



City Of Seagraves

Regular Session

Seagraves City Council

Minutes

August 10, 2020 – 6:00 P.M

Meeting held by means of videoconferencing a recording is available on request.

Guests: Renee Goodger, Rick Vasquez, Calvin Sellers

- 1) **Call to Order-Announce Quorum:** 06:05PM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Dan Grife
- 3) **Invocation:** Charles Evans
- 4) **Roll Call:** Shannon Wadzeck(ABSENT), Debra Middleton, Charles Evans, Cindy Durham, Kendra Sellers, Ruben Valles
- 5) **Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Alderman Middleton motion to approve minutes of 06-08-2020 and 07-13-2020, second by Alderman Sellers. Motion passed as recorded. Alderman Sellers-aye, Alderman Durham-aye, Alderman Valles-aye, Alderman Middleton-aye.
- 6) **Resolution to Apply for Funding from TWDB:** The Mayor read the resolution to the council. City Secretary informed the council regarding the need for the resolution. (see City Secretary Report) A short discussion with the Director of Public Works followed. Motion to pass the resolution by Alderman Durham, Second by Alderman Middleton. Motion passed as recorded. Alderman Sellers-aye, Alderman Durham-aye, Alderman Valles-aye, Alderman Middleton-aye.
- 7) **Final Action; Order for Demolition of a Dangerous Structure:** The Director of Public Works explained the circumstance of the property and the series of actions prior to the request to demolish. Alderman Valles asked who would gain title to such a property. A short discussion followed regarding the acquisition of condemned properties. The Mayor put the question of the demolition of the property located at 611 Ave I to the council for a vote. The Mayor asked, do we order the demolition? Alderman Sellers motion to order the demolition of the structure located on BLK 45-LOT 7 OLD TOWN SEAGRAVES, Second by Alderman Valles. Motion passed as recorded. Alderman Sellers-aye, Alderman Durham-aye, Alderman Valles-aye, Alderman Middleton-aye.
- 8) **Order Election Nov. 3, 2020:** Motion to so order by Alderman Middleton, Second by Alderman Sellers. The motion passed as recorded. Alderman Sellers-aye, Alderman Durham-aye, Alderman Valles-aye, Alderman Middleton-aye.

- 9) **Discussion Regarding the Appointment of a Zoning Committee:** Aldermen Sellers and Valles advanced candidates to serve on the committee. Alderman Sellers proposed Jesse Davila. Alderman Valles proposed Lawana Houston. The Mayor will propose Mr.'s Dollahan and Cantwell. Alderman Middleton had not received an answer from her list of potential candidates. Alderman Durham had not selected from her district. The Mayor advised the council that whomever was put forward should have some sort of experience or other qualification and be informed as to the gravity of the position. Alderman Middleton motion to table, Second by Alderman Valles. The Mayor tabled the discussion.
- 10) **Discussion Regarding the Budget Process and Timelines, With Respect to SB-2:** The Mayor asked if anyone had questions regarding the materials concerning SB-2 that had been sent to them. No questions were asked. The Mayor informed the council that permission to hold the meeting at the community building had been given and that he would have public works arrange the space to accommodate social distancing. A discussion regarding the sequence of interviews with department heads followed and a discussion of how to conduct the meeting according to the amended rules for open meetings during the pandemic. The council will meet with most department heads in the community building but will control access and observe social distancing. The Mayor and the secretary will participate via zoom from other locations given the heightened risk to them. The Secretary will utilize the paid account to record the meeting and provide a link for public access for those who choose to attend remotely.
- 11) **Consent Agenda:** The Mayor asked why he had not yet met the new officer. The Chief said that the officer had been in training and working nights but that the officer would move to days in the coming weeks and would come around and introduce to the council and mayor. Alderman Middleton asked a budget related question regarding capital outlay expenditures in the P.D. Alderman Durham asked the municipal judge a question regarding duplicate figures on the report. Alderman Valles asked the public works director a question regarding an increase in fuel costs over the June figure. Motion to approve the consent agenda by alderman Middleton, Second by alderman Durham. Motion passed as recorded. Alderman Sellers-aye, Alderman Durham-aye, Alderman Valles-aye, Alderman Middleton-aye.
- 12) **Public Comments:** None
- 13) **New Business:** Public works Director Goodger put forward the name of an individual she recommends be hired by the city as her replacement when she retires in 2 years. Alderman Middleton requested a resume.
- 14) **Set date and time for the next regular session:** September 14, 2020 at 06:00PM via teleconference.
- 15) **Adjourn:** Alderman Valles motion to adjourn. Alderman Durham second. Meeting adjourned 07:57PM

Charles Evans, Mayor

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City Secretary (Dan Grife)