



# City Of Seagraves

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## Regular Session

### Seagraves City Council

Monday, May 13th , 2019 – 7:00 P.M

City Council Chambers 309 Hill St.

**Guest:** Larry Carlisle, Chad Tompkins, Jim Tompkins, Calvin Sellers, Jerry Millsaps, Renee Goodger, Barbara Reynolds, Jim Reynolds, Christy Valles, Dustin Nelson, Joe Blanco, Lee Lerma, Wade Ellis, Brent Grundstrom

- 1) **Call to Order-Announce Quorum:** 07:00PM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Dan Grife
- 3) **Invocation:** Charles Evans
- 4) **Canvass May 05, 2019 Municipal Election Results and Administer Oath of Office:** The City Secretary read the results of the election that was held on May 05, 2019 as follows:  
Alderman, District 3 Kendra Sellers, Unopposed.  
Alderman, District 4 Cindy Durham, Unopposed.  
Alderman, District 5 Lee Lerma 33 votes. Ruben Valles 39 votes. The City Secretary administered the Oath of Office to the Aldermen. Mayor Evans addressed The Council reminding them of the unanimous resolution to adopt and signed for the Ethics in Elected Officials Guide. The Mayor cautioned The Council to pay attention to how and when they communicate with one another and instructed them to always be mindful of Open Meetings Laws.
- 5) **Roll Call:** Charles Evans, Cindy Durham, Kendra Sellers, Debra Middleton, Ruben Valles, Shannon Wadzeck
- 6) **Approve Minutes:** The City Secretary distributed copies of the minutes to the Council and apologized for not having included the copy in the Session Packet. The Council took time to read the minutes. Alderman Wadzeck pointed out a spelling error. Alderman Middleton Motion to accept as written with noted corrections Regular Session, Second by Alderman Durham. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 7) **Resolution to Adopt an Investment Policy:** The City Secretary read the resolution aloud. Alderman Sellers Motion to adopt Resolution19-05-13-A, Second by Alderman Wadzeck. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 8) **Resolution Authorizing Participation in TexPool Investments Fund:** The City Secretary explained the pool and the basic participation agreement terms to The Council. Alderman Durham Motion to pass, Second by Alderman Valles. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 9) **Resolution to Acquire Equipment:** Alderman Durham moved to pay cash for the purchase of a Kubota mower through Buy Board and Motioned to authorize the purchase, Second by Alderman Sellers. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 10) **Resolution to Accept the Portion of TWDB Project 21746, CID 02:** James Tompkins of WTC addressed the council. He said that the CUF system had been tested and had passed the recent trial and that the next step would be to ask TCEQ to issue an exemption to use the CUF only for a trial period while the optimum formula of chemicals is determined. Purifics, the manufacturer of the CUF system, should now be closed out and the final instalment to the manufacturer authorized because no other modifications to the system are necessary. WTC will develop a plan to monitor and test the system until TCEQ grants final approval and the City moves to full use. Mr. Tompkins referenced the letter of April 12<sup>th</sup> to Joel Klumpp of TCEQ wherein the advantages of the CUF system were listed as follows;
1. Not discharging 15-20% of well field production (RO reject) in a very water limited region.
  2. Eliminates cost to run the RO (electricity, scale inhibitor, post-treatment chemical additions)
  3. Greater simplicity of operations for staff.
  4. Greater flexibility to vary treatment flow based on system demand.
  5. Eliminates RO residual flow to the City's very limited capacity wastewater treatment facilities.
- Mr. Tompkins further added that the main advantage is that the system will provide a reason to eliminate the need to run the reverse osmosis unit if the extension is granted until 2020 and the system should be up and running within three months. Alderman Durham asked if the quarterly water quality reports will continue to be produced and distributed to the customers of the utility. Director Goodger said that if the system does pass and is approved for full on use, the reports would no longer be required but the reports will continue for at least a year. Mr. Tompkins said that even though the CUF system is being closed out, WTC will fine-tune the CUF unit so that running the reverse osmosis system will not be necessary. If so, the City will apply for a modified permit from TCEQ to run CUF only as capacity for future growth is built into TCEQ rules. Alderman Durham asked if we will taste a difference. Director Goodger said probably not. Alderman Sellers Motion to pass Resolution 19-05-13-D, Second by Alderman Middleton. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 11) **Consider and Act on the Acquisition of Real Property for City Use:** The Council retired into executive session to review correspondence from the City Attorney (07:43). Regular Session resumed.(08:01) Alderman Wadzeck Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Acquire Real Property for City Use, Second by Alderman Sellers. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 12) **Municipal Court Report:** Judge Sellers asked the Council if there were any questions about the report. Alderman Sellers asked about the dogs and citations section. Judge Sellers said that the section was added because there had been so many questions in the past. Alderman Middleton Motion to accept the report as written, Second by Alderman Durham. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 13) **Police Report:** Chief Grundstrom asked if any of the council had questions about his report. Alderman Middleton asked if any applications had been submitted. The Chief said that he had received a couple. He said that one of the applications is from a former officer who is thinking about coming out of retirement to work part-time. The applicant is Joe Mendoza who currently resides in Seminole. Chief Grundstrom said another applicant also lives in Seminole and works for the public schools but is looking to get back into police work. Alderman Durham asked if the Chief had

anything to report about looking into replacing cruisers with Ford models. Chief Grundstrom said that he has asked for feedback from Seminole PD and that they are satisfied with the Fords. Chief Grundstrom said that the price may go up because of the cost of steel. The Chief apologized for having only one copy of a spec sheet and quotes but asked that the Council pass it along for the members to look over. Mayor Evans asked if the unit that had been damaged when Officer Thurmond was involved in a chase in New Mexico had been repaired. The Secretary said that the insurance carrier remitted \$5,400.00 for the repairs and that the funds are available. The Chief said that the repair shop in Seminole estimates this is the cost of repair. The Chief said that Officer Jefferson was driving a 2010 model and that he hopes to sell the unit once it is repaired and apply the proceeds toward the purchase of two new cruisers. Chief Grundstrom said that the current budget has funding to make payments for the balance of the year. Alderman Wadzeck asked if the Chief had looked at recruiting from the academy at South Plains College. The Chief said that he has been looking at SPAG and another academy. Alderman Middleton asked how Officer Zalewski was doing. Chief Grundstrom said that Officer Zalewski will undergo physical therapy for a few months but has not decided what he plans to do when he is released. The Chief said that he had requested an additional officer during the last budget cycle and asked The Council to consider doing so at this time. Alderman Durham asked how long it will take to arrange financing for the cruisers and if there will be a price break for buying two as opposed to one. The Chief said that he does not think it will make any difference on the pricing and that financing can be handled by the dealer. Alderman Middleton Motioned to authorize the purchase of one unit at this time, Second by Alderman Sellers. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The Council retired into executive session.(08:41) The Council resumed regular session.(09:28) Motion to accept the Police Report by Alderman Wadzeck, Second by Alderman Sellers. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 14) **Public Works Report:** Director Goodger continued to report on the CUF system. The Director said that once the CUF starts and TCEQ is satisfied with a plan of operation, it will not be turned off again. Mayor Evans asked what the plan will be. The Director said that the city will tweak the chemical mixture to determine the optimum mix and then let the plant operate. TCEQ will then want additional sampling for metals like copper to determine how much caustic to add to raise the PH level. The ideal level is 9 and the water supply is at 8.8. The proper level will prevent having to add chemicals at the waste water treatment plant. Alderman Durham asked how the City-Wide Clean-Up had gone. The Alderman said that it had been reported that the roll-offs had to be emptied twice and contained some banned materials. The Director said that the roll-offs were emptied twice and that some tires and other unallowed items were in them, but that otherwise the clean-up appeared to have gone well. Alderman Durham asked if the roll-off in the city yard is accessible on Saturdays. The Director said that it is and that the city will continue the policy. Alderman Middleton asked if the swimming pool would be ready for the opening on Memorial Day. Director Goodger said that the recent bad weather had prevented much of the preparation work that the department had planned and that the pool was not yet ready. The Director said that the bottom of the pool was covered in mud and that crews were cleaning it out before they washed the basin with muriatic acid and that it should be ready by Memorial Day. The Alderman said that if, for some reason , it was not ready The City will understand. Alderman Middleton asked about the condition of the Eagle Tower and if repair plans are in place. Director Goodger said that the condition of the tower is getting worse and the company that repaired it last time is still too busy to prepare an estimate. The Director said that AS-

BUILTS were located but that the company had not been able to locate any repair parts. The Director said that a retrofit using expansion fittings is being explored also. The worst-case scenario is that the tower will run empty and stay that way. Alderman Durham asked if the lift stations are working properly. The Director said that they are. Alderman Valles asked why the tornado siren was malfunctioning. Director Goodger said the Public Works Department cleaned the contacts and that might have fixed it. The Director informed the Council that the next monthly report will outline the need for maintenance of the water storage tank interiors. The Director also advised the need for replacement vehicles. Motion to accept the report by Alderman Middleton, Second by Alderman Durham. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 15) **Administrative Report:** The City Secretary reported that even though the Council had to absorb so many reports of problems with the city infrastructure, the staff was working with funding sources and professionals to address the problems. The Secretary said that the present Council had inherited the deteriorated condition of the facilities and that it was now up to them to act to remedy those problems and to prepare the City and its citizens for the future. The Secretary said that he believed the Council was up to the task and that the city should be able to handle the commitment. The Secretary said that the Council should be optimistic.
- 16) **Public Comment:** Director Goodger said that she had been asked by Juan Perez to request the use of Liberty Park to hold horseshoe competitions. The Council declined the request on grounds of liability concerns and precedent. Mayor Evans reported that he had received another request for use of the Rodeo Grounds but that he will decline that request as well.
- 17) **Set a Date for the Next Regular Session:** June 10<sup>th</sup> at 07:00PM in Council Chambers.
- 18) **Motion to Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Alderman Wadzeck, Second by Alderman Sellers. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Adjournment 10:10PM

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**Charles Evans, Mayor**

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**City Secretary (Dan Grife)**