

**CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TX**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**March 14, 2015**

**INTRODUCTION**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Clement at 9:00 a.m.

Also present for the meeting were Aldermen Joel Ortega, David Tremblay, Earnest Gay, Doug Tomasini, and Alderwoman Micki Ball. City Attorney Art Martinez de Vara was also present.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

The invocation was given by the Mayor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**Agenda Item 3** The city of Sandy Oaks has received the first payment from CPS and deposited in the city's account with Chase, in the amount of \$25,224.24. There are items to follow in the agenda to pay from our account (Mayor Clement)

**Agenda Item 4** Citizens to be heard. B.J. Gillespie spoke on typos in resolutions and ordinances, the sales tax error and other mistakes made. James Davis Not getting answers to his questions about how much the city attorney is being paid. He also questioned the ability to answer questions about executive sessions. The city attorney stated that his rate of pay is \$150.00 per hour. Catherine Rehndahl thanked the council for getting unfinished items up to date. She also discussed the lease between Waterwood Development and the City of Sandy Oaks for rental/use of the Clubhouse.

**Agenda Item 5** Unfinished business

**5a** August 16 meeting. Item 6: Discuss and consider approving a lease agreement between the City of Sandy Oaks, Texas and Waterwood Development Co. for rental/use of the Clubhouse to hold regular and special meeting of the City of Sandy Oaks City Council and Municipal Court. Alderwoman Ball asked about the lease agreement from that meeting. That lease agreement was for the initial meeting. The city attorney stated he thought there was no current lease. A discussion was held on who has ownership of the clubhouse, Waterwood Development or the WPPOA. Since it seems that the property now belongs to the WPPOA, Alderman Tremblay asked that Mayor Clement, recuse himself as President of the WPPOA, from the discussion. The City Attorney suggested the council go into Executive Session to discuss this matter. The council went into Executive Session. When they returned, Mayor Pro-tem Gay announced that the agenda item was incorrectly written and that no action would be taken. The City Attorney also stated there was no lease agreement for the Clubhouse. Mayor Pro-tem Gay then turned the meeting back over to the mayor.

**5b** August 28 meeting. Item 4: City Attorney presentation on the Texas Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act. The City Attorney stated that the plan was to conduct the training at the clubhouse during the meeting but there is no internet connection to make that possible. Alderwoman Ball stated she had the link

posted on the city website for the training, she also asked the City Attorney to give a brief overview of the acts. After the overview, he also emphasized the requirement for all city officials to take the training.

**5c** August 28 meeting. Item 20: Discuss and consider adopting an ordinance regulating health and sanitation standards. As **item 10** on this agenda addresses the same issue they will be combined. The City Attorney went over the ordinance to be presented. Discussion was held on permits being issued. Alderwoman Ball made a motion to adopt the ordinance establishing health and safety regulations as presented by the City Attorney. Alderman Tremblay seconded. Vote for was unanimous

**5d** October 9 meeting, Item 10. Discuss and consider setting a date for a public workshop on animal control. The mayor spoke on some of the problems the city is having with animal control. Alderwoman Ball made a motion to hold the workshop on Saturday, March 28, at 2 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Gay. Vote for was unanimous.

**5e** November 13 meeting, Item 5: A resolution providing for an ordinance adopting the requirement of a permit for the sale of fireworks within the City of Sandy Oaks. The City Attorney gave a brief overview of the ordinance. A discussion was held on prohibiting sales in the city. The City Attorney said that a public hearing should be held before a decision is made. Local fire officials should be invited. The hearing can be done in a regular meeting. It was decided to take it up at the next meeting. No action taken.

**Agenda Item 6** Approval for payment to Bexar County Elections \$8,139.27, La Prensa \$1,109.25, and the City Attorney 6,962.50. The Bexar County payment was for the Nov election \$1,261.25. The remaining invoice was for the council elections and is in dispute. Alderwoman Ball made a motion to pay La Prensa as presented and the City Attorney and the non-disputed amount to Bexar County Elections. Alderman Gay seconded. Vote for was unanimous.

**Agenda Item 7** February 12 meeting Item 8: Discuss requiring a city permit for merchandise and food sales on any property within the city limits that is not an established business. Approve a Master Fee/Fine Schedule (Alderman Tremblay /Alderwoman Ball). The City Attorney went over the ordinance. A discussion was held on exemptions. Alderman Gay made a motion to add scouting organizations to the exemptions. Alderman Tremblay seconded. Vote for was unanimous. The Master Fee/Fine Schedule was presented by the City Attorney. All fees/fines will be recorded on the master schedules. Alderman Tremblay made a motion to accept the Master Fine schedule and instruct the city clerk to propagate the ordinance. Alderwoman Ball seconded. Vote for was unanimous. Alderman Tremblay made a motion to accept the Master Fee Schedule and have the city clerk propagate the ordinance. Alderman Gay seconded. Vote for was unanimous.

**Agenda Item 8** February 12 Item 12: Discuss additional Franchise Fees available/collectable by the city and refer application process to the city attorney. (Alderman Tremblay/Alderwoman Ball) The City Attorney has reached out to SAWS about franchise fees, which they do not want to honor and also recommended looking into a solid waste contract which could lower the resident's monthly payments. A discussion was held on the pros of a solid waste contract. The City Attorney suggested doing a price survey before doing a RFP. All other options discussed would require passing the fee on to the residents. The council needs to decide what options they want on the RFP, and hold a public hearing. The City Attorney will contact SAWS and CenterPoint Energy about franchise agreements and write a RFP for a solid waste contract. The item will be brought up at the next regular meeting.



**Agenda Item 9** February 12 meeting Item 13: Discuss and adopt a resolution making Emergency Service District 6 (ESD6) the official fire protection service for the City of Sandy Oaks (Aldерwoman Ball/Alderman Tremblay). The City Attorney explained the resolution. A representative from the ESD6 was present and answered questions. Alderman Tremblay made a motion to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Aldерwoman Ball. Vote for was unanimous.

**Agenda Item 11** Approve amended ordinance 2014-2, procedures pertaining to council agendas/meetings. To add "Unfinished Business" to the agendas. The City Attorney was unaware of the need to amend but brought his laptop and was able to amend the ordinance at this time. Alderman Gay made a motion to accept the amended ordinance 2014-2. Alderman Ortega seconded. Vote for was unanimous.

Aldерwoman Ball made a motion to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. /Seconded by Alderman Gay

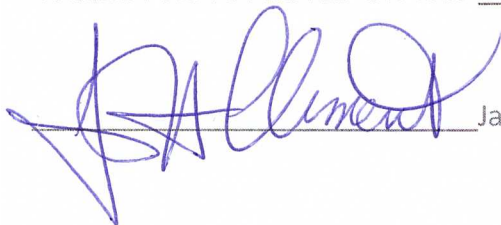
ATTEST



City Clerk

Charlotte Rabe

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2015



James H. Clement, Mayor