

Micki L. Ball
Mayor
Charles Fillinger
Alderman Place 1
Mayor Pro Tem
Gary Bricken
Alderman Place 2
Thomas Repino
Alderman Place 3



John Crickmer
Alderman Place 4
Jennifer Puente
Alderman Place 5
Casandra Ortiz
City Attorney
Charlotte Rabe
City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 28 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

- 1. Call to order and quorum call.** Mayor Ball called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. In attendance were Aldermen Repino, Crickmer, Bricken, and Fillinger and Alderwoman Puente arrived at 6:47 p.m. Also, present City Attorney Casandra Ortiz, City Secretary Charlotte Rabe and Chief of Police Felipe Lopez.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** Mayor Ball led the Pledge.
- 3. Citizens to be heard.** No one signed up to speak
- 4. Mayor & Administrator Announcements/Updates**

Mayor Ball announced that access to the municipal building will be restricted next week from Wednesday November 3rd thru Friday November 5 while the electric gate is being installed. CPS and SAWS representatives will be at the Community Center on Thursday November 4th to help citizens set up payments for past due accounts.
- 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 October 14, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.
 - b) Approve Resolution 2021-140 Cancelling November 25, 2021 and December 23, 2021 regular city council meetings

Alderman Repino made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Seconded by Alderman Fillinger. Motion passed.
- 6. Police Department**
 - a) Updates and Announcements from Chief Lopez with possible discussion and/or action. (Mayor Ball) Chief Lopez had no announcements.
 - b) Purchase and install radar unit for the 2011 Tahoe unit, with a cost not to exceed \$2,015.00. The radar unit in the Tahoe needs to be replaced as it was a used one when we got it. Mayor Pro tem Fillinger made a motion to purchase the new radar unit for the Tahoe with a cost not to exceed \$2,100.00. Seconded by Alderman Repino. Motion passed.
- 9. Administration**
 - a) Discuss and/or possible action on proposal and ordinance providing for participation in the Texas Municipal Retirement System. (Alderman Repino/Crickmer Mayor Ball pulled this item. The information was not available in time for the meeting.
 - d) Discuss and/or possible action on mail-out regarding the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Mayor Ball provided the profile she and Megan Abilez came up with. This will provide the information we need to help our citizens with the ARPA money the city has received. The information will go in a mailout to all citizens.
 - c) Discuss and/or possible action approving a franchise agreement for the collection, hauling and disposal of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition waste with Waste Connections of Texas, LLC. Ran Schuyler from Waste Connections was present to

answer questions about the agreement. A discussion was held and questions answered.

Mayor Ball called for a recess at 8:17 p.m.

Mayor Ball called the meeting back at 8:30 p.m. She called for an Executive Session at 8:31 p.m.

At 8:49 Mayor Ball called the meeting back into session. Mayor Ball stated that she recommended sections 11, 12 and 13 be removed from the agreement as they pertain to a franchise fee. Because we have a genuine public purpose to the citizens, we do not have to collect a franchise fee. Mayor Pro Tem Fillinger made motion to authorize the Mayor to complete the agreement as discussed. Seconded by Alderman Repino. Vote was 4-1 for with Alderman Bricken voting no.

- a) Update and Announcements from Park Advisory Committee Chair Tom Repino with possible discussion and/or action. (Mayor Ball) Chair Repino reported that due to the upcoming elections being held at City Hall their next meeting will be held on November 9, 2021.

7. 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 would be November 8 at 6:30 p.m. They have been working on the social media site for Animal Control.

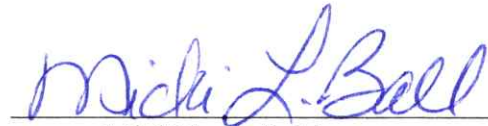
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- b) Discuss and/or possible action on Ordinance 2021-192 Establishing a four-way stop at the intersection of Waterwood Pass and Shady Forest. At the last meeting Council voted a traffic study was not needed due to obvious problems at this intersection. Passing this ordinance will allow the four-way stop to be established. Chief Lopez agreed that this is needed. Alderman Repino made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-192 as presented. Seconded by Alderman Crickmer. Motion passed unanimously.
- e) Discuss and/or possible action on change in compensation for employees to include: Chief Felipe Lopez, Officer Adrian Castillo, Officer Joell Magny (probationary increase), Katherine Yelton, Priscilla Schmitt and Charlotte Rabe. Mayor Ball stated that Chief Lopez had been with the city since July 2019 and received his last raise November 2019. She is recommending a 4.8% increase to his base pay and supplemental income of \$2,880 (because he is Master Certified with TCOLE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement), bringing his annual salary to \$65,760. Alderman Repino made a motion to increase Chief Lopez’s annual salary to \$65,760. Seconded by Alderwoman Puente. Motion passed unanimously. Next, Officer Castillo was hired in January of 2020 and received his last pay increase in August of 2020. Mayor Ball is recommending a 2.4% increase to his base salary, bringing him to \$43,003. Alderman Repino made a motion to increase Officer Castillo’s base pay to \$43,003. Seconded by Alderwoman Puente. Motion passed unanimously. Officer Magny was hired in April 2021 receiving a base salary of \$36,005. Mayor Ball is recommending an increase to \$38,525 annually. Alderman Repino made a motion to approve \$38,525 for Officer Magny’s base rate. Seconded by Alderman Crickmer. Motion passed unanimously. Court Clerk Katherine Yelton was hired in July 2018 and her last increase was in October 2020. Mayor Ball is recommending an increase from \$43,680 to \$44,990 which is 3%. Alderman Repino made a motion to approve the base salary of \$44,990. Seconded by Alderman Crickmer. Motion passed unanimously. Public Works Priscilla Schmitt was hired in September 2020, and this will be her first increase. Mayor Ball recommended a 3% increase from \$31,720 to \$32,672, Alderman Bricken stated he thought that was too low and Mayor Ball asked him to come up with a figure he was happy with. Alderman Bricken said he would like \$35,000, they agreed on \$17 an hour which would bring the amount to \$35,360 base rate. Alderman Bricken made a motion to increase her base rate to \$17 an

hour, \$35,360 annually. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fillinger. Motion passed unanimously. City Clerk Charlotte Rabe was hired in December 2020 and now is at \$31,200. Mayor Ball is recommending \$31,668. Alderman Bricken would like to make it a 6% increase bringing it to \$33,072. Alderman Repino made a motion to increase Charlotte Rabe's base salary to \$33,072. Seconded by Alderman Crickmer. Motion passed unanimously.

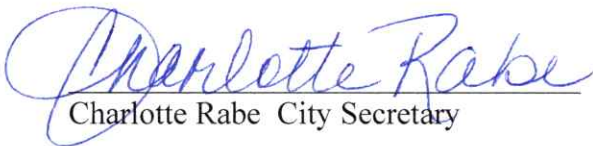
Mayor Ball adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021



Micki L. Ball Mayor

ATTEST:



Charlotte Rabe City Secretary