



City Of Seagraves

Regular Session

Seagraves City Council

Minutes

November 8th, 2021 – 6:30 P.M

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

Videocast of the meeting <https://youtu.be/SdOOEWAHqI8>

- 1) **Call to Order-Announce Quorum:** 06:30PM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Rick Dollahan
- 3) **Invocation:** Ruben Valles
- 4) **Roll Call:** Rick Dollahan, Cindy Durham, Ruben Valles, Lorena Davila, Debra Middleton, Charles Evans (Teleconference)
- 5) **Approve the minutes of previous meetings:** Motion to approve the minutes by Alderman Middleton, Second by Alderman Durham. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 6) **Redistricting, Initial Assessment:** Mr. David Mendez of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLC met with the council via teleconference and reviewed the census data. Mr. Mendez also explained the ramifications of the voting rights act settlement agreement which had established the city council districts and the terms of office for the city. Mr. Mendez presented initial maps as a starting point for redistricting. Motion to pass Order 21-11-08-b by Alderman Valles, Second by Alderman Durham. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
Motion to pass Resolution 21-11-08-c by Alderman Durham, Second by Alderman Davila. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 7) **Set the Date for the Drawing Session of the Redistricting and Public Comment Date:** A canvas of the aldermen resulted in the drawing session for redistricting being scheduled for the 18th of November. The Council will convene at the Community building. Bickerstaff legal and technical will participate via teleconference. Motion to set the date of the drawing session and public comment by Alderman Durham, Second by Alderman Davila. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 8) **Texas Communities Group proposal:** Dan Barrett spoke to the council regarding the service offered by Texas Communities Group to mitigate abandoned or neglected properties in the city. Motion to accept the contract with Texas Communities Group by Alderman Valles, Second by Alderman Durham. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 9) **Resolution 21-11-08-a Engineering Firm ARP Grant:** Motion to pass Resolution 21-11-08-a by Alderman Durham, Second by Alderman Middleton. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 10) **Consent Agenda:** The Chief of Police reported on the sale of surplus police vehicles and requested that the proceeds be used to purchase another patrol unit. Motion to so purchase by Alderman Valles, Second by Alderman Middleton. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Dollahan listed the pending demolition orders ready to be executed. Motion to execute demolition order on 1221 Rail Road Ave. by Alderman Durham, Second by Alderman Middleton. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 11) **New Business:** The Mayor announced that the merchants on Main street Propose a “Lighting of the Christmas Tree” be held on Main Street on December 2nd and request certain street closures for the event. Motion to close recommended streets for the event by Alderman Valles, Second by Alderman Durham. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Alderman Valles announced the Chamber of Commerce will hold a drive by parade on December 9th.
- 12) **Public Comments:** None.
- 13) **Report form EDC Chair:** Board Chairman, Cindy Durham reported that the corporation had voted to proceed with proposed grants to Main Street LLC and Perez Building Materials. The Mayor directed the city secretary to add a resolution to endorse the proposals to the agenda of the special session to be held on November 18th.
- 14) **Set the date and time for the next regular session:** December 13th at 06:30PM to be held at the Seagraves Community Building.
- 15) **Adjourn:** 08:11PM

Rick Dollahan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

City Secretary (Dan Grife)