A regular meeting of the City Council of Sweeny, Texas, was held at City Hall on July 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm to consider the following items of business:

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeff Farley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**


**Staff Present:** Cindy King, City Manager; Reatta Minshew, City Secretary; John Barnard, Chief of Police; Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney and Gene West, Dir. of Public Works.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge to the American Flag
The Pledge to the Texas Flag
Led by Councilman Neal Bess Jr.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Frankie Powell from Alan Memorial Church of God in Christ.

**VISITORS COMMENTS**

**COMMENDATIONS**

1. **PRESENTATIONS**

   A. Proclamation:

   B. **Fire Department Report:** Roger Barton / announced the Fire Department collected $2,270.00 for Muscular Dystrophy “Fill the Boot” on the 4th of July.

   Mayor Farley thanked the Fire Dept for serving at the Old Fashion 4th of July Celebration at the Back-Yard Park. They had a firetruck there for the kids to see explore.
2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   A. Approval of Minutes: June 18, 2019
   B. Bills for: $45,093.18

Neal Bess Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes and to pay the bills in the amount of $45,093.18. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
   A. Consumer Confidence Report/ Annual Report per TCEQ

Mayor Farley explained this report is sent out by the Water Operator and shows if we had any deficiencies that year.

*Open: 6:07 pm*

None.

*Closed: 6:08 pm*

4. **REGULAR AGENDA**

*Unfinished Business*

A. **Discuss / Take Action Annexation of Residents with City Utilities**

Attorney Charlie Stevenson stated that legislature totally revamped the annexation laws for the state of Texas this session. They eliminated annexation without consent of the property owners. So, we no longer have those options to us. We can annex if all the property owners request it or if its less than 200 population, we must have a petition from 50% of the registered property owners. Mayor Farley stated the properties that have city utilities are; Brian Brooks, Beverly Paris, Rob Goodrum and Smokey Ahbare. Ms. King asked if we could go ask them if they would like to be annexed. Charlie Stevenson stated “yes, we can certainly ask them”.

Tim Pettigrew made a motion that we contact these residences, in person, as stated and the sixteen residence along FM 524 and a few on CR 321. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. **Discuss/ Take Action Walking Museum in City Parks / Rhonda Kennedy**

Rhonda Kennedy representing Sweeny Rotary asked the council for permission to do a Historical Project in Backyard Park along the walking trail. Granit Plaque Markers that read with the History of Sweeny. There will be 10 in total. Ms. Kennedy stated they are hoping to have them in the park by Pride Day, May 2020.

Neal Bess made a motion to grant permission to Sweeny Rotary to place 10 Granit Plaques in Backyard Park, Walking thru Sweeny History. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. **Discuss / Take Action / Update Westside Drainage Project**

Ms. King stated that Union Pacific is getting more information.

Neal Bess Jr. made a motion to table. Tim Pettigrew seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
**New Business**

A. Discuss / Take Action Consumer Confidence Report
Tim Pettigrew made a motion to accept the Consumer Confidence Report as written. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss / Take Action Award Bid to Cedar St. Lift Station Generator
William Huebner with Strand Assoc. addressed the council and stated we received two bids. The low bidder was C.F. McDonald Electric Inc. $58,469.00. Strand Associates recommends this company and this bid, which comes in under budget. The city received a FEMA Grant for this project. The city will pay and be reimbursed.
Tim Pettigrew made a motion to accept the bid of $58,469.00 from C.F. McDonald Electric Inc for the Cedar Street lift station generator. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Discuss / Take Action Tax Abatement Guideline and Criteria Resolution
Ms. King stated this is approved by council every two years. This is a resolution we keep in place in case someone wants to build a subdivision, commercial business etc, and they want a tax abatement. Without have the resolution in place we would not be able to grant an abatement to them.
Tim Pettigrew made a motion to accept the resolution to grant tax abatement guidelines. Neal Bess Jr. seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Discuss / Take Action City Manager Handling of Personal Issues / Neal Bess Jr.
Mr. Bess stated that he received a call from an employee that was disciplined. This employee thought his discipline was out of order. Mr. Bess just wants the city manager to contact all the council members if this should happen again.
No Action.

E. Discuss / Take Action Resignation of Cindy King
Mayor Farley read the resignation from City Manager Cindy King. Ms. King is giving her two weeks’ notice as of July 18, 2019. Her last day will be Aug. 1, 2019.
Mayor Farley stated it is posted on TML’s website. Charlie Stevenson stated council needs to have a special meeting to consider an interim and set criteria for the new city manager, etc.
Tim Pettigrew made a motion to accept the resignation of Cindy King. Sandra Blaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Set Date for Budget Workshop
Council set Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

5. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

6. **RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**
   1. Open Meeting Time:
   2. Action on Executive Session:
7. **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:**

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** 6:55 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____DAY OF ________________, 2019

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Reatta Minshew, City Secretary