



City Of Seagraves

Regular Session

Seagraves City Council

Minutes

March 8th, 2021 – 6:30 P.M

The Council met at the Seagraves Community Building 514 14th St.

Guests: Renee Goodger, Rick Vasquez, Calvin Sellers, Mark Pelletier, Lorena Davila, Eddie Davila, Corina Davila, Luis Guerrero, Lee Lerma, Rick Dollahan, Mary Lou Lerma

- 1) **Call to Order-Announce Quorum:** 06:31 PM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Dan Grife
- 3) **Invocation:** Charles Evans
- 4) **Roll Call:** Charles Evans, Debra Middleton, Cindy Durham, Kendra Sellers, Ruben Valles, Shannon Wadzeck
- 5) **Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings** Alderman Middleton motion to accept the minutes of 02-22. Second by Alderman Durham. Motion passed as recorded; Alderman Valles-aye, Alderman Wadzeck-aye, Alderman Sellers-aye, Alderman Middleton-aye, Alderman Durham-aye.
- 6) **Address from Mark Pelletier VGA Architects:** Mr. Pelletier reviewed the findings from Texas Consulting Services asbestos testing and remediation for the existing city hall and police station. Mr. Pelletier advised the council that remediation of the existing city hall would require vacating the offices for 4 to 6 months and would cost approximately 50 to 60 thousand dollars. He added that even with remediation, the primary goal of making the facility ADA compliant would still be unlikely due to the age and construction of the building. Such activity would also compromise the operation of the county offices and would require coordination and agreement with the county government.
- 7) **Resolution 21-03-08-a:** Alderman Middleton motion to pass the resolution. Second by Alderman Sellers. Motion passed as recorded; Alderman Valles-aye, Alderman Wadzeck-aye, Alderman Sellers-aye, Alderman Middleton-aye, Alderman Durham-aye.
- 8) **Resolution 21-03-08-b:** Alderman Sellers motion to pass the resolution. Second by Alderman Valles. Motion passed as recorded; Alderman Valles-aye, Alderman Wadzeck-aye, Alderman Sellers-aye, Alderman Middleton-aye, Alderman Durham-aye.
- 9) **Discussion: Purchase a house from the First Baptist Church for use as police housing:** Alderman Sellers informed the council that the First Baptist Church had approached the city and offered to sell the house. Mr. Lerma asked to be recognized and stated that according to House Bill

2840, any person could address the council regarding any agenda item at the time the item is being discussed. Mr. Lerma was recognized. Mr. Lerma asked why the council was considering this measure given that a pay increase had recently been given to the chief of police to offset housing costs. The Mayor asked the secretary if he had asked for an opinion from the municipal attorney regarding the matter. The secretary reported that the opinion was the same as a similar issue previously raised and, that constitution article III section 52 was referred to as guidance. The secretary reminded the council of the opinion of the auditors regarding unreported compensation and IRS regulations. Alderman Middleton motioned to table the discussion. The Mayor so ordered. Discussion Tabled.

- 10) **Consent Agenda:** Questions were directed to the Police Department, Municipal Court, Public Works and, Administration. Alderman Middleton asked the secretary to post solicitation for Pool Manager and Lifeguard for the 2021 swimming pool season so that selection can be made at the April meeting. Alderman Valles suggested that a city wide clean-up day be arranged. Alderman Middleton motioned to approve the consent agenda. Second by Alderman Durham. Motion passed as recorded; Alderman Valles-aye, Alderman Wadzeck-aye, Alderman Sellers-aye, Alderman Middleton-aye, Alderman Durham-aye.
- 11) **Public Comments:** Comments were made by Luis Guerrero and, Lee Lerma.
- 12) **New Business:** Consider establishing a Farmers Market one or two Saturdays per month.
- 13) **Set date and time for the next regular session:** April 12th at 06:30PM
- 14) **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned 07:46PM.

Charles Evans, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

City Secretary (Dan Grife)