

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**March 24, 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. Also present for the meeting were Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Aldermen Repino, Bricken, and Alderwoman Debbie Martinez along with City Attorney Casandra Ortiz and SOPD Chief Lopez.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Led by Mayor Fillinger.
3. **Citizens to be Heard.** No citizen signed up to speak. Mayor Fillinger read an email submitted by Ken Carden addressed to the Mayor and Council on his opinion that a City Administrator should be hired immediately.
9. **Administration – New Business**
  - a. Discuss and/or possible action regarding Alderman Crickmer’s letter of resignation. Alderman Repino made a motion to accept Alderman Crickmer’s letter of resignation effective March 24, 2022. Seconded by Alderwoman Martinez. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Fillinger thanked Alderman Crickmer for this service to the city in many capacities he served.
  - b. Discuss and/or possible action on procedures for filling the position of Alderman Place 4 and/or adopting Resolution 2022-151 to fill the position of Alderman Place 4 by appointment until the next regular municipal election. Mayor Fillinger said there are two choices to fill this position. One is a special election which is costly, and it is too late to put it on the ballot for the May election. The other choice is by appointment by the council. Alderman Repino made a motion to fill the vacancy by appointment. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Fillinger said we in a position we have never been before. We have 4 citizens who have an interest in serving. He suggested that each citizen should speak to council on their qualifications. Grace Alvarado, Terry Coffindaffer, James Ellis, and Allen Young all spoke on their qualifications. Mayor Fillinger gave the council a list of the citizens for them to vote for. The vote was tied. City Attorney Ortiz said there needed to be a motion for the appointment on the resolution. Alderman Repino made a motion to appoint Grace Alvarado. Alderwoman Martinez seconded. Motion passed with Mayor Pro Tem Martinez opposed. Mayor Fillinger read the Resolution. Alderman Repino made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Seconded by Alderman Bricken. Motion passed with Mayor Pro Tem Martinez abstaining.
  - c. Administer Oath of Office to Alderman Place 4 appointee, if necessary. Mayor Fillinger administered the Oath to Alderwoman Alvarado.
4. **Mayor & Administrator Updates/Announcements.**

*Update from the March 16, 2022 Citizen Complaint Review Board Meeting* - The CCRB met and appointed David Tremblay as Vice Chair, they reviewed Ordinance 2021-181-Creating a Citizen Complaint Review Board and adopted Robert’s Rules of Order Simplified as the rules of parliamentary procedure. Dalton Ellis drew place 1, Mayor Fillinger drew for David Tremblay, place 2, Al Ortiz with place 3, and James Ellis with place 4. Even numbers will serve one year, and odd numbers will serve two years.

*Update on TDA grant for Lowman Hilltop Peaks drainage project.* Grantworks has been assigned to lead us through this process, so things are moving along.
5. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of the minutes from March 10, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.
  - b. Approval of the minutes from March 16, 2022 Special City Council Meeting.  
Alderman Repino made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Alderman Bricken. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Police Department**

is \$52,000.00 to be used to correct the drainage issue at Lowman and Hilltop Peaks. Mayor Fillinger would like to move money to the TDA Grant account .Alderman Repino made a motion to transfer \$52,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) account to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Grant account to cover the City's portion of the Lowman/Hilltop Peaks drainage project. Seconded by Alderman Bricken.

**10. Adjourn.** Alderman Repino made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Seconded by Alderwoman Alvarado.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2022.**

  
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Charles Fillinger  
Mayor

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Charlotte Rabe  
City Secretary