

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

September 24, 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 Tremblay, Fillinger, Repino, Walker, and Puente, City Attorney Casandra Ortiz, and City Secretary Katherine Yelton
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Led by Mayor Ball
3. **Proclamation** of the Mayor recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month in the City. Mayor Ball proclaimed September 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020 as National Hispanic Heritage Month encouraging all Sandy Oaks residents to help celebrate our rich Hispanic heritage and culture and recognize the important roll of Hispanic people in creating and building our community and great nation.
4. **Citizens to be heard.** No citizens signed up to speak.
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 August 2020 City Attorney Invoice 1255 from Kassahn & Ortiz not to exceed \$3,255.00.
 - b) Approve the minutes from the September 10, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.
 - c) Approve Resolution 2020-121 approving an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent property taxes and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

Mayor Ball pulled item (b) as the minutes were not ready for review. Alderman Tremblay made a motion to approve items (a) and (c), which was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.

6. **Public Hearing** to consider the proposed tax rate to support the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. This time is provided for citizens to address the Mayor and Council on the proposed tax rate to support the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year budget, which proposed rate is \$0.291976 on each \$100 valuation of property. Mayor Ball opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m. There were no citizens who signed up to speak; therefore, Mayor Ball closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.
7. **Administration**
 - a) Discuss and/or possible action on Ordinance 2020-173 adopting the levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the use and support of the municipal government for the City of Sandy Oaks, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 not to exceed \$0.291976 on each \$100 valuation of property; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall be delinquent if not paid; providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date. Alderman Repino made the following motion, *"I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.291976 on each \$100 valuation of property, which is effectibvely a 4.78% increase in the tax rate and such rate be adopted by ordinance."* This was seconded by Alderman Fillinger. A record vote was taken, and all

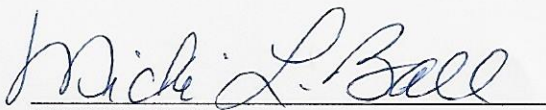
five aldermen voted "Aye" in favor of the motion. Alderman Tremblay made the following motion, *"I move the City Council approve an ordinance adopting a tax rate of \$0.244474 on each \$100 valuation of property be used for the maintenance and support of the general government of the City of Sandy Oaks for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, upon all property, real, personal, and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation and such tax rate be adopted by ordinance."* This was seconded by Alderman Repino. A record vote was taken, and all five aldermen voted "Aye" in favor of the motion. Alderman Walker made the following motion, *"I move the City Council approve an ordinance adopting a tax of \$0.047502 on each \$100 valuation of property to be used for the interest and sinking fund and that such tax rate be adopted by ordinance."* This was seconded by Alderman Repino. A record vote was taken, and all five aldermen voted "Aye" in favor of the motion. Alderman Repino then made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-173, which was seconded by Alderman Fillinger. A record vote was taken, and all five aldermen voted "Aye" in favor of the motion.


- b) Executive Session to deliberate the employment, compensation, hours, duties, benefits, and start date for the Public Works employee pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074. (Personnel Matters)
Mayor Ball called for an executive session at 6:56 p.m. to discuss items 7b & 7c.
- c) Executive Session to deliberate pay adjustments for ACO Chris Maldonado and City Secretary Katherine Yelton for wage leveling purposes pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074. (Personnel Matters)
The executive session ended at 7:33 p.m. at which time Mayor Ball called for a ten-minute recess. She then called the meeting back in order at 7:43 p.m.
- d) Discuss and/or possible action on the employment, compensation, hours, duties, benefits, and start date for the Public Works employee. Alderman Tremblay offered the position to Priscilla Schmitt, who accepted the job. He then made a motion to hire Mrs. Schmitt at a compensation rate of \$15.25 an hour, not to exceed 40 hours a week, and a start date of September 25, 2020. This was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.
- e) Discuss and/or possible action on pay adjustments for ACO Chris Maldonado and City Secretary Katherine Yelton for wage leveling purposes. Alderman Fillinger made a motion to increase the rate of pay for ACO Maldonado to \$16.00 an hour beginning the next wage week, which was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously. Alderman Repino made a motion to increase the rate of pay for City Secretary Yelton to \$16.00 an hour beginning the next wage week, which was seconded by Alderman Puente and passed unanimously.

8. **Adjourn** The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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

ATTEST:


Micki L. Ball
Mayor


Katherine Yelton
City Secretary