



**MINUTES
SEALY CITY COUNCIL
415 MAIN STREET
SEALY, TX 77474
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Sealy Police Chaplain Brigid Stevenson gave the invocation. Mayor Whitehead led the Pledges of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum.

Present:

Janice Whitehead	Mayor
Chris Noack	Councilmember, Place 2
Sandra Vrablec	Councilmember, Place 3/Mayor Pro tem
Jennifer Sullivan	Councilmember, Place 4
Larry Koy	Councilmember, Place 5
John Hinze	Councilmember, Place 6

Absent:

Dee Anne Lerma	Councilmember, Place 1
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A quorum was declared present.

Staff attending:

Lloyd Merrell, City Manager
Brooke Christoferson, Deputy City Secretary
Warren Escovy, Asst. City Manager
Joseph Schmidt, Fire Marshal
Lawrence Siska, Director of Parks, Streets, Drainage
Mark Pulos, Public Works Director
Jay Reeves, Police Chief
Robert Worley, Sealy EDC Executive Director

4. Proclamations and Special Recognitions

None

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:

- **February 20, 2019**
- **February 26, 2019**

Councilman Koy stated that Item #17 of the February 26, 2019 minutes did not show whether or not he had any future agenda requests. Deputy City Secretary Brooke Christoferson said that she will make the correction.

Mayor Whitehead moved to approve the minutes for the city council meetings held February 12, 2019 and February 26, 2019, with the correction being made to the February 26, 2019 minutes. Councilman Hinze seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze

NOES: None

The motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding profit and loss report from the Sealy Community Foundation for the Fantasy of Lights Event – 2018.

Representatives from the Sealy Community Foundation were unable to attend this meeting.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to table this agenda item. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze

NOES: None

The motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution to approve the submission of a grant application for the Sealy Police Department Traffic Safety Trailer Project, to the Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division.

Police Chief Jay Reeves told the council that the grant amount is approximately \$22,500 and no matching funds from the city are required.

Councilman Koy moved to approve a resolution to approve the submission of a grant application for the Sealy Police Department Traffic Safety Trailer Project, to the Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze

NOES: None

The motion carried. *(This resolution is enrolled as Resolution 2019-08.)*

9. **Discussion and possible action to consider a request to extend a variance for nine months to allow a gravel parking lot instead of asphalt or concrete on Highway 90, west of Tiger Stadium and east of Allen's Creek for Sealy ISD.**

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to extend a variance for nine months to allow a gravel parking lot instead of asphalt or concrete on Highway 90, west of Tiger Stadium and east of Allen's Creek for Sealy ISD under the condition that Sealy ISD passes a resolution to fund and commit resources to start the project by January 31, 2020. Mayor Whitehead seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze

NOES: None

The motion carried.

10. **Discussion and possible action to approve a bid received for the purchase of property struck off in a property tax sale located at 203 Rice Street.**

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve a bid received for the purchase of property struck off in a property tax sale located at 203 Rice Street. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote.

AYES: Whitehead, Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze

NOES: None

The motion carried.

11. **Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with Aquatico Pool Management, Inc., for the operation of the Irene Le Blanc Swimming Pool facility.**

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with Aquatico Pool Management, Inc., for the operation of the Irene Le Blanc Swimming Pool facility. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze

NOES: None

The motion carried. (*This resolution is enrolled as Resolution No. 2019-09.*)

12. **Discussion and possible action to consider a request by the Main Street Advisory Board to hold a Crawfish Boil event in the Downtown Main Street District.**

Aya Reimer with the Sealy Main Street Advisory Board told the council that the board is wanting to hold a crawfish boil on April 6, 2019. She said that the goal is to boost revenue for the Main Street program. There will be crawfish, live entertainment, a DJ, and this is a BYOB event. Chief Jay Reeves stated that some officers have volunteered to work this event.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve a request by the Main Street Advisory Board to hold a Crawfish Boil event in the Downtown Main Street District. Councilman Hinze seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze
NOES: None

The motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action on the proposed lease for Sealy EDC to lease the building located at 313 Main Street.

Sealy EDC Executive Director Robert Worley told the council that the lease goes into effect on April 1, 2019 and is valid for three years. Mr. Worley stated that his current office will be maintained until the end of September once that lease expires.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve the proposed lease for Sealy EDC to lease the building located at 313 Main Street. Councilman Hinze seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Hinze
NOES: Koy

The motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve a project of the Sealy Economic Development Corporation to provide funding to the Greater Sealy Little League for the following:

- **Field lighting and associated electrical service - \$55,741.25**
- **New scoreboard - \$5,402.00.**

Sealy EDC Executive Director Robert Worley told the council that this funding will enhance the T-ball field. He informed them that this is the busiest field, and if approved, all work should be completed before this little league season begins. Mr. Worley stated that both expenditures fall under the EDC guidelines.

Councilman Koy moved to approve a project of the Sealy Economic Development Corporation to provide funding to the Greater Sealy Little League for field lighting and associated electrical service and a new scoreboard. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract for election services, with Austin County, Texas to furnish certain election equipment needed for the City General Election.

Councilman Koy moved to approve a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract for election services, with Austin County, Texas to furnish certain election equipment needed for the City General Election. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze
NOES: None

The motion carried. *(This resolution is enrolled as Resolution No. 2019-10.)*

16. Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement with NewWave Business to increase the existing High Speed Internet Service for City of Sealy facilities.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve an agreement with NewWave Business to increase the existing High Speed Internet Service for City of Sealy facilities. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze
NOES: None

The motion carried.

**17. Discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance in which the caption reads:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEALY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE
OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEALY, TEXAS; PROVIDING RULES AND
REGULATIONS FOR PARK USE; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(This is the first of two readings.)**

Councilman Hinze moved to approve the ordinance as captioned above. Councilman Koy Seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze
NOES: None

The motion carried.

18. City Manager's report and possible discussion.

- **Update on WWTP**

The WWTP is 70-80 percent complete. He hopes to have a drone fly over so he can provide the council with progress pictures.

- **Representatives From Bent River Project will be here for the next few weeks**

The representatives will be here for the next 2-3 weeks to continue working on their project.

- **Working on project details for the upcoming Priorities Meeting.**

Staff is working on project details for the upcoming Priorities Meeting. The meeting date has been changed to April 30, 2019.

- **Will begin Budget process first of April**

There was a late start to the budget process last year, but he hopes to get an earlier start this year.

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

Councilman Hinze

- He appreciates the priority meeting being moved to April 30th.
- He asked if the Rexville tank is operable. Public Works Director Mark Pulos stated that it is not yet, but should be within the next 5-7 days.
- He requested that the city waive a fee for the Sealy Little League to use the B&PW facility for their pictures on opening day. The city manager stated that they will not be charged.

Councilman Koy

- He stated that he'd like to see the correction made to the February 26, 2019 minutes.
- He'd like the KC's presentation added to the next agenda.

Councilwoman Sullivan

- She requested that council submits each member's priority list like they did last year.
- She asked that staff contact the property owner of the San Felipe drainage easement. She said Mr. Koy has the name of the owner.
- She thanked staff for cleaning out the ditches in front of the high school.

Councilwoman Vrablec

- None

Councilman Noack

- None

Mayor Whitehead

- She wanted to make council aware that there are some upcoming legislative changes that may necessitate them begin the next budget process as soon as they finish this budget process.

20. Adjournment

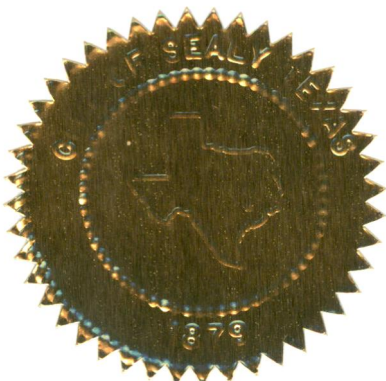
At 6:57 p.m., Councilman Hinze moved that the city council stand adjourned until the next scheduled meeting. Councilman Koy seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Noack, Vrablec, Sullivan, Koy, Hinze

NOES: None

The motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of March 2019.





Janice Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dayl Cooksey, City Secretary