



*City Of Seagraves*

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**Regular Session**

**Seagraves City Council**

**Minutes**

**August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6:30 P.M**

**The Council met at the Seagraves City Hall.**

- 1) **Call to Order:** Mayor, Terrell declared a quorum and called to order at 06:30PM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Michael Terrell
- 3) **Invocation:** Michael Terrell
- 4) **Roll Call:** Michael Terrell, Gary McLendon, Cindy Durham, Ruben Valles, Lorena Davila, Lee Lerma.
- 5) **Approve minutes of previous meetings:** Motion to approve by Alderman Durham, Second by Alderman Davila. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- 6) **Public Comments:** Comments offered by Phillip Ellis and Gareth Denham, who chose to speak during discussion of items 11 and 12
- 7) **Resolution 23-08-14-A:** The resolution was read aloud. Motion to pass the resolution by Alderman Valles, Second by Alderman Durham. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 8) **EXEC SESS moved to 13: Budget Workshop:** A Special Session to be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 06:30PM
- 9) **Basketball goals and lighting at community building court:** Renee Goodger told the council that the lighting is the most expensive part of the project. Alderman Durham suggested that the EDB could pay the expense. Ms. Goodger will research pricing and report to the council.
- 10) **Vacant and Neglected Properties:** Mr. Denham suggested investigating eminent domain. The mayor directed the secretary to explore the option with counsel.
- 11) **Homeless and squatters:** Mr. Denham spoke of the dangers and possible consequences of ignoring the matter. The Chief of Police said he had visited with the Municipal Judge about the problem but, there were not any viable options to deal with homelessness and that if a property owner does not move to have a party removed within the prescribed statutory period, they must be evicted through civil court.

- 12) **Consent Agenda:** Motion to so accept the consent agenda by Alderman Valles, Second by Alderman Davila. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 13) **Executive Session for §551.074 (Public Works)** Convene 07:59 Adjourned 08:33
- 14) **New Business:** The mayor invited the city council to investigate ways to spur development of new businesses and bring more families to the town.
- 15) **Set the Date and Time for the Next Regular Session:** September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 06:30PM to be held at the Seagraves City Hall.
- 16) **Adjourn:** 09:04PM

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**Mike Terrell, Mayor**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City Secretary (Dan Grife)**