



City Of Seagraves

Regular Session

Seagraves City Council

Minutes

June 08, 2020 – 6:00 P.M

Meeting held at the Seagraves Community Building. A recording is available on request.

Guests: Renee Goodger, Calvin Sellers, Rick Vasquez, Lee Lerma, Kim Rogers, Joanna Aranda

- 1) **Call to Order-Announce Quorum:** 06:06PM
- 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
- 5) **Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Alderman Sellers motion to accept the minutes of three previous sessions; 05-11, 5-18 and, 5-29 Alderman Durham Second. Motion Passed by unanimous vote.
- 6) **Discussion regarding the CRS grant to small cities:** \$31,500.00 has been deposited to the general fund. It can be used for eligible expenses associated with the current pandemic as defined in the guidelines. Alderman Middleton asked if the Department Heads were aware. Mayor Evans asked if overtime for the police department is an eligible expense. The secretary said he would try to find out and explained that the eligible time period is 03-01-2020 to 12-31-2020.
- 7) **Terminate Resolution 20-04-14-A:** Mayor Evans read the resolution and called for a vote. Alderman Sellers motion to terminate the resolution, Second by Alderman Wadzeck. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 8) **Review and authorize a Request for Qualifications-Community Facilities.** Alderman Sellers motion to issue RFQ, Second by Alderman Middleton. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 9) **Conflict of Interest Policy:** Alderman Middleton motion to enact the policy, Second by Alderman Durham. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 10) **Pool:** Alderman Middleton motion to open the pool on condition that CDC guidelines were followed, Second by Alderman Sellers. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 11) **Consent Agenda:** Alderman Middleton asked the Director of Public Works for an update on the proposed methanol production plant. The director said nothing more has been done. Alderman Middleton asked if the repairs on the water tower had been completed. The Director said that they

had been. The Director informed the council that an application for a new water tower and storage tanks had been submitted to the USDA and that cleaning the tanks should be budgeted next year. Alderman Wadzeck asked the city secretary the status of the code of ordinance. The Secretary said that the preliminary draft had been delivered but that law firm needed answers regarding some of the outdated ordinance and would then draft a final code to be enacted. The Secretary said that the mayor and the department heads were in process of review of the issues. Alderman Valles asked the director of public works when the CUF system will be operational. The Director said it had been running all day. Alderman Middleton asked the city secretary if city business would be impacted by the secretary taking vacation and if passwords were provided to the city clerk. The Secretary informed the council that the city clerk had the passwords and credential needed to make payroll and to interact with the bank. The Secretary also assured the council that if an emergency occurred, he could come to the city to deal with it and that he would be monitoring the city from home as he had been doing while the stay at home order was being observed. Alderman Valles asked the director of public works why the Chamber of Commerce had been sent a water bill. The city council directed the director of public works to stop the billing and to maintain the grounds. Mayor Evans asked the chief of police the status of the evidence control room. The Chief said that he was moving forward with the process and that evidence control will soon be compliant. The mayor directed the city secretary to send a link to the city council for the budget and tax rate seminar so that the council could learn about the recent changes to the tax law and budget process passed by the 2019 legislature. The Mayor directed the city secretary to schedule a special session to consider the lease of heavy equipment for the public works department and to schedule an opening date for the swimming pool for Friday the 12th at 12:15 PM by means of teleconference. The mayor then called for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Motion to accept by Alderman Middleton, Second by Alderman Durham. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

12) **Public Comment:** Mr. Lerma commented on the choice of the Chevy Tahoe over the Ford Bronco for police cruisers. He also commented about the proposed animal control facility now that the local hardware store had closed.

Ms. Aranda commented on the utility rates charged to one of the properties she owns.

13) **NEW BUSINESS:** No action can be taken this session. Alderman Valles would like to have action taken on appointing a Zoning Board and the establishment of a Board of Variance. The Alderman said that the issue had been ignored for too long and that it is vital to amend the current zoning ordinance.

14) **Set date and time for the next regular session:** July 13, 2020 at 06:00PM via teleconference.

15) **Adjourn:** Alderman Durham motion to adjourn. Alderman Middleton second. Meeting adjourned 08:21PM

Charles Evans, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

City Secretary (Dan Grife)

