

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

1. **Call to order and quorum call.** Mayor Fillinger called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. In attendance were Alderwoman Alvarado, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Aldermen Coffindaffer and Repino, City Attorney Casandra Ortiz, and City Secretary Katherine Yelton. Alderwoman Martinez was absent.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Led by Mayor Fillinger
3. **Citizens to be heard.** A letter received from citizen Ken Carden was read to Council.
4. **Mayor & Administrator Announcements/Updates.** Mayor Fillinger spoke about an email he had received from BCAD discussing increases in exemptions. Regarding streetlights, all that have been requested have been through CPS planning and should be installed in the next 60 to 120 days.
5. **Consent Agenda.**
  - a. Approve April 2022 Invoice No. 1297 from Kassahn & Ortiz not to exceed \$2,134.70.
  - b. Approve June 2022 Invoice No. 2 from 6S Engineering not to exceed \$4,375.80.
  - c. Approve minutes from the June 9, 2022 Regular City Council meeting.
  - d. ~~Approve minutes from the June 14, 2022 Special City Council meeting.~~

Mayor Fillinger pulled item d as the minutes were not yet ready for review. Ald. Repino made a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda items, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer 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. Discuss and/or possible action on quote received from Peacemaker Technologies for a thermal printer for the Ford Taurus. This item was pulled by Mayor Fillinger.
7. **Animal Control**
  - a. Updates and Announcements from Animal Control Advisory Committee (“ACAC”) Chair Debbie Martinez with possible discussion and/or action. There were no ACAC updates or announcements as Ald. Martinez was absent.
8. **Parks & Recreation**
  - a. Update and Announcements from Park Advisory Committee Chair Repino with possible discussion and/or action. Ald. Repino mentioned the recent vandalism in the park with the fence around the playground area and graffiti. He also said the next committee meeting would be held on July 5.
  - b. Discuss and/or possible action on removing member(s) from the Parks Committee. Ald. Repino made a motion to remove Megan Cordova from the committee, as requested by Ms. Cordova. This was seconded by Ald. Alvarado and passed unanimously.
  - c. Discuss and/or possible action on the purchase of a 5-foot grader blade to assist with the leveling and grading of the walking trail. Ald. Repino made a motion to approve this purchase at a cost not to exceed \$625.00, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer and passed unanimously.
  - d. Discuss and/or possible action on a tow-behind compactor to compact the walking surface of the walking trail. Ald. Repino made a motion to approve this purchase at a cost not to exceed \$250.00, which was seconded by Ald. Alvarado and passed unanimously.

**9. Administration – Unfinished Business**

- a. Discuss and/or possible action on Ordinance 2022-205 providing the regulations for storage and parking of recreational vehicles to allow for abatement and amending Ordinance 2016-57. MPT Martinez made a motion to fill in the first blank of Section 4 Paragraph B with \$150.00, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer and passed unanimously. MPT Martinez made a motion to strike “\$\_\_\_\_ per calendar day” from Section 4 Paragraph B and replace it with “the current Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation approved rate per calendar day”. This was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously. Ald. Repino made a motion to adopt the ordinance, as amended, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer and passed unanimously.

**10. Administration – New Business**

- a. Discuss and/or possible action on registration fees, travel and other related expenses for designated officers or employees to attend the Texas Municipal League 2022 Budget and Tax Rate Workshop. MPT Martinez stated that TML is hosting a budget workshop in Bastrop that he was interested in attending. Ald. Repino made a motion to approve a cost not to exceed \$200.00, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer and passed unanimously.
- b. Discuss and/or possible action on a Resolution No. 2022-161 authorizing and allowing a class of officials to include the Municipal Judge of the Municipal Court to participate in the Municipal Employee Healthcare Program and other matters related to the participation in the Program. Ald. Repino made a motion to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Ald. Alvarado and passed unanimously.
- c. Discuss and/or possible action on appointing the City Secretary as the 504 Coordinator in accordance with Section 6 Paragraph G of the Section 504 Policy Against Discrimination Based on Handicap and Grievance Procedures adopted during the May 26, 2022 Council meeting. Ald. Repino made a motion to approve this appointment, which was seconded by Ald. Alvarado and passed unanimously.
- d. Discuss and/or possible action on quote received from Custom Signs & Consulting for fabrication and installation of a sign on Priest Rd. Ald. Repino made a motion to approve this purchase at a cost not to exceed \$5,200.78, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer and passed unanimously.

Mayor Fillinger then moved to item f followed by e.


- f. Discuss and/or possible action on Ordinance 2022-206 amending Ordinance 2019-127 creating an Animal Control Advisory Committee. Ald. Repino made a motion to waive the second reading, which was seconded by MPT Martinez and passed unanimously. Ald. Alvarado made a motion to adopt the ordinance, as presented, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer and passed unanimously.
- e. Discuss and/or possible action on Resolution No. 2022-162 approving tax exemptions to include a general residence homestead exemption, for individuals who are disabled or sixty-five years or older, and for disabled veterans commencing with the 2022 tax year. After discussion and consideration over the calculation worksheets Mayor Fillinger provided, MPT Martinez made a motion to increase the following exemptions: Homestead to 11%/\$5,000, Disabled to \$9,000, and Over 65 to \$9,000. No second was received to this motion. Ald. Coffindaffer made a motion to increase the following exemptions: Homestead to 15%/\$5,000, Disabled to \$15,000, and Over 65 to \$15,000. This was seconded by Ald. Alvarado. Ald. Repino voted yea to the motion and MPT Martinez voted nay, motion carried. The blank spaces on the draft resolution were updated to reflect the carried motion. Ald. Coffindaffer made a motion to adopt the ordinance, as amended, which was seconded by Ald. Repino. Ald. Alvarado voted yea to the motion and MPT Martinez voted nay, motion carried.

11. **Adjourn.** Alderman Coffindaffer made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m., which was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2022**

  
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Charles Fillinger  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Katherine Yelton  
City Secretary