

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2021 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 Mayor Pro tem Fillinger, Aldermen Bricken, Repino, Crickmer, and Alderwoman Puente, City Attorney Casandra Ortiz, and City Secretary Charlotte Rabe.
2. **Citizens to be heard. Persons wishing to speak may sign up with the City Clerk at least two hours in advance of the meeting by emailing cityclerk@cityofsandyoaks.com or calling (210) 607-0834.** No citizens signed up to speak.
3. **Mayor & Administrator Announcements/Updates** Mayor Ball said there had been a recommendation from Governor Abbotts office to begin holding meetings open to the public as soon as Sept 1, 2021 but that was before the arrival of the new Delta variant. So, we will just have to wait and see.
4. **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.
 - Approve the minutes from the July 8, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.
 - Ratify spending for water extraction and remediation for the Municipal Building in the amount of \$14,004.79.

Alderman Fillinger made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Alderman Repino. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Police Department

- a) Updates and Announcements from Chief Lopez with possible discussion and action. There were no updates or announcements.

6. Animal Control

- a) Updates and Announcements from Animal Control Advisory Committee (“ACAC”) Chair Jennifer Puente with possible discussion and/or action. Chair Puente reported the next meeting was scheduled for August 9, 2021. She will be in contact with Penny Paws to see if they are available for the next Community Yard sale in the Park August 21, 2021.

7. Public Works/Parks

- a) Update and Announcements from Park Advisory Committee Chair Tom Repino with possible discussion and/or action. Alderman Repino reported that the Committee had met last Tuesday. They discussed grant options available, new recreation equipment and a rental agreement for Council approval. Alderman Repino praised our Community Center Activities Director, Gloria Sarmiento for all that she had accomplished at the center. He also presented the Community Center Rental Agreement for Council approval.
- b) Discuss and or possible action on approving the Sandy Oaks Community Center’s Rental Agreement as submitted by the Park Advisory Committee. The City attorney and the parks committee have come up with a rental agreement for Council approval. Mayor Ball read the agreement. Gloria Sarmiento, the city’s Activity Director will oversee all rentals. Alderman Bricken asked about renting it for more than 4 hours. It was decided that it would be rented in 4-hour increments. After a discussion on the wording, Mayor Pro tem Fillinger made a motion to amend the presented Community Center’s Rental agreement with the word” minimum” added after the 4 hours and then a colon after the \$150.00 to add “additional time may be available in 4 hour increments”. Seconded by Alderman Repino. Motion passed

unanimously. Mayor Pro tem Fillinger then made a motion to approve the agreement as amended. Seconded by Alderman Repino. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Administration

- Discuss and/or possible action on an ordinance amending the annual budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 for municipal purposes and providing an effective date. (Mayor Ball) The City attorney and the parks committee have come up with a rental agreement. Mayor Ball read the agreement. Mayor Ball stated that all the anticipated invoices have been paid and she presented a balanced amended budget. The additional income is a result of additional revenues coming in. The original budget had \$70,000.00 for court fees and fines and as of the end of June we had collected \$159,000.00. This is our first budget year with the Municipal Court. Other budget line items have also increased. Mayor Ball then noted that one more item on the budget needed to be changed. She recommended moving \$1,000.00 from the Municipal Building -FSP to City Council & Mayor Expenses-Community Programs. Mayor Pro tem Fillinger made a motion to approve moving \$1,000.00 as discussed previously. Seconded by Alderman Crickmer. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Repino then made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-184 amending the annual budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 for municipal purposes. Seconded by Mayor Pro tem Fillinger. Motion passed unanimously.
- a) Discuss and/or possible action on scheduling the date, time, and place for a public hearing on the proposed 2021-2022 fiscal year budget and other relevant dates. Mayor Ball presented the proposed 2021-2022 Budget to the city clerk on July 19, 2021 which starts the timeline for approving the budget. Alderman Repino made a motion that we schedule the public hearing in conjunction with the August 12, 2021 Regular City Council meeting to approve the proposed budget. Seconded by Alderwoman Puente. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Discuss and/or possible action on approving a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services. The contract with Tiger Sanitation is up December 31, 2021. There have been some problems lately with service. Christi Brown From Tiger joined the meeting via Zoom. She said they had tried to change routes around to eliminate the Saturday route. She apologized for the lack of services we experienced. Tiger is doing what they can to correct this problem. Mayor Pro tem Fillinger made a motion to issue the RFP with an effective date of July 22, 2021 and a deadline of 5:00 p.m. on Aug 23, 2021 with amendments of population change from 3,800-4,000 to 4,000-4,600 and change the number of the 1800 properties with residences or businesses on them from 1,000 to 1500 with one publication in the Wilson County News. Motion passed unanimously.
- c) Discuss and/or possible action to approve static billboard with electronic/digital billboard located at Interstate Highway 37 at 23345 Mathis Road approved on July 8, 2021 and authorize Mayor to submit letter to TxDOT. The letter approved during the Council meeting, July 8, 2021, did not specify that the north face of the sign would be static, and the south face would be electronic/digital. Alderman Repino made a motion to approve the corrected letter and authorize the Mayor to submit letter to TxDOT
- d) Discuss and/or possible action on adding lighting to the Municipal Complex. Since the installation of the CPS light at the entrance to the property it has now become difficult for our officers entering to be able to see clearly at night. A proposal was presented to the council in the amount of \$2,149.48 to install solar lights. Part of that quote is for a post hole digger and 2 augers which can be used by the Public Works Dept afterwards so \$949.93 will be charged to that department. Mayor pro tem Fillinger made a motion to accept the proposal not to exceed \$2,300.00. Seconded by Alderman Crickmer. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Adjourn** Mayor Ball adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 12 DAY OF AUGUST 2021.



Mayor
Micki L. Ball

ATTEST:



City Secretary
Charlotte Rabe