

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
September 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to order and quorum call.** Mayor Ball called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. In attendance were Aldermen Fillinger, Walker, Repino, and Tremblay, City Attorney Casandra Ortiz, and City Secretary Katherine Yelton. Absent was Alderman Yelton.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Led by Mayor Ball
3. **Citizens to be heard.** Pastor Frank Pomeroy, of the Sutherland Springs Baptist Church, signed up to introduce himself as the Republican candidate running for Texas Senate District 21 currently held by Senetor Judith Zaffirini.
4. **Financial/Budget Report.** City Secretary reported the following: Opening balance as of August 1, 2020 of \$106,561.27, checks & payments of \$74,358.92, deposits & credits of \$61,463.42, an outstanding transaction of \$184.43, leaving an ending balance as of August 31, 2020 of \$93,481.34. Alderman Repino made a motion to approve the finance report, as presented, which was seconded by Alderman Fillinger and passed unanimously.
5. **Consent Agenda.** All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the City Council of the City of Sandy Oaks and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

a) Approve the minutes from the August 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

b) Approve the minutes from the August 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Alderman Fillinger made a motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented, which was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ball moved to agenda items 8a & b and 9a & b

8. Marshal

a) Updates and Announcements from Marshal Lopez and possible discussion/action. Marshal Lopez had no updated or announcements.

b) Presentation of monthly report by Marshal Lopez with possible discussion and/or action. Marshal Lopez provided his monthly report for August 2020. Alderman Tremblay asked if it is standard that cars are towed if the driver has no insurance and Marshal Lopez confirmed that is his standard.

9. Animal Control

a) Updates and Announcements from Animal Control Advisory Committee Chair CJ Walker and possible discussion/action. Chair CJ Walker announced the next ACAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m.

b) Presentation of monthly report by ACO Maldonado with possible discussion and/or action. ACO Maldonado provided his monthly report for August 2020. Mayor Ball mentioned that a walk-through of the facility is scheduled from Tuesday next week to finalize the project.

Mayor Ball moved to agenda items 6 and all of 7 in order.

6. Public Hearing

- a) Public Hearing on the Proposed 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Sandy Oaks. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$96,383.72 and 4.78% and of that amount \$15,101.06 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. Mayor Ball opened the Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m. The proposed budget was presented prior to taking any public questions or comments. Mayor Ball discussed some amendments she had made to the original proposed budget. She then addressed two questions submitted by Mr. Douglas Tomasini, "*Does the proposed 2020-2021 budget include funds for the Municipal Complex driveway, parking lot, and security lighting?*". Mayor Ball state the driveway no, the parking lot yes, and the security lighting is addressed as part of what IT will be doing as part of the security cameras. His other questions was, "*From what line item(s) will the Municipal complex driveway, parking lot, and security lighting be paid?*". Mayor Ball said it would be from the Reserve Funding section under Assigned Funds and is called "Municipal Building/FSP". After no further questions or discussion, Mayor Ball closed the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m. and moved on to agenda item 7(a).

7. Administration

- a) Discuss and/or possible action on the Proposed 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Sandy Oaks. Alderman Tremblay made a motion to approve the amendments to the original proposed budget, which was seconded by Alderman Repino. Alderman Tremblay then made the following motion, "*I move to approve an ordinance adopting the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget presented to the City Council by the Mayor with amendments for the support of the general government of the City of Sandy Oaks to be fixed and determined for said terms in accordance with the expenditures shown in the City's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget*". This was seconded by Alderman Repino. A record vote was taken and the following Aldermen voted in favor of the ordinance; Repino, Tremblay, Walker, and Fillinger. Alderman Yelton was absent.
- b) Discuss and/or possible action on an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Sandy Oaks ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. Alderman Tremblay made the following motion, "*Having adopted the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year, I move to adopt an ordinance ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budgets, which is the amount of \$96,383.72 or 4.78 percent and of that amount \$15,101.06 is tax revenue to be raised from new property tax added to the tax roll this year as reflected in the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget on September 10, 2020.*" This was seconded by Alderman Repino. A record vote was taken and the following Aldermen voted in favor of the ordinance; Repino, Tremblay, Walker, and Fillinger. Alderman Yelton was absent.
- c) Discuss and/or possible action to set the proposed tax rate for 2020, set a meeting date to adopt the 2020 tax rate to support the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget and publish notice of a proposed tax rate. Alderman Repino made the following motion, "*I move the City Council set \$0.291976 as the proposed tax rate for 2020 to be considered for adoption and public hearing on the proposed tax rate held at the September 24, 2020 Regular Meeting with notice to be published in the Wilson County News.*" This was seconded by

Alderman Walker. A record vote was taken and the following Aldermen voted in favor of the ordinance; Repino, Tremblay, Walker, and Fillinger. Alderman Yelton was absent.

- d) Discuss and/or possible action on a resignation letter received from Alderman Michael E. Yelton, Sr. Alderman Fillinger made a motion to accept Alderman Yelton's resignation, which was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.
- e) Discuss and/or possible action on procedures for filling the position of Alderman Place 5 for the unexpired term and/or a resolution to fill the vacancy of Alderman Place 5 for an unexpired term by appointment until the next regular municipal election or by special election. Mayor Ball nominated Jennifer Puente who accepted the nomination. Alderman Tremblay made a motion to approve the appointment of Jennifer Fuente, which was seconded by Alderman Repino. Alderman Fillinger made a motion to approve the resolution filling the vacancy, which was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.
- f) Administer Oath of Office to appointee to Alderman Place 5 for an unexpired term, if necessary. Mayor Ball pulled this item since the oath of office must be administered at City Hall and Alderman Fuente was attending the meeting via Zoom. The oath of office will be administered within the coming week.
- g) Presentation by M&S Engineering on proposal to provide engineering services related to the design, bidding, and construction of the 2019 Street Maintenance Program. Presentation by Jerod Mott with M&S Engineering. The scope of the work is based on a lump sum and hourly not to exceed amount of \$55,800.00, to be billed as services progress. He also mentioned there is a season for paving, which should not be conducted during cold and wet weather, so he suggested beginning the project in Spring 2021.
- h) Discuss and/or possible action on Task order TA014 from M&S Engineering. Alderman Tremblay made a motion to approve the task order with Mayor Ball to act as the City's designated representative for the task order. This was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.

At the request of Alderman Fillinger, Mayor Ball called for a 15-minute recess at 8:32 p.m. after which Mayor Ball called the meeting back to order at 8:47 p.m. Mayor Ball finished off the meeting with agenda items 10, 11, and 12.

10. Public Works

- a) Updates and Announcements from Park Advisory Committee Chair Tom Repino and possible discussion/action. Alderman Repino stated the following morning, weather permitting, Alderman Fillinger, Anne Garza and he are going to investigate the installation of the playground sunshade. He also said that former Alderman Tomasini volunteered to take care of the graffiti on the playground equipment. The restroom interiors have been painted and he is also looking for products to resurface the playground.

11. Municipal Court

- a) Discuss and/or possible action on applications received to fill the vacancy of Court Clerk and appoint Court Clerk, if necessary. Mayor Ball stated three applications had been received, but only one had the required qualifications; however, that candidate had accepted a position elsewhere. Alderman Fillinger made a motion to extend the

application deadline date to the end of business September 23, which was seconded by Alderman Walker and passed unanimously.

- b) Administer Oath of Office to appointee to Court Clerk, if necessary. Pulled by Mayor Ball.

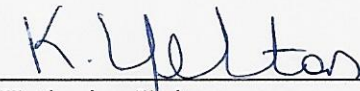
12. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 8th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.



Micki L. Ball
Mayor

ATTEST:



Katherine Yelton
City Secretary