

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to order and quorum call** – Mayor Ball called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Aldermen Walker, Tremblay, Fillinger and Repino, City Attorney Casandra Ortiz, and City Secretary Katherine Yelton. Alderman Yelton was absent.
2. **Citizens to be heard** – No citizens signed up to speak.
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a) Approve the minutes from the June 11, 2020 Regular Council meeting.
 - b) Approve the minutes from the June 25, 2020 Regular Council meeting.
 - c) Approve the minutes from the July 9, 2020 Regular Council meeting.

Mayor Ball pulled item (a) for further discussion. Alderman Tremblay made a motion to approve the remaining two items, which was seconded by Alderman Fillinger and passed unanimously. Mayor Ball stated she would like to add to the minutes from June 11, 2020 under 7(b) “To address complaints addressed to the Marshal’s office...” to the beginning of the first sentence of the minutes and to add to the end of the first sentence of the minutes in 9(c) “...for the municipal infrastructure project”. Alderman Fillinger made a motion to approve the amendment to the minutes, which was seconded by Alderman Tremblay and passed unanimously.

4. **Administration**

- a) Consideration and approval of an ordinance by the City Council of the City of Sandy Oaks, Texas authorizing the issuance of “City of Sandy Oaks, Texas General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020” and other matters incident and related thereto. Financial Advisor Andrew Freedman from SAMCO informed Council the results of the bond sale were one bid from Frost Bank at a fixed rate for 15 years of 2.78%. As a first-time borrower, SAMCO was assuming an interest rate of 4%, so the interest rate savings is about \$100,000.00 over the course of 15 years. The bond was put out to bid with approximately 30 banks and Frost Bank was the only response received back. Mr. Freedman stated that with the COVID-19 pandemic, banks are overwhelmed with PPE loans resulting from the CARES Act. While Mr. Freedman was hoping for more bids, he said he is very happy with the bid from Frost Bank. He stated they are looking at debt service payments at roughly \$66,000 a year, per year for the next 15 years. The bonds will be callable after 9 years where they can then be refinanced if interest rates are lower or can be paid off. Should the City choose to move forward, the City would levy an Interest & Savings (“I&S”) tax rate in addition to its maintenance and operations (“M&O”) tax rate and the debt service payments would be factored into the upcoming budget. The funds would then come in from tax collections over the latter part of 2020 and into the new year. The requisite revenues would be on deposit to then make the first principle and interest payment scheduled for March 1, 2021. The bonds would mature in 2035 if left untouched. If moving forward, the money will be deposited into the City’s depository bank on August 20, 2020. The interest in sinking tax rate that the City will adopt will be a calculation based upon the certified values that the City is set to receive in the next few days. As the Truth in Taxation worksheet is being filled out, the first annual payment of \$67,294.00 would be factored into the certified values and the formula would kick out the correct I&S tax rate that the City would need to levy to make the payment come March. Mr. Freedman said this number will change annually based on each year’s certified values. He also mentioned that principal payments are made annually (March 1), whereas interest

payments are made semiannually (March 1 and September 1). Alderman Tremblay made a motion to approve the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the obligation bonds and giving the mayor authorization to execute all needed documents. This was seconded by Alderman Fillinger and passed unanimously.

- b) Public Hearing regarding Master Plan 2020 and possible discuss/action on approving an ordinance adopting Master Plan 2020. Alderman Fillinger made a motion to amend the ordinance presented to Council by adding “*WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the Master Plan on June 27, 2020 to receive input from the public and make a recommendation to the City Council on adoption of the Master Plan; and*” before the last whereas and to correct the date in the last whereas to July 23, 2020. This motion was seconded by Alderman Tremblay and passed unanimously. Alderman Tremblay then made a motion to approve the ordinance, as amended, which was seconded by Alderman Walker and passed unanimously.
- c) Discuss and/or possible action on Ordinance 2020-163 ordering a general election to be held on November 3, 2020 for the purpose of electing the Mayor, Alderman Place 2 and Alderman Place 4. Alderman Fillinger made a motion to approve the ordinance ordering a general election, which was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.
- d) Discuss and/or possible action on quotes received for the demolition and removal of the condemned house located at 4819 Young Oak. Alderman Tremblay made a motion to approve the quote received from HTex for a cost not to exceed \$6,750.00, which was seconded by Alderman Fillinger and passed unanimously.
- e) Discuss and/or possible action on Ordinance 2020-166 amending Ordinance No. 2018-105 regulating vendors, peddlers, and solicitors. Motions were made to make the following amendments to the proposed ordinance:
 - Section K – Alderman Fillinger made a motion to change “such fee shall be waived” to “such fee may be waived”, which was seconded by Alderman Tremblay and passed unanimously. Alderman Tremblay made a motion to change the fee and number of days to \$25.00 for any event lasting up to 3 days and \$60.00 for any event lasting 4 to 7 days. This was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.
 - Alderman Walker made a motion to amend the definition of “Special Event” to not exceed 7 days, which was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.
 - Alderman Walker made a motion to change the definition of “Retailer” to read “is a person or business that enters into a rental or lease agreement for no less than 6 months or owns space in a commercial area for the sale of food, beverages, goods, services, wares, and merchandise from the business to a consumer”. This was seconded by Alderman Fillinger with Alderman Repino in favor. Alderman Tremblay opposed. The motion carried.
 - Section M(5) – Alderman Fillinger made a motion to change the title from “Prohibited Areas” to “Approved and Prohibited Areas”. This was seconded by Alderman Tremblay and passed unanimously.

Alderman Fillinger made a motion to approve the ordinance, as amended, which was seconded by Alderman Repino with Alderman Walker in favor. Alderman Tremblay opposed. The motion carried and the ordinance passed.

5. Parks & Recreation

- a) Discuss and/or possible action on painting the interior walls of the park restrooms. Alderman Repino made a motion to approve no more than \$300.00 for the purchase of paint and supplies with the intent to ask for volunteers from the Park Advisory Committee to paint the inside walls of the restroom. This motion was seconded by Alderman Fillinger

and passed unanimously. Alderman Fillinger stated that if no volunteers are found, he will paint the walls.

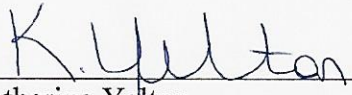
6. Animal Control

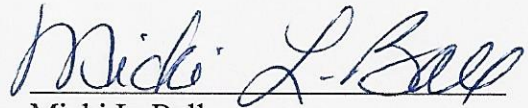
- a) Discuss and/or Possible Action on Nominations for Animal Shelter Advisory Committee. Alderman Walker nominated and made a motion to appoint Dr. Hill as the required licensed veterinarian and Lynette Federspill as the required representative from an animal welfare organization to the committee. This motion was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.
- b) Discuss and/or possible action Alderman Walker's resignation from Animal Shelter Advisory Committee. Alderman Fillinger made a motion to accept Alderman Walker's resignation, which was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.
- c) Discuss and/or Possible Action on Nomination of Parliamentarian for Animal Control Advisory Committee. After some discussion, Mayor Ball pulled this item and referred it back to the committee for further consideration.

7. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 27th DAY OF AUGUST 2020.

ATTEST:


Katherine Yelton
City Secretary


Micki L. Ball
Mayor