



**MINUTES  
SEALY CITY COUNCIL  
415 MAIN STREET  
SEALY, TX 77474  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Whitehead called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Brigid Stevenson, Sealy Police Department Chaplin, gave the invocation. Officers of the Sealy Police Department led the Pledges of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum.**

Present:

Janice Whitehead	Mayor
Dee Anne Lerma	Councilmember, Place 1
Jennifer Sullivan	Councilmember, Place 4
Larry Koy	Councilmember, Place 5
John Hinze	Councilmember, Place 6

Absent:

Chris Noack	Councilmember, Place 2
Sandra Vrabec	Councilmember, Place 3

A quorum was declared present.

Staff attending:

Lloyd Merrell, City Manager  
Dayl Cooksey, City Secretary  
Warren Escovy, Asst. City Manager  
Jay Reeves, Chief of Police  
Mark Pulos, Public Works Director  
Lawrence Siska, Director of Streets, Drainage, Parks  
Joey Schmidt, Fire Marshal/IT

**4. Proclamations and Special Recognitions**

- **Sealy School Choice Week**  
Karen Lopez with the Sealy News accepted the proclamation.
- **National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day**  
Members of the Sealy Police Department accepted the proclamation.
- **Human Trafficking Prevention Month**  
Members of the Sealy Police Department accepted the proclamation.

5. **Petition(s) and/or Request(s) from the Public.**

None

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

a. **Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes for the meeting held:**

- I. **December 4, 2018**
- II. **December 11, 2018**
- III. **December 12, 2018**

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Koy seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze

NOES: None

The motion carried.

7. **Sealy Chamber of Commerce and Visitor and Convention Center quarterly report.**

The City Council reviewed the quarterly report provided by the Sealy Chamber of Commerce and Visitor and Convention Center. Tammy Hall was present to answer questions.

8. **Update by Public Management, Inc., on proposed, current, and anticipated grant opportunities.**

Patrick Wiltshire with Public Management, Inc., provided the Council with an update on the City's grant applications and possible grant opportunities.

Since 2011, the City of Sealy has received \$1.1 million in grant funds. There has been an application submitted requesting \$2 million under the disaster recovery program. There should be a decision within the next 45 days. The City has also been allocated \$193,000 for Harvey recovery. Public Management will meet with City staff regarding this allocation and project proposals on January 15, 2019.

9. **Update by Anthony Branch on the Little Dribblers program.**

Anthony Branch was unable to attend the meeting. Lloyd Merrell provided an update on the Little Dribblers program. There are approximately 250 children participating in the program. The teams will start playing games this weekend. They have been practicing since December.

10. **Discussion and possible action to consider graphics for Rexville Road Elevated Storage tank.**

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve the graphics as presented, for the Rexville Road Elevated Storage tank. Councilman Hinze seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze  
NOES: None

The motion carried.

Mayor Whitehead said items 15 and 16 will be heard after item 10.

**15. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution to approve an Interlocal agreement with Austin County, Precinct 3, for Road Maintenance.**

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve a resolution to approve an Interlocal agreement with Austin County, Precinct 3, for road maintenance. Councilman Koy seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze  
NOES: None

The motion carried.

*(This resolution is enrolled as Resolution No. 2019-01.)*

**16. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution to approve an Interlocal agreement with Austin County, Precinct 4, for Road Maintenance.**

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve a resolution to approve an Interlocal agreement with Austin County, Precinct 4, for road maintenance. Councilman Hinze seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze  
NOES: None

The motion carried.

*(This resolution is enrolled as Resolution No. 2019-02.)*

**11. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to proceed with the sale of land to Austin County, being approximately 1.093-acres, and authorizing the Mayor to execute any documents pertaining to the sale of property located between Sealy Police Department and Sealy Fire Department.**

Warren Escovy reported that the appraisal of the 1.093 acres of property located between the fire station and police station came in at \$143,000.

Councilman Koy asked if there were requirements stipulated in the deed concerning the property such as style of building, access road, location on property or size of building. Mr. Escovy said there were not at this time.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to authorize the City Manager to sell and convey land to the Austin County authorities, to include the City's right of first refusal, railroad design theme, and driveway access. Councilwoman Lerma seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:



AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze  
NOES: None

The motion carried.

*(This resolution is enrolled as Resolution No. 2019-03.)*

**12. Discussion and possible action to authorize the City Manager, upon approval of City Attorney, to enter into a contract with Civil Corp LLC., for engineering services.**

Councilwoman Lerma moved to authorize the City Manager, upon approval of City Attorney, enter into a contract with Civil Corp LLC., for engineering services. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze  
NOES: None

The motion carried.

**13. Discussion and possible action regarding Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax policies, procedures, and application process.**

Councilman Koy moved to table this item until the next agenda. Councilwoman Lerma seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze  
NOES: None

The motion carried.

**14. Discussion and possible action to consider replacement of City of Sealy signs located at 415 and 405 Main Street.**

Councilman Hinze moved to approve the graphics for placement at 405 and 415 Main Street after removing the comma and "Texas" from the middle. Councilman Koy seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze  
NOES: None

The motion carried.

**17. Discussion and possible action to appoint Chief Jay Reeves an Emergency Management Coordinator and Captain Scott Riske as Assistant Coordinator for the City of Sealy.**

Mayor Whitehead moved to appoint Chief Jay Reeves as Emergency Management Coordinator and Captain Scott Riske as Assistant Coordinator for the City of Sealy. Councilwoman Lerma seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze  
NOES: None

The motion carried.

**18. Discussion and possible action regarding policies for the non-profit use of city facilities.**

Lloyd Merrell reported that he requested Steven Kutra provide an analysis of the cost to run the City facilities that were used by non-profit organizations at no charge. It costs the City \$18-\$25 per day, not including cleaning the facility. He asked that this item be tabled until January 22, 2019. The City Attorney is drafting a policy regarding facility use.

Councilman Hinze moved to table this item until the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Councilwoman Lerma seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze  
NOES: None

The motion carried.

**19. Request(s) for future agenda items and comment(s).**

Councilman Hinze

- He requested an update on Main Street
- Update on the removal of the median sign on Main Street

Councilman Koy

- None

Councilwoman Sullivan

- She requested an update on the drainage on Westview Terrace

Councilwoman Lerma

- None

Mayor Whitehead

- She requested an executive session for the January 22, 2019 Council meeting concerning economic development
- She said she would like to have the priorities meeting of the City Council on the first or third Saturday in March

**20. City Manager's report and possible discussion.**

- **Update on the wastewater treatment plant**  
The wastewater treatment plant is 68% complete and is running 10% ahead of schedule.
- **Update on the Rexville elevated water tank renovation**  
The Rexville elevated water tank renovation is almost complete. They also received a price of \$30,000 from the company completing this project to inspect and clean three additional tanks.

- **Update on repairs to the B&PW walking trail**  
The repairs to the walking trail have been postponed due to the weather but will start as soon as possible.
- **Update on IH-10 expansion**  
All deed for the land purchases have been sent to TxDOT to accept.
- **Update on Economic Development activity**  
A specific project that staff has been working on is progressing.

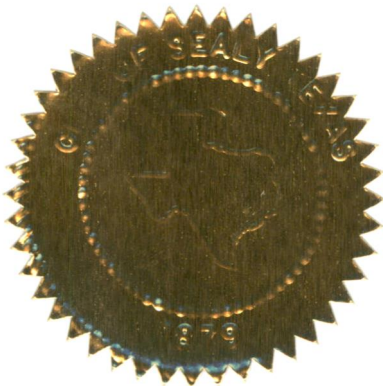
## 21. Adjournment

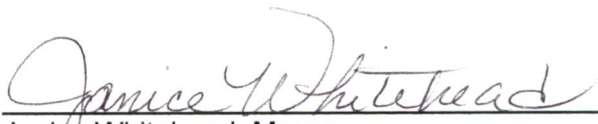
At 7:03 p.m., Councilman Hinze moved that the City Council stand adjourned until the next scheduled meeting. Councilman Koy seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze  
NOES: None

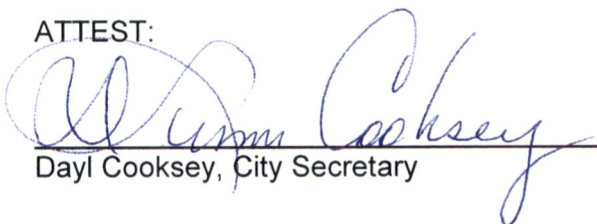
The motion carried.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2019.



  
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Janice Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Dayl Cooksey, City Secretary