic development board regarding her request for assistance in starting a new business in Seagraves. Cindy Durham said she had not been able to get the board together yet and that it would probably be after the holidays before she could. Ms. Gallegos asked if the economic development board would be making grants and Ms. Durham said that the board had only made direct improvements to City owned facilities so far.

- 8) **American Legion Request for Consideration:** Barry Brian, from the American Legion Post in Seminole spoke to the Council about Butch Hill, A resident of Seagraves who had been killed in action in Viet Nam. He continued that the Legion was participating in a program whereby stretches of highway were named for fallen heroes and asked that the council consider sponsoring signage in the memory of Butch Hill. He said that the program would require that the city and members of the family contact the representatives in State Government to move the issue forward. He said that his post sold US flags and earned a commission for the sales and asked that any flag purchase be made from his post.
- 9) **Adopt the Personnel Policy Manual Revised 2018:** Debra Middleton made a Motion to adopt, Cindy Durham Second. Motion Passed.
- 10) **Pass Ordinance 2018-12-10-C:** The City Secretary read the Ordinance. Kendra Sellers Motion to Pass, Second by Debra Middleton. Motion Passed.
- 11) **Pass Resolution 2018-12-10-B eGrants authorized Official:** Charles Evans read the resolution. Kendra Sellers Motion to Pass, Second by Cindy Durham. Motion Passed.
- 12) **Discussion Re: Contract with SOS:** Renee Goodger began by saying that SOS had been promising to get new trucks and better service for the past eight months but had been missing even more pickups Some districts had not been picked up only once a month. She continued by saying that she recommended the contract with SOS not be renewed and that the City find a new Service. She said that a partner of Tomahawk Waste disposal was waiting outside to address the Council. Mayor Evans asked her to bring him in. Renee introduced Willie Loewen. Mr. Loewen said that Tomahawk Waste Disposal was located 5 miles away and serviced a five-county area. He said that the company had 2,500 dumpsters and eight trucks with four full time drivers. He said that his company was ready and willing to take over trash collection in Seagraves. Debra Middleton asked how soon his company would be able to take over. He said that they would need an additional 200 dumpsters but that they manufactured them at their facility and made forty a week. Perhaps one month. He said that they had taken over territory from SOS in Hobbs and that SOS has sold the dumpsters to Tomahawk rather than collecting them. He thought that SOS may do the same with the dumpsters in Seagraves. He said that a partner, Gene Morrow, does the contract work and could have a contract ready soon. The City Secretary asked the Council if they found that SOS had not performed satisfactorily according to section 3 of the current contract. The Council voiced unanimous agreement that SOS had not performed in a satisfactory manner. Kendra Sellers moved to resolve not to renew the contract Debra Middleton Second. Motion Passed. Mayor Evans directed the City Secretary to so note the finding and to inform SOS that the contract would not be renewed.
- 13) **Municipal Court Report:** The Judge reported that \$4,400.00 in past due fines were being collected. Warrants were issued, and the Police Department was rounding up the delinquent offenders and binging them to Court.
Cindy Durham Motion to Accept, Second by Shannon Wadzeck. Motion Passed.
- 14) **Police Report:** Chief Grundstrom passed out a testimonial letter regarding Officer Thurmond. The Chief said that the Animal Control Officer was not able to be in attendance due to a family emergency. He reported that he had the graphics applied to his cruiser. Shannon Wadzeck inquired about dogs at large and asked if the Animal control Officer was capable of performing her duties. Chief Grundstrom reported that he had placed the officer on a 30-day probation. Debra Middleton asked if the officer was also responsible for enforcement of the weed ordinance. Ruben Valles asked why some of the officers were waiting at the city limits and asked about a rise in thefts and auto burglary lately. Chief

Grundstrom responded that historically there was a rise in property crime at this time of year but that his department was working the problem.

Kendra Sellers Motion to Accept the report, Second by Shannon Wadzeck. Motion Passed.

15) **Public Works Report:** Cindy Durham asked if the city would repair settled dirt in an alley or Right of Way. Ms. Goodger said that the city could not go onto private property but that if the issue was on a right of way the city would deal with it. Shannon Wadzeck asked about a pot-hole and street repairs. Ruben Valles asked what was happening with the chemical company that had contacted the city about possibly opening an office-operation here. There was a discussion about the platted property off, of Ave. M and other land available for development.

Motion to accept the report by Kendra Sellers, Second by Shannon Wadzeck. Motion Passed.

16) **Administrative Report:** The City Secretary reported that a ruling from the Secretary of State had not yet been obtained but that the City Attorney would be following up. He stated that some sort of action would have to be taken by the middle of January if the City decided to hold an election. The City Secretary also reported that the issues preventing the use of the Governors Grants Office were finally resolved and the existing grant had been updated. He reported that the results of the reallocation referendum election had been delivered to the State Comptrollers office and that the city was awaiting a response. The mayor directed the City Secretary to set a Special Session for Monday December 17th at 06:00PM to discuss the possible election and grants.

Motion to accept the report by Cindy Durham, second by Kendra sellers. Motion Passed.

17) **Set Date for Next Regular Session:** January 14th at 07:00PM in Council Chambers.

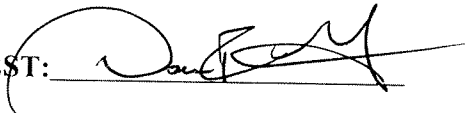
Motion to Adjourn: motion by Debra Middleton, Second by Shannon Wadzeck

Adjournment 09:40PM



Charles Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary (Dan Grife)