

# MINUTES SEALY CITY COUNCIL 415 MAIN STREET SEALY, TX 77474 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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.

## 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
Larry Koy
Adam Burttschell
Councilmember, Place 4
Councilmember, Place 5
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
Mark Pulos, Public Works Director
Lawrence Siska, Director of Parks/Streets/Drainage
Robert Worley, Sealy EDC Executive Director
Tim Kirwin, City Attorney

# 4. Proclamations and Special Recognitions

None

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

None

6. PUBLIC HEARING: The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments concerning the proposed City of Sealy fiscal year 2020-2021 budget.

Mayor Whitehead opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Whitehead closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding amendments to the proposed City of Sealy fiscal year 2020-2021 budget by the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Place 3, Councilmember Place 1, Councilmember Place 2, Councilmember Place 4, Councilmember Place 5, and Councilmember Place 6.

Mayor: No motion

Mayor Pro Tem/ Councilmember Place 3: No motion

Councilmember Place 1: No motion Councilmember Place 2: No motion Councilmember Place 6: No motion

Councilman Koy (Place 5) moved to approve the budget to include the proposed changes that were listed on his spreadsheet and provided in the meeting packet. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Sullivan Koy,

NOES: Whitehead, Lerma, Noack, Vrablec, Burttschell

The motion failed.

Councilwoman Sullivan (Place 4) moved to approve the proposed changes she presented, with a change to EDC funds on projects-instead of funds going towards infrastructure projects, they should go towards business incentives. Councilman Koy seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Vrablec, Sullivan Koy,

NOES: Whitehead, Lerma, Noack, Burttschell

The motion failed.

8. Discussion and possible action to either postpone the vote or approve an ordinance adopting the City of Sealy, Texas budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021. (Per the City of Sealy Home Rule Charter, Section 3.12. (1) Procedure to Enact Legislation, and Section 7.02.E. Adoption, only one reading is required for final passage of this ordinance. A record vote will be taken.)

Councilwoman Lerma moved to approve an ordinance adopting the City of Sealy, Texas budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021. Mayor Whitehead seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

AYES: Whitehead, Lerma,

NOES: Noack, Vrablec, Sullivan, Koy

The motion failed.

This agenda item will be presented again at the September 24th special meeting.

## 9. Request(s) for future agenda items and comment(s).

## Councilman Burttschell

None

## Councilman Koy

- He asked if there is a meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hill Center.
- He said he cannot attend a special meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> and prefers it to be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> instead.
- He said he saw a sign on Highway 36 near 2<sup>nd</sup> Street that says "Taco Wagon Park". He
  thought there was an ordinance in place and wants staff to check into this.
- He said the valves at B&PW Park and Cryan Park need to be opened to let the water out. Lawrence Siska reported that they are open.

#### Councilwoman Sullivan

None

#### Councilwoman Vrablec

None

#### Councilman Noack

He requested an agenda item to discuss the council meeting schedule for November. His suggestion is to cancel the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and re-schedule it for November 5<sup>th</sup>. He would then like to go back to the normal schedule on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### Councilwoman Lerma

• She requested an agenda item to amend the City's disaster declaration at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

## 10. Adjournment

At 7:43 p.m., Councilwoman Lerma moved that the city council stand adjourned until the next scheduled meeting. Councilman Burttschell seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of October 2020.



Janice Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brooke Knoll, City Secretary