



**MINUTES
SEALY CITY COUNCIL
415 MAIN STREET
SEALY, TX 77474
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 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

Brigid Stevenson, Police Chaplin, gave the invocation. Mayor Whitehead led the Pledges of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum.

Present:

Janice Whitehead	Mayor
Dee Anne Lerma	Councilmember, Place 1
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

A quorum was declared present.

Staff attending:

Lloyd Merrell, City Manager
Dayl Cooksey, City Secretary
Warren Escovy, Asst. City Manager
Lawrence Siska, Director of Parks, Streets, Drainage
Mark Pulos, Public Works Director
Scott Riske, Police Captain
Robert Worley, Sealy EDC Executive Director
Fawn Mackey, Municipal Court Administrator

4. Proclamations and Special Recognitions

None

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

Felicita Fernandez spoke about the proposed multi-family project on Schmidt Road. She was told that the city attorney has determined that the decisions made regarding the project were in compliance and they are in force. She was invited to meeting with the city manager regarding this issue.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- **March 26, 2019**

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Vrablec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

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

Tammy Hall with the Sealy Chamber of Commerce and Visitor and Convention Center gave an overview of the quarterly report supplied by the chamber concerning activities for the last quarter.

8. Discussion and possible action to consider a request to grant building line variances for two residences located at 374 Hwy. 90 East – on the southeast corner of Newcom and Cindy Lane.

Warren Escovy, Assistant City Manager, reported that the variances were to provide the legal requirements needed to plat and sell the existing property. The encroachment of the building lines already exist for two residences built many years ago and have been “grandfathered”.

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve a request to grant building line variances for two residences located at 374 Highway 90 East as presented. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

9. Municipal Court Administrator Report

- **Court Security Upgrades**
- **Handheld Ticket Writer**
- **Ticket Writer Printer Upgrade**
- **Lobby Intercom System Replacement**
- **Warrant Officer/Bailiff Position**

Fawn Mackey, Municipal Court Administrator, provided an update concerning on-going and proposed projects in the Sealy Municipal Court.

10. Discussion and possible action concerning the Spring Clean-up to be held on May 11, 2019.

Lawrence Siska, Director of Streets/Parks/Drainage, told the council that staff would like to bring back the annual Spring Clean-up. The event allows citizens of Sealy to bring their heavy trash to the city barn for disposal. Lawrence has secured five dumpsters to be provided by TDS, at no cost to the city.

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve the Spring Clean-up to be held on May 11, 2019. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried.

**11. Discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance in which the caption reads:
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION FROM
RANCH COUNTRY OF TEXAS, INC. FOR THAT CERTAIN TERRITORY, CONSISTING OF
AN APPROXIMATE 45-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, FOR THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY
INTO THE CITY OF SEALY, AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS, AND ORDERING THE
PREPARATION OF A PRELIMINARY SERVICE PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY.**

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve the ordinance as captioned above. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried. (*This ordinance is enrolled as Ordinance No. 2019-06.*)

**12. Discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance in which the caption reads:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEALY, TEXAS, ALTERING THE
PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR VEHICLES UPON THE BASIS OF AN
ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION, UPON CERTAIN STREETS AND
HIGHWAYS, OR PARTS THEREOF, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF
SEALY, AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT
OF NOT LESS THAN ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) OR MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS
(\$200.00) FOR VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION HEREOF.
(*This is the first of two readings.*)**

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve the ordinance as captioned above. Councilman Hinze seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried.

13. Discussion concerning thru traffic from Loop 350 on Hardeman Street to Columbus Road.

Councilman Koy said it has been reported to him by citizens that large trucks, including 18-wheelers, are using Hardeman Street as a pass-through to Columbus Road, bypassing Highway 36.

Mr. Merrell said he will speak with Lawrence Siska and Chief Reeves regarding the issue.

14. City Manager's report and possible discussion.

- **HOT Fund application and requirements**

Mr. Merrell reported that he appointed a committee to review and make recommendations to the council. This should be on the next meeting agenda.

- **Sealy Trash-off update**

The Sealy Trash-off was a success. Over 90 people showed up to help. He thanked Councilwoman Sullivan and Councilwoman Lerma and staff for the hard work. The Boy Scouts were the winners of the event with Sealy Rotary/Interact coming in second.

- **Enterprise Pipeline presentation**

Enterprise Pipeline will be at a future meeting to provide a presentation to the Council concerning their facility and safety.

- **San Felipe de Austin funding**

Mr. Merrell reported that \$10,000 was requested by Friends of San Felipe de Austin prior to approval of the 2019 budget. The money was placed in the budget and approved for 2019.

- **Mudbugs on Main**

Mr. Merrell said the Mudbugs on Main event was a success and everyone seemed to have a good time. He thanked Brooke Christoferson, Gretchen Anker, Lawrence Siska, Sealy Police Department and Aya Reimer for their work on the event.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION: A closed meeting will be held concerning the following item(s):

- a. **Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY. A governmental body may conduct a private consultation with its attorney when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about: pending or contemplated litigation; or a settlement offer; – Town Park Center, Cause No. 2017V-0040.**

Mayor Whitehead said there was no need for an executive session.

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

Councilman Hinze

- He said he did not attend the last council meeting because he coaches eleven 9-10 year olds in baseball, and they had a game. Some negative things were reported at the last meeting regarding his absence. He said sometimes the kids come first, but he is still committed to serving the city.

Councilman Koy

- He requested that the project to be completed with the \$1.9 million in awarded grant funds needs to begin as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Sullivan

- She asked if there was anything the city can do to encourage AT&T to extend the fiber lines out to Sealy. She requested that it be placed on the agenda for discussion.
- She thanked everyone, staff and sponsors, for their help in the Sealy Trash-off. It was a huge success. It was great to see everyone work together.

Councilwoman Vrabec

- She asked if plans have been turned in for the proposed townhomes on Schmidt Road. Mr. Escovy reported that no plans or plats have been submitted.
- She reported that TxDOT has still not done anything concerning the flashing light on Highway 36 by Whataburger. It needs to be changed back to a red light. The city may need to contact the state representatives to see what needs to be done.
- She said the ordinances adopted by city council are in place for a reason and that needs to be remembered.

Councilman Noack

- He requested that a 3rd party attorney review the Chapter 28 ordinance. He asked that this be placed on the agenda.

Councilwoman Lerma

- She thanked staff and sponsors for the success of the trash-off.
- She also thanked the Main Street Board and staff for Mudbugs on Main. It was a great event.

Mayor Whitehead

- She thanked everyone for their work in the Trash-off and Mudbugs on Main.
- She reported that the bushes are covering the "Sealy" sign at Tony's.
- There is a section of curb on Robin Lane that is breaking away.
- She asked what projects are to be let in April. Mr. Merrell said the Main Street water line project should be ready to go out for bids by the end of April.
- She asked if there were any differences in apartments or condos concerning city requirements. Warren Escovy said that from a planning standpoint, there is no difference.
- She requested that the ethics manual be on the next agenda.

17. Adjournment

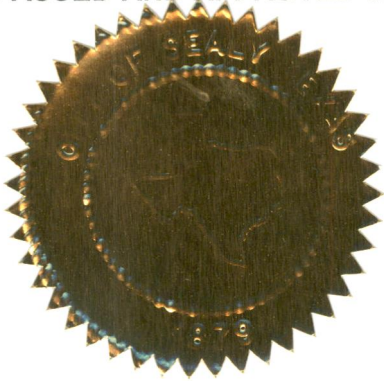
At 7:03 p.m., Councilman Hinze moved that the city council stand adjourned until the next scheduled meeting. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2019.





Janice Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dayl Cooksey, City Secretary