



City Of Seagraves

Regular Session

Seagraves City Council

March 09, 2020 – 6:00 P.M

City Council Chambers 309 Hill St.

Guests: Larry Carlisle, Mickey Kimbrow, Renee Goodger, Calvin Sellers, Wade Ellis, Dependent Child, Dan Reynolds, Justin Cantwell, Mary Alice Smith, Luis Guerrero

- 1) **Call to Order-Announce Quorum:** 06:00PM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Dan Grife
- 3) **Invocation:** Ruben Valles
- 4) **Roll Call:** Shannon Wadzeck, Debra Middleton, Charles Evans, Cindy Durham, Kendra Sellers, Ruben Valles
Mayor Evans Announced That from this day forward all the rules from the Open Meetings Act would be followed. The Mayor continued by stating that the Robert's Rules of Order would be strictly observed. The mayor asked The City Secretary of briefly highlight the changes to the statutes passed in the last legislative session. (See City Secretary Report to the City Council)
- 5) **Grant Works Presentation Regrading CDBG Grant Funding:** Mary Alice Smith of Grant Works addressed the assembled and requested the City Council to pass two resolutions pertaining to the funding for approximately 3,000 feet of waterline improvements around the Seagraves Housing Authority.
- 6) **Pass Resolution 20-03-09-A:** Motion to pass by Alderman Durham, Second by Alderman Valles. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 7) **Pass Resolution 20-03-09-B:** Ms. Smith Read the preamble and explained that that agenda items 8 through 14 were contained therein and would all be enacted with the passage of the civil rights resolution itself. All the individual documents would require the signatures of the mayor and the secretary but the passage of each is listed in the resolution itself. Motion to pass the resolution by Alderman Sellers, Second by Alderman Wadzeck. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 8) **Agda:15 Approve the Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Meeting minutes of 01-13, 02-10 (Public Hearing) 02-10 Special Session, 02-25 Special Session: Motion to approve by Alderman Sellers, Second by Alderman Middleton. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 9) **Agda: 16 Pass Resolution Co-fund Spotlight Seagraves:** Motion to pass by Alderman Sellers, Second by Alderman Middleton. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 10) **Agda: 17 Discussion Acquisition of Real Property for Waste-Water Treatment Plant:** The City Secretary explained the status of the title commitment from the abstract company. A short discussion

of whether to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract and the amount to authorize for that purpose. No action was taken.

- 11) **Agda: 18 Discussion on HB 2840:** Council decided to study the bill before making any recommendations. No action was taken.
- 12) **Agda: 19 Discussion Regarding New Business and Taken from the Table:** The City Secretary discussed procedural practice pertaining to Robert's Rules and the variations between legislative bodies.
- 13) **Agda: 20 Discussion Regarding the Structure of the Economic Development Corporation:** Mr. Kimbrow urged the city council to move forward on issues and to do so properly, keeping records and holding regular meetings to lay a foundation for establishing a board legally constituted and able to conduct business according the articles of incorporation and compliant with statutes. It was noted that the consent agenda had been omitted from the agenda for this session. The Mayor directed The City Secretary to add the item to the agenda for the Special Session to be scheduled later.
- 14) **Agda 21: Public Comments:** Mr. Ellis addressed the council and criticized the police department for allowing drugs to be openly sold from various residences throughout the city. Mr. Ellis reported that he had contacted both the sheriff and the city police to report the matter but that no action had been taken and the sale of drugs continued.
- 15) **Agda 22: Executive Session to Consider a Personnel Matter, Chief of Police:** Chief Kimbrow motioned to hold the discussion in open session. The Mayor so granted. The Mayor stated the concern of the council that all of the patrol officers had threatened to resign. Alderman Wadzeck said that the officers were afraid of retaliation and wanted to speak without reprimand. Chief Kimbrow distributed to the council a 90-day overview and assessment of The Seagraves Police Department. The Chief quoted from the assessment and began to discuss one of the officers and listed irregularities he had uncovered about the officer. Municipal Judge Sellers asked to be recognized and asked if this was an appropriate topic for open session. Chief Kimbrow stated that he was willing to move to executive session to continue the discussion. Executive Session was announced at 07:25 and the chamber was cleared. Executive session ended at 08:40. Mayor Evans announced that no action was taken.
- 16) **Set date and time for the next Regular Session:** A Special Session was scheduled for Monday March 16th at 06:00PM. The next Regular Session will be held on April 13th at 06:00 in Council Chambers at City Hall.
- 17) **Adjourn:** Alderman Sellers motion to adjourn, Second by Alderman Valles. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Charles Evans, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

City Secretary (Dan Grife)