



MINUTES
SEALY CITY COUNCIL
W.E. HILL COMMUNITY CENTER
1000 MAIN STREET
SEALY, TX 77474
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021
5:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Bilski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Present:

Carolyn Bilski
Dee Anne Lerma
Chris Noack
Sandra Vrablec
Jennifer Sullivan
Larry Koy
Adam Burttschell

Mayor
Councilmember, Place 1
Councilmember, Place 2
Councilmember, Place 3/Mayor Pro tem
Councilmember, Place 4
Councilmember, Place 5 (arrived at 5:09 p.m.)
Councilmember, Place 6

Absent:

None

A quorum was declared present.

Staff Attending:

Warren Escovy, Interim City Manager
Mercedes Bencomo, Deputy City Secretary
Mark Pulos, Public Works Director
Rudy Flores, Assistant Public Works Director
Lawrence Siska, Director of Parks/Streets/Drainage
Scott Riske, Police Captain

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

None

4. **Discussion and possible action regarding gas utility issues (including rates) from winter freeze.**

Councilwoman Lerma moved to adjourn from open session and go into executive session to discuss this agenda item. Councilman Koy seconded the motion. Mayor Bilski called for the vote:

AYES: Bilski, Lerma, Noack, Vrablec, Sullivan, Koy, Burttschell
NOES: None

The motion carried.

5. 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; – Lloyd Merrell v. City of Sealy and Mayor Carolyn Bilski
- b. **Sec. 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY;** The City will meet in closed session to seek the advice of its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter; tax abatements and 380 agreements; service area contract between the City of Sealy and Austin County Water Service Corp; first amendment to annexation and development agreement (Gas Utility Issue).

Mayor Bilski said agenda item 5(a) is not ready for discussion at this time.

The city council recessed open session at 5:01 p.m.

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

The city council reconvened into open session at 6:21 p.m.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to pay the gas bill that is due through the water and sewer fund. Councilwoman Lerma seconded the motion. Mayor Bilski called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

(This motion pertains to agenda item 4.)

7. Requests for future agenda items, comments, and announcements.

Mayor Bilski reminded council that there will be a priorities meeting on March 30th.

There were no additional requests, comments, or announcements.

8. Adjournment

At 6:33 p.m., Councilwoman Lerma moved that the city council stand adjourned until the next scheduled meeting. Councilwoman Vrabec seconded the motion. Mayor Bilski called for the vote:

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

NOES: None

The motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of April 2021.



Carolyn Bilski
Carolyn Bilski, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brooke Knoll
Brooke Knoll, City Secretary