



MINUTES
SEALY CITY COUNCIL
415 MAIN STREET
SEALY, TX 77474
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019
6:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**

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

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

Present:

Janice Whitehead
Dee Anne Lerma
Chris Noack
Jennifer Sullivan
Larry Koy
Adam Burttschell

Mayor
Councilmember, Place 1
Councilmember, Place 2
Councilmember, Place 4
Councilmember, Place 5
Councilmember, Place 6

Absent:

Sandra Vrablec

Councilmember, Place 3/Mayor Pro tem

A quorum was declared present.

Staff attending:

Lloyd Merrell, City Manager
Warren Escovy, Assistant City Manager / Planning Director
Brooke Christoferson, Deputy City Secretary
Lawrence Siska, Director of Streets, Parks and Drainage
Mark Pulos, Public Works Director
Steven Kutra, Finance Director
Jay Reeves, Police Chief
Chris Nichols, Special Council

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

None

4. **Discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance adopting the City of Sealy, Texas budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020.**

(Per the City of Sealy Home Rule Charter, Section 3.12. (1) Procedure to Enact Legislation, and Section 7.02.E. Adoption, only one reading is required for final passage of this ordinance. A record vote will be taken.)

Councilman Koy moved to approve an ordinance adopting the City of Sealy, Texas budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020. Councilman Burttschell seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

The Deputy City Secretary took a record vote as follows:

Mayor Whitehead– Aye
Councilwoman Lerma – Aye
Councilman Noack- Aye
Councilman Sullivan – Aye
Councilman Koy - Aye
Councilman Burttschell– Aye

The motion carried.

Councilman Noack moved to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the adopted budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. Councilwoman Lerma seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Noack, Sullivan, Koy, Burttschell
NOES: None

The motion carried.

(This ordinance is enrolled as Ordinance No. 2019-17.)

5. Discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance providing for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes of the City of Sealy, Texas, for the year 2019.

(Per the City of Sealy Home Rule Charter, Section 3.12. (2) – Procedure to Enact Legislation, only one reading is required for final passage of this ordinance. A record vote will be taken.)

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve the 2019 maintenance and operations property tax rate of 19.310 cents per \$100 valuation. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

The Deputy City Secretary took a record vote as follows:

Mayor Whitehead– Aye
Councilwoman Lerma – Aye
Councilman Noack- Aye
Councilman Sullivan – Aye
Councilman Koy - Aye
Councilman Burttschell– Aye

The motion carried.

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve the 2019 interest and sinking property tax rate of 20.497 cents per \$100 valuation. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

The Deputy City Secretary took a record vote as follows:

Mayor Whitehead– Aye
Councilwoman Lerma – Aye
Councilman Noack- Aye
Councilman Sullivan – Aye

Councilman Koy - Aye
Councilman Burttschell- Aye

The motion carried.

Councilman Noack moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 39.807 cents per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 2.1 percent increase in the tax rate. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

The Deputy City Secretary took a record vote as follows:

Mayor Whitehead- Aye
Councilwoman Lerma – Aye
Councilman Noack- Aye
Councilman Sullivan – Aye
Councilman Koy - Aye
Councilman Burttschell- Aye

The motion carried.

(This ordinance is enrolled as Ordinance No. 2019-18.)

6. Discussion and possible action to adopt an ordinance establishing and providing rates for services for natural gas system of the City of Sealy. *(This is the second of two readings.)*

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to adopt an ordinance establishing and providing rates for services for natural gas system of the City of Sealy. Councilman Koy seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Noack, Sullivan, Koy, Burttschell
NOES: None

The motion carried.

(This ordinance is enrolled as Ordinance No. 2019-19.)

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action by representative with Public Management, Inc. regarding the Front Street Drainage Project.

Joy Rice with Public Management updated the council on the status of the Front Street Drainage Project. She reported that the potential construction bid date will be around March 2020. Construction typically begins about 4-6 weeks after bids are received.

No action was taken.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution adopting policy in connection with the City of Sealy, Texas participation in federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve a resolution adopting policy in connection with the City of Sealy, Texas participation in federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects. Councilwoman Lerma seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Noack, Sullivan, Koy, Burttschell
NOES: None

The motion carried.

(The resolution is enrolled as Resolution No. 2019-33.)

9. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution designating the Mayor, City Manager, City Secretary and Finance Director as authorized signatories for contractual documents and documents for requesting funds pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve a resolution designating the Mayor, City Manager, City Secretary and Finance Director as authorized signatories for contractual documents and documents for requesting funds pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Councilman Burttschell seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Noack, Sullivan, Koy, Burttschell
NOES: None

The motion carried.

(The resolution is enrolled as Resolution No. 2019-34.)

10. Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to approve or deny requests for variances for Tranquility Lakes Master Plan regarding sidewalks, building lines and fence height.

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

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Noack, Sullivan, Koy, Burttschell
NOES: None

The motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution creating an economic development program and authorizing the Mayor and the President of the Sealy Economic Development Corporation to execute a Chapter 380 Economic Development and Performance Agreement between the City of Sealy, Texas, the Sealy Economic Development Corporation and Hailiang Copper Texas, Inc. for economic development incentives.

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

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Noack, Sullivan, Koy, Burttschell
NOES: None

The motion carried.

12. Adjournment.

At 6:56 p.m., Councilwoman Lerma moved that the City Council stand adjourned until the next scheduled meeting. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

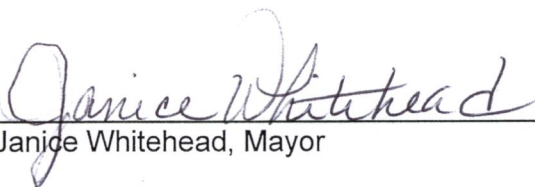
AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Noack, Sullivan, Koy, Burttschell

NOES: None

The motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of October 2019.





Janice Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brooke Christoferson, Deputy City Secretary