

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to order and quorum call.** Mayor Fillinger called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. In attendance were MPT Martinez, Alderwomen Alvarado and Martinez, Aldermen Repino and Bricken (via Zoom), City Attorney Casandra Ortiz, and City Clerk Charlotte Rabe
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Led by Mayor Fillinger.
3. **Citizens to be heard.** No citizens signed up to speak.
4. **Mayor & Administrator Announcements/Updates.** Mayor Fillinger recognized and thanked Mrs. Rabe for her service as City Clerk as this was her last meeting before retiring. Mayor Fillinger mentioned that prior to her appointment as the City's first City Clerk, she also served as secretary of the Waterwood Park Property Owners Association and served as a volunteer City Clerk for the first couple of years after Sandy Oaks was established. Mrs. Rabe's commitment to the City is very much appreciated.
5. **Consent Agenda.**
 - a. Approve the minutes from the March 24, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.
 - b. Approve the minutes from the April 14, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.Ald. Repino made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, which was seconded by Ald. Alvarado and passed unanimously.
6. **Police Department**
 - a. Updates and announcements from Chief Lopez with possible discussion and/or action. Chief Lopez had no updates or announcements.
 - b. Executive Session to deliberate the appointment, compensation, hours, duties, benefits, and start date for Police Officer pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551-074 (Personnel Matters). Mayor Fillinger called for executive session at 6:36 p.m. and called the meeting back in order at 6:47 p.m.
 - c. Discuss and/or possible action on the appointment, compensation, hours, duties, benefits, and start date for Police Officer. Council discussed the following prior to nominating a candidate; compensation of \$37,500, hours and duties as assigned by the chief, begin date of May 2, 2022, one year probation with a possible raise to \$39,520 after probation, standard benefits as all other City employees. Chief Lopez then introduced who he recommends as the City's newest police officer. Ald. Repino made a motion to appoint Christopher Maldonado to said position, which was seconded by Ald. Alvarado and passed unanimously.
 - d. Administer Oath of Office for Police Officer. Administered by Mayor Fillinger.
 - e. Executive Session to deliberate the promotion of Officer Castillo to Corporal, and related matters pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551-074 (Personnel Matters). Mayor Fillinger called for executive session at 6:57 p.m. called the meeting back in order at 7:09 p.m.
 - f. Discuss and/or possible action on the promotion of Officer Castillo to Corporal, and related matters. Mayor Fillinger skipped this item and moved on to item 6g. After discussing item 6g, MPT Martinez made a motion to approve the promotion with a \$2.00 an hour increase effective May 2, 2022, which was seconded by Ald. Martinez and passed unanimously.

- g. Discuss and/or possible action on establishing classifications and positions for the Police Department. Ald. Repino made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-201, which was seconded by MPT Martinez and passed unanimously. Mayor Fillinger then moved back to item 6f.

7. Animal Control

- a. Updates and Announcements from Animal Control Advisory Committee (“ACAC”) Chair Debbie Martinez with possible discussion and/or action. Ald. Martinez said she sent out an email to the current members of the ACAC to gauge their interest in continuing to serve on the committee but said she never heard back from any members. She said the committee needs volunteers as it is usually the same two citizens who show up for meetings and she will make efforts to reach out to the community.
- b. Presentation of ACO monthly report by Officer Ellis with possible discussion and/or action. Officer Ellis presented his report for the month of March 2022.

8. Public Works

- a. Discuss and/or possible action on cost of repairs for the Bad Boy zero-turn mower. MPT Martinez made a motion to approve the cost of the repairs not to exceed \$700.00, which was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously.

9. Parks and Recreation


- a. Update and announcements from Park Advisory Committee Chair Tom Repino with possible discussion and/or action. Ald. Repino said the next committee meeting will be held on May 3, soon nine pieces of exercise equipment will be delivered and erected, still trying to get the butterfly area planted but need volunteers and will be getting word if the City qualifies for an AARP grant to make more improvements to the park.

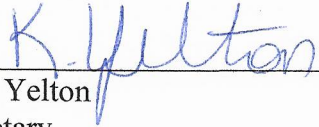
10. Administration – New Business

- a. Discuss and/or possible action on approving Ordinance 2022-200 amending Ordinance 2022-198 to make changes to the position of Animal Control Officer. Ald. Martinez made a motion to amend Section 8 paragraph b and change “elected” to “elected or appointed”, which was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously. Ald. Repino then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-200, as amended, which was seconded by Ald. Alvarado and passed unanimously.
- b. Discuss and/or possible action on accepting an application and appointing a new member to the Citizen Complaint Review Board. Mayor Fillinger postponed this item for the next regular meeting as a background check had not yet been conducted on the applicant.
- c. Discuss and/or possible action on replacing Mrs. Rabe on the Citizen Complaint Review Board. Mayor Fillinger nominated Dalton Ellis to be the city employee representative. Ald. Repino made a motion to approve the nomination, which was seconded by Ald. Martinez and passed unanimously.

- 11. Adjourn.** Alderman Repino made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m., which was seconded by Ald. Alvarado.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 26TH DAY OF MAY 2022


Charles Fillinger
Mayor

ATTEST: 
Katherine Yelton
City Secretary