



MINUTES  
SEALY CITY COUNCIL  
415 MAIN STREET  
SEALY, TX 77474  
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020  
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**

Mayor Whitehead waived the Pledges of Allegiance due to a time constraint on the meeting.

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

Present:

Janice Whitehead  
Dee Anne Lerma  
Sandra Vrablec  
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  
Brooke Knoll, City Secretary  
Warren Escovy, Assistant City Manager  
Jay Reeves, Police Chief  
Joey Schmidt, Fire Marshal/IT  
Lawrence Siska, Director of Parks/Streets/Drainage  
Tim Kirwin, City Attorney

**4. Proclamations and Special Recognitions**

None

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

None

Mayor Whitehead moved to address item 13 before item 8. Councilwoman Lerma seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes for the meetings held:**
  - **February 29, 2020 - Priorities Meeting**
  - **March 3, 2020 - Regular Meeting**
- b. **AT&T Contracts**
- c. **Ordinance canceling the City of Sealy's General Election scheduled for May 2, 2020**  
***(This is the second of two readings.)***

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

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

The motion carried.

*(Item 6 (c) is enrolled as Ordinance No. 2020-04.)*

- 7. Consideration and approval of an ordinance authorizing and ordering the issuance of the City of Sealy, Texas general obligation refunding bonds, series 2020; authorizing a pricing officer to approve the amount, the interest rates, price, redemption provisions and terms thereof and certain other procedures and provisions related thereto; and containing other matters related thereto. *(Only one reading required for passage of this ordinance.)***

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve an ordinance authorizing and ordering the issuance of the City of Sealy, Texas general obligation refunding bonds, series 2020; authorizing a pricing officer to approve the amount, the interest rates, price, redemption provisions and terms thereof and certain other procedures and provisions related thereto; and containing other matters related thereto. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

The City Secretary took a record vote as follows:

Mayor Whitehead- Aye  
Councilwoman Lerma-Aye  
Councilwoman Vrabec-Aye  
Councilwoman Sullivan-Aye  
Councilman Koy-Aye  
Councilman Burttschell-Aye

The motion carried.

*(This ordinance is enrolled as Ordinance No. 2020-05.)*

- 13. Discussion and possible action to establish a 380 agreement program as allowed by state law for grants and loans to businesses based on COVID-19 for economic development.**

Councilwoman Lerma moved to establish a 380 agreement program as allowed by state law for grants and loans to businesses based on COVID-19 for economic development, to include the revisions the city attorney made note of and to approve the committee nominations consisting of the following five individuals:

Wyn McCready  
Russ Rainwater  
Robert Worley  
Kimbra Hill  
Janice Whitehead

Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried.

**8. Discussion and possible action to award or reject the bid for the city gas gate project.**

Councilman Koy moved to award the bid for the city gas gate project to Diamond D&B Energy Services, LLC. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried.

**9. Discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance amending the gas rates. (*This is the first of two readings.*)**

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to approve an ordinance amending the gas rates. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried.

**10. Discussion and possible action to approve a contract for utility collections.**

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve a contract for utility collections. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

The motion carried.



**11. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution setting an annexation fee for the voluntary and consensual annexation of tracts of land into the Sealy city limits.**

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve a resolution setting an annexation fee for the voluntary and consensual annexation of tracts of land into the Sealy city limits. Councilman Burttschell seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

*(This resolution is enrolled as Resolution No. 2020-09.)*

**12. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution approving the submission of a grant application for the Sealy Police Department Equipment Update Project to the Office of the Governor-Criminal Justice Division.**

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve a resolution approving the submission of a grant application for the Sealy Police Department Equipment Update Project to the Office of the Governor-Criminal Justice Division. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

*(This resolution is enrolled as Resolution No. 2020-10.)*

**14. City Manager's report and possible discussion:**

**a. A workshop to discuss:**

- Internet connection regarding internet and phone service

**b. COVID-19 response from the city.**

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

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

Councilwoman Lerma

- None

Councilwoman Vrabec

- None

Councilwoman Sullivan

- She would like staff to look into engineering costs to the City for annexation.

Councilman Koy

- He requested an agenda item to discuss the SISD parking lot variance.
- He requested a future agenda item to discuss moving forward on drainage plans from the B&PW Park to the I-10 feeder along Allen's Creek.

- He requested an agenda item to view the EDC's 6-year cash projection report.
- He requested an agenda item to discuss having emergency appropriations for the \$250,000 COVID-19 money by amending the city budget.

Councilman Burttschell

- None

Mayor Whitehead

- None

#### 16. Adjournment

At 7:00 p.m., Councilwoman Vrabec 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, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy, Burttschell

NOES: None

The motion carried.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.



  
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Janice Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Brooke Knoll, City Secretary