



**MINUTES
SEALY CITY COUNCIL
415 MAIN STREET
SEALY, TX 77474
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020
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

Mayor Whitehead gave the invocation and 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
Jennifer Sullivan	Councilmember, Place 4
Larry Koy	Councilmember, Place 5
Adam Burttschell	Councilmember, Place 6

Absent:

Sandra Vrablec	Councilmember, Place 3/Mayor Pro tem
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A quorum was declared present.

Staff Attending:

Lloyd Merrell, City Manager
Brooke Knoll, City Secretary
Warren Escovy, Assistant City Manager
Chris Hudson, Police Captain
Lawrence Siska, Director of Parks/Streets/Drainage
Mark Pulos, Public Works Director
Tim Kirwin, City Attorney
Robert Worley, Executive Director SEDC

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 meetings held:

- **February 13, 2020 – Special Meeting**
- **February 18, 2020 – Regular Meeting**

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Noack 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 a performance agreement between the Sealy EDC and Sealy Chamber of Commerce for funding of building improvements.

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve a performance agreement between the Sealy EDC and Sealy Chamber of Commerce for funding of building improvements. Councilman Koy 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 award or reject the bid for the city gas gate project.

Councilwoman Lerma moved to reject the bid for the city gas gate project. Councilman Burttschell seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve a contract for the Highway 36 utility project.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve a contract for the Highway 36 utility project. Mayor Whitehead seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance canceling the City of Sealy's General Election scheduled for May 2, 2020. (*This is the first of two readings.*)

Councilman Burttschell moved to approve an ordinance canceling the City of Sealy's General Election scheduled for May 2, 2020. Councilwoman Sullivan 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 adopt an ordinance amending parking regulation in the Downtown District. (*This is the second of two readings.*)

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to **adopt an ordinance amending parking regulation in the Downtown District. Councilman Noack 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. 2020-02.)

12. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution declaring certain property as salvage/surplus property and ordering its disposition.

Councilman Noack moved to approve a Resolution declaring certain property as salvage/surplus property and ordering its disposition. Councilwoman Lerma 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. 2020-08.)

13. Discussion and possible action to discuss the City of Sealy's Tax Abatement Policy. (Councilman Koy)

City Attorney Tim Kirwin recommended that council take no action at this time.

14. City Manager's report and possible discussion:

- **Map updates from GIS Technician**
- **CenterPoint Correspondence**

City Manager Lloyd Merrell briefly updated the council on the topics listed above.

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;**
 - **Sealy ISD.**

City council recessed open session at 6:21 p.m.

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

City council reconvened into open session at 6:33 p.m.

No action was taken.

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

Councilwoman Lerma

- She thanked staff for the nice landscaping at the Hill Community Center.
- She asked if requests for future agenda items can be moved before executive session.

Councilman Noack

- None

Councilwoman Sullivan

- She stated that the bricks at Cryan Park look very unsightly and something needs to be done about them.

Councilman Koy

- He requested a drainage workshop with the engineer at the March 17th meeting.
- He wants to get the 99-year land lease straightened out and requested that each councilmember receive a copy.
- He would like staff to notify citizens of the upcoming road closures.

Councilman Burttschell

- He would like staff to make sure the insurance coverage for the new improvements at B&PW Park is up to date.

Mayor Whitehead

- She requested an agenda item to review the tiers for the natural gas rates; she would like to see if an additional tier can be added.

18. Adjournment

At 6:38 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 24th day of April 2020.



Janice Whitehead
Janice Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brooke Knoll
Brooke Knoll, City Secretary