



**MINUTES
SEALY CITY COUNCIL
415 MAIN STREET
SEALY, TX 77474
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

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
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 Knoll, City Secretary
Lawrence Siska, Director of Streets, Parks and Drainage
Mark Pulos, Public Works Director
Kimbra Hill, Executive Assistant SEDC
Fawn Mackey, Court Administrator
Jay Reeves, Police Chief
Eric Bryant, Police Officer
Tim Kirwin, City Attorney

4. Proclamations and Special Recognitions

None

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

Officer Eric Bryant with the Sealy Police Department reminded everyone that the annual Sealy Night Out event will be held at Levine Park on Saturday, November 9, 2019, and it will start at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Whitehead stated that this event continues to be a growing success, and she commended the efforts of all those who help make this event possible.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes for the regular meeting held on October 15, 2019 and the special meeting held on October 15, 2019.

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

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

The motion carried.

Councilman Koy moved to have Item 14 immediately follow Item 8. Councilwoman Lerma seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the funding of the renovation project at the B&PW Park, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

Councilman Koy moved to approve the funding of the renovation project at the B&PW Park, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, contingent upon EDC funding. Councilwoman Lerma seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried.

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

Councilwoman Lerma moved to adopt an agreement with Greater Sealy Little League for park entry, maintenance, use, and improvements. Councilman Burttschell seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution adopting Sealy EDC budget amendment for the FY 2019-2020 budget.

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve a resolution adopting Sealy EDC budget amendment for the FY 2019-2020 budget. Councilman Burttschell seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried.

(This resolution is enrolled as Resolution No. 2019-37.)

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action by representative with Strand Associates regarding the separation of the Highway 36 North water and sewer projects.

Ryan Tinsley with Strand Associates gave a presentation regarding the separation of the Highway 36 North water and sewer projects. The cost estimate for the projects combined is \$2,466,000 compared to \$2,389,000 if separated.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to separate the Highway 36 North water and sewer projects. Councilman Koy seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried.

10. Presentation, discussion and possible action by representative with Voltus regarding proposed services related to the ERCOT Demand Response Program.

Tom Lafarge with Voltus gave a presentation regarding proposed services related to the ERCOT Demand Response Program. This company would possess the ability to remotely start a power generator to help keep electricity on during times of peak demand when black outs or brown outs are imminent through ERCOT (Electric Reliability Council of Texas). The generator is located at 535 Kersten Road by the new wastewater treatment plant.

Councilman Koy moved to authorize staff to negotiate an agreement with Voltus. Councilman Burttschell seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried.

11. Presentation, discussion, and possible action by representative with the Austin County Appraisal District regarding roll back taxes.

Chief Appraiser Greg Cook with the Austin County Appraisal District gave a presentation regarding roll back taxes.

No action was taken.

12. Discussion and possible action to appoint a Director to the Board of Directors of the Austin County Appraisal District.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve a resolution to appoint Dee Anne Lerma as Director to the Board of Directors of the Austin County Appraisal District. Councilman Koy seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Noack, Sullivan, Koy, Burttschell

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Lerma

The motion carried.

(This resolution is enrolled as Resolution No. 2019-38.)

13. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution recognizing the importance of municipal courts, the rule of law, and the fair and impartial administration of justice.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve a resolution recognizing the importance of municipal courts, the rule of law, and the fair and impartial administration of justice. Councilman Noack seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

(This resolution is enrolled as Resolution No. 2019-39.)

15. Discussion and possible action regarding the regularly scheduled meeting dates for November and December.

The regular meeting dates will remain as scheduled.

No action was taken.

16. Discussion regarding lighting options at Cryan Park.

Councilman Koy moved to authorize staff to obtain three separate bids for lighting options at Cryan Park. Councilman Burttschell seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve a Clarification Agreement with Prasek Family Limited Partnership and Prasek's Hillje Smokehouse, Inc.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve a Clarification Agreement with Prasek Family Limited Partnership and Prasek's Hillje Smokehouse, Inc. Councilwoman Lerma seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

18. City Manager's report and possible discussion:

- **Main Street waterline project is ahead of schedule**
- **Hailiang building plans**
- **Gas gate progress**
- **FY 2018-2019 budget amendments on November 19th agenda**

Lloyd Merrell briefly updated the council on the items listed above.

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

Councilman Burttschell

- He requested staff coordination with the Vendor Blender hosts. Lawrence Siska said those individuals can be directed to him.

Councilman Koy

- He stated that he will submit his requests in writing to the city secretary's office.

Councilwoman Sullivan

- She thanked everyone who participated in the fall cleanup on November 2.

Councilman Noack

- None

Councilwoman Lerma

- She also thanked everyone who participated in the fall cleanup on November 2. She stated that 84 bags of trash were collected. She thanked everyone who helped with Boo Bash as well.
- She requested an update on the light in front of Chicken Express and on the light at Hwy 90 and Circle Drive.

Mayor Whitehead

- She stated that there is a problem with aggressive dogs in town. She wants to look into how the situation can be rectified.

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

- a. Personnel Matters under Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee) – City Secretary position.

The city council recessed open session at 7:54 p.m.

21. Reconvene into regular session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

The city council reconvened into open session at 8:40 p.m.

Councilman Sullivan moved to approve Brooke Knoll for the City Secretary position with the salary recommendations listed in items 1-3 of the memo.

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

22. Adjournment.

At 8:41 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.

CERTIFICATION

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of November 2019.





Janice Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brooke Knoll, City Secretary