



MINUTES  
SEALY CITY COUNCIL  
415 MAIN STREET  
SEALY, TX 77474  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 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 gave the Invocation.

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

Present:

Janice Whitehead	Mayor
Dee Anne Lerma	Councilmember, Place 1
Chris Noack	Councilmember, Place 2
Sandra Vrablec	Councilmember, Place 3/Mayor Pro tem
Jennifer Sullivan	Councilmember, Place 4
Larry Koy	Councilmember, Place 5
Adam Burttschell	Councilmember, Place 6

Absent:

None

A quorum was declared present.

Staff attending:

Lloyd Merrell, City Manager  
Warren Escovy, Asst. City Manager  
Brooke Knoll, City Secretary  
Joey Schmidt, Fire Marshal/IT  
Steven Kutra, Finance Director  
Jay Reeves, Police Chief  
Scott Riske, Police Captain  
Mark Pulos, Public Works Director  
Lawrence Siska, Director of Parks/Streets/Drainage  
Robert Worley, Sealy EDC Executive Director  
Tim Kirwin, City Attorney  
Kim Kaiser, HR Administrator  
Kimbra Hill, Main Street Manager

4. **Proclamations and Special Recognitions**

None

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

None

**6. Discussion and possible action regarding City adopting zoning.**

Warren Escovy gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions that councilmembers had regarding zoning.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to direct staff to send out a flyer in the next utility bills to educate the public about zoning and offer citizens a way to respond by mail and/or in-person at City Hall. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: Koy

The motion carried.

**7. Discussion and possible action regarding purchasing of new vehicles, equipment and fencing for the 2020/2021 fiscal year City Budget.**

Council and staff discussed the purchasing of new vehicles, equipment and fencing for the 2020/2021 fiscal year City Budget.

No action was taken.

**8. Discussion and possible action regarding adding new employment positions to the 2020/2021 fiscal year City Budget.**

At 8:04 pm, Councilman Noack moved to table this agenda item to be moved after agenda item 16. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

Council revisited this topic at 9:38 pm.

No action was taken.

**9. Discussion and possible action regarding filling of employment positions for 2020/2021 fiscal year.**

At 8:05 pm, Councilman Noack moved to table this agenda item to be moved after item 16, and fall after item 8. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

The council revisited this topic at 9:41 pm.

No action was taken.

**10. Discussion and possible action regarding a utility rate increase.**

Council discussed the possibility of a utility rate increase. This item will be presented again at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

No action was taken.

**11. Discussion and possible action regarding the creation and implementation of a master utility plan for water, sewer, gas and a master drainage plan.**

Lloyd Merrell discussed the need for the creation and implementation of a master utility plan for water, sewer, gas and a master drainage plan. Mark Pulos expects the total cost to be approximately \$450,000.

No action was taken.

**12. Discussion and possible action regarding Sealybration funds.**

Lloyd Merrell is going to check with Melanie Willingham about getting a spreadsheet regarding how much money will be able to be transferred to next year for the same entertainers. He is going to let her know that the Sealy Community Foundation will need to provide a written request to move those funds from this year to next year's event.

**13. Presentation and discussion regarding platting and planning processes.**

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

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

The motion carried.

**14. Discussion and possible action regarding sound system at the Hill Community Center.**

Joey Schmidt presented council with a quote that was approximately \$3,000 lower than the additional quotes that were already provided.

No action was taken.

**15. Discussion and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Austin County for election services.**

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve two agreements with Austin County for election services. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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



NOES: None

The motion carried.

**16. Discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance ordering and calling the City of Sealy 2020 special election. (According to the City of Sealy Home Rule Charter, Section 3.12(3) – Procedures to Enact Legislation, only one reading is required for final passage of this ordinance.)**

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve an ordinance ordering and calling the City of Sealy 2020 special election.

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

*(This ordinance is enrolled as Ordinance No. 2020-09.)*

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

Councilwoman Lerma

- None

Councilman Noack

- He requested an agenda item to discuss the dedication of park land.
- He requested an agenda item to discuss the duties of the mayor pro tem.
- He mentioned that he wants to be able to trust staff, but if staff wants his trust, then they should do what council says.
- He said he's struggling with the mayor holding her position after she moves out of the city limits.

Councilwoman Vrabec

- None

Councilwoman Sullivan

- She requested an agenda item to discuss the downtown parking.
- She requested an agenda item to discuss adding the cost of engineering to the annexation fee schedule.

Councilman Koy

- He said he would like to discuss the process of resignation of the mayor once she no longer lives in town.

Councilman Burttschell

- He said he would like an agenda item to not only discuss parking on Main Street, but to review the ordinance.
- He commented that tonight's meeting was pretty extensive, and he respects how everything went down today. He thinks council received a lot of great information and thanked everyone who participated.

Mayor Whitehead

- She said she has had extensive conversations with the city attorney regarding what will happen when she's no longer in town as of September 16. She asked Tim Kirwin to have that conversation with Councilman Koy. The Texas Constitution states that it needs to remain as a holdover position.

#### 18. Adjournment

At 9:53 p.m., Councilwoman Lerma moved that the city council stand adjourned until the next scheduled meeting. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2020.



  
Janice Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Brooke Knoll, City Secretary