



**MINUTES  
SEALY CITY COUNCIL  
415 MAIN STREET  
SEALY, TX 77474  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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 Pledges of Allegiance**

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

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

Present:

Janice Whitehead  
Dee Anne Lerma  
Sandra Vrabec  
Jennifer Sullivan  
Larry Koy  
Adam Burttschell

Mayor  
Councilmember, Place 1  
Councilmember, Place 3/Mayor Pro tem  
Councilmember, Place 4  
Councilmember, Place 5  
Councilmember, Place 6

Absent:

Chris Noack

Councilmember, Place 2

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  
Jay Reeves, Police Chief  
Robert Worley, Executive Director Sealy EDC  
Kim Kaiser, Administrator  
Tim Kirwin, City Attorney

**4. Proclamations and Special Recognitions**

The Sealy Tiger football team defeated the Bellville Brahmas on September 20, 2019. As a result of a lost bet, Bellville Mayor James Harrison sported a Tiger football jersey at this council meeting. Mr. Harrison stated that the bet was made in good fun, and he finds it great that we can all work together to do what is best for Austin County.

Police Chief Jay Reeves introduced new Patrol Officer Stevie Torres to the council. Officer Torres stated that he looks forward to serving community.

**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 meetings held September 17, 2019 and September 23, 2019.**

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

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

**7. Introduction of public works employees.**

Public Works Director Mark Pulos introduced the public works utility employees to the council. He stated their job descriptions, years of service to the city, and mentioned their accomplishments to date.

**8. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a performance agreement between the EDC and Sridhar Patibandla with Harvest Moon Apartments for approved incentives.**

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve a performance agreement between the EDC and Sridhar Patibandla with Harvest Moon Apartments for approved incentives. Councilwoman Vrablec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma, Vrablec, Sullivan, Burttschell

NOES: Koy

The motion carried.

**9. Discussion and possible action to amend the City's Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.**

HR Administrator Kim Kaiser explained that staff had concerns about the absences and leaves section of the City's Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. She explained the proposed changes to Section 4.0 Holidays to clarify the manner in which employees are compensated for holidays. She also explained the proposed change to Section 4.2 Sick Leave to correct a date error.

Councilwoman Lerma moved to amend the City's Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None



The motion carried.

10. **Discussion and possible action to adopt an ordinance *nunc pro tunc* in which the caption reads: AN ORDINANCE NUNC PRO TUNC FOR ORDINANCE 2019-19 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEALY, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING RATES FOR SERVICES OF THE NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE CITY; ESTABLISHING FEES FOR CONNECTION TO SAID SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR CASH DEPOSITS FOR SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-16 ADOPTED ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2017, AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT OR INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to adopt an ordinance *nunc pro tunc* as captioned above. Councilwoman Lerma seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

*(This ordinance is enrolled as Ordinance No. 2019-20.)*

11. **Discussion and possible action to establish a date for the 2019 Keep Texas Beautiful Fall Sweep event.**

Lawrence Siska reported that the Spring cleanup was very successful, and he wanted the City of Sealy to participate in the 2019 Keep Texas Beautiful Fall Sweep event. This event will be held on November 2, 2019 from 9 am-noon.

12. **Discussion and possible action to adopt an agreement with Greater Sealy Little League for park entry, maintenance, use, and improvements.**

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

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

13. **City Manager's report and possible discussion:**
- **EDC Trip to China on October 28-November 9**
  - **WWTP Update**
  - **380 Agreement with Hailing Copper Texas, Inc.**

The City Manager gave brief updates on the items listed above.

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

Councilwoman Lerma

- She said she appreciates that Mark Pulos took the time to introduce the public works utility department employees. She would like to see other departments follow suit.
- She asked staff to confirm TxDOT's schedule for the speed limit and stop sign near Chicken Express.

Councilwoman Vrablec

- None

Councilwoman Sullivan

- She said that she would like to receive more information regarding the Sealy EDC trip to China.

Councilman Koy

- He'd like a future agenda item regarding Remitite America, Inc.
- He'd like a presentation on new annexation laws and an update on old annexations.
- He'd like to see the amendments to the 2018-2019 budget for both the City of Sealy and the Sealy EDC.
- He'd like a discussion on Sealy Homestead and TIRZ 2.
- He'd like to see TxDOT maps for I-10 and Hwy 36. He has questions on sidewalks and detention ponds.
- He stated that the street lights are out at FM 3538 and Hwy 90. They have been out for at least two weeks, and he is concerned about this safety issue.
- He'd like a description on the proposed sidewalk from the Sealy EDC building to City Hall.
- He'd like to have a discussion with the Parks Department, Parks Board and Council regarding the lights from the Cryan Park walkway to the pool area. He'd also like to address the track and other unlighted areas.

Councilman Burttschell:

- He stated that the stop sign at Hardeman and the loop is leaning quite a bit. He mentioned that a lot of children walk past it after school.
- He inquired about the city's status on zoning. Warren Escovy stated that he will provide an update at the October 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Mayor Whitehead:

- She requested an agenda item for the Mark Chapman plaque at B&PW Park.
- She would like to see budget adjustments.
- She asked council to review the ethics manual.

## 15. Adjournment.

At 7:02 p.m., Councilwoman Vrablec moved that the City Council stand adjourned until the next scheduled meeting. Councilwoman Lerma seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.



  
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Janice Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Brooke Christoferson, Deputy City Secretary