

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

January 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to order and quorum call.** Mayor Ball called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. In attendance were Aldermen Fillinger, Crickmer, Bricken, Puente and Repino, City Attorney Casandra Ortiz, and City Secretary Katherine Yelton.
2. **Mayor and Administrator Announcements/Updates**
 - a) New Municipal building updates – Goal is to move into the new building in March. Septic system was complete a couple of weeks ago. The ADA ramp is in place. Electrical work is complete and in test mode. Plumbers are on site and per Alderman Fillinger will be finished early next week.
 - b) Surveyors related to GrantWorks – Beginning next week, surveyors will be in the City doing an economic survey and letters are going out to those impacted by the surveyors. Surveyors will appear with badges and car decals. The Marshal and Deputy are aware in case they get any calls.
 - c) Municipal building extension from GSA – Federal Surplus allows one year to put the new building into use. The City received an extension through June 2021.
 - d) This item was not on the original agenda and was added by Mayor Ball. She indicated the cases of COVID-19 in Sandy Oaks have had significant increase. November 2020 was at 85 and December 2020 at 285.
3. **Citizens to be heard.** No citizens signed up to speak.
4. **Consent Agenda.**
 - a) Approve the minutes from the December 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.
 - b) Approve the minutes from the January 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.
Alderman Fillinger made a motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented, which was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.
6. **Marshal**
 - a) Updates and Announcements from Marshal Lopez with possible discussion and action. This item was pulled by Mayor Ball as Marshal Lopez had no updates or announcements.
7. **Animal Control**
 - a) Updates and Announcements from Animal Control Advisory Committee Chair Gary Bricken with possible discussion and action. Mayor Ball reiterated that the focus for addressing animal control in the City is for aggressive animals or dog on human bites and, generally, the City will not be taking in strays. Alderman Bricken apologized for the delay in continuing the work of the ACAC and stated the focus of the committee has been altered by outside events which makes the work of the committee more important than ever before. Alderman Bricken asked that current and potential members contact him through his City email address so he can coordinate a date and time for the next meeting.
8. **Public Works/Parks**
 - a) Updates and Announcements from Park Advisory Committee Chair Tom Repino with possible discussion and action. Alderman Repino stated the next committee meeting is scheduled for Feb 2, 2021.

- b) Discuss and possible action on obtaining City Council approval for the allotment of funds necessary to construct a water trailer. Alderman Fillinger stated he located a trailer chassis that needs to have planks added and the City already owns a water tank. Alderman Repino made a motion to approve the purchase for \$550.00, which was seconded by Alderman Crickmer and passed unanimously.

9. Administration

- a) Discuss and possible action on awarding the work to install a parking lot and an ADA compliant sidewalk for the new Municipal building. Alderman Fillinger made a motion to award the parking and ADA sidewalk job to Frank's Contracting for \$10,250.00, which was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.
- b) Discuss and possible action on a resolution approving a policy on employee emergency sick leave due to COVID-19. Alderman Fillinger made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.
- c) Discuss and possible action on quotes for installation of IT equipment for the new Municipal building. Alderman Fillinger made a motion to award the contract to JDL Solutions for \$11,000.00, which was seconded by Alderman Puente and passed unanimously.
- d) Public Hearing: Hold a public hearing regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) for the Lowman/Hilltop Peaks drainage project. The purpose of this hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. Mayor Ball announced the Public Hearing in session at 7:21 p.m. and explained the intent of the application to the Texas Department of Agriculture. She then confirmed with the City Secretary that no emails were received from citizens wishing to sign up to speak and confirmed there were no citizens on the Zoom meeting who dialed in to speak. Mayor Ball then closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m.
- e) Discussion and possible action on the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) for the Lowman/Hilltop Peaks drainage project. Alderman Fillinger made a motion to proceed with submitting an application contingent on the results of the LMI survey, which was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.

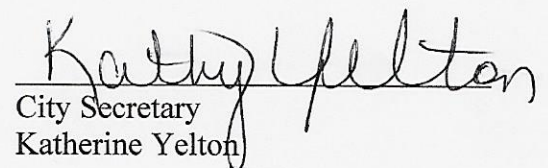
10. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 11th DAY OF February 2021.

ATTEST:



Mayor
Micki L. Ball



City Secretary
Katherine Yelton