

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

July 14, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Alderwomen Martinez and Alvarado, Aldermen Repino and Coffindaffer, City Attorney Casandra Ortiz, and City Secretary Katherine Yelton.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Led by Mayor Fillinger
3. **Citizens to be heard.** No Citizens signed up to speak.
4. **Guest.**
 - a. Presentation from Robert Moreno regarding the development of the 3.74 acre property off Priest Rd. next to City Hall. Mr. Moreno was not in attendance, but a special guest, Precinct 1 Commissioner Rebeca Clay-Flores, appeared to address Council and citizens on what has transpired since she was elected as county commissioner. A tax exemption for Bexar County Hospital District was passed for those over 65 and for \$30,000.00. They also passed Resident Homestead exemption for all homeowners for 20% of the appraised value. UHS will be building a hospital on the Southside by the Texas A&M campus and passed \$30 million for public health so a new public health building will be built next to the hospital. Ms. Clay-Flores also said that a developer bought a large portion of land in that same area, so there will be some retail stores, multi-apartments, and homes. Ald. Repino asked if the hospital will be a teaching hospital and Mr. Clay-Flores said that is the goal since the hospital is being built near the university. \$1 million was passed to support community-wide outreach and education efforts on gun ownership and safety and passed \$14.8 million for mental health and violence prevention programs. \$20 million was passed for funding for school-based mental health services in order to put more social workers and therapists in our schools so that we can start dealing with issues at a young age. Ms. Clay-Flores said that she has given instructions that this needs to be implemented this coming school year.
5. **Mayor & Administrator Announcements/Updates.** Mayor Fillinger announced that the City's increased exemptions have been turned into BCAD and the latest report shows they have put the exemptions into the tax roll for Sandy Oaks. Mayor Fillinger announced that the general election is in November, but applications to run for office will be accepted starting July 23 and close August 22.
6. **Consent Agenda.**
 - a. Approve minutes from the June 14, 2022 Special City Council meeting.
 - b. Approve minutes from the June 23, 2022 Regular City Council meeting.
 - c. Approve July 2022 Invoice No. 3 from 6S Engineering not to exceed \$4,374.80.

Ald. Repino made a motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer and passed unanimously.
7. **Financial Report.** Ald. Repino made a motion to approve the financial report, as presented, which was seconded by Ald. Martinez and passed unanimously.
8. **Investment Report.** Ald. Coffindaffer made a motion to approve the investment report, as presented, which was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously.
9. **Police Department**
 - a. Updates and Announcements from Chief Lopez with possible discussion and/or action. Chief Lopez talked about a car chase that involved Elmendorf police, BCSO, and Sandy Oaks police that ended in an apprehension on Hilltop Peaks. Another suspect with four felonies warrants was apprehended during a call for domestic disturbance.

- b. Presentation of monthly report by Chief Lopez with possible discussion and/or action. Chief Lopez presented his report for June 2022.

10. Animal Control

- a. Updates and Announcements from Animal Control Advisory Committee (“ACAC”) Chair Debbie Martinez with possible discussion and/or action. Ald. Martinez announced that a lady is interested in volunteering and who has assisted the City with finding rescues multiple times.
- b. Discuss and/or possible action on appointing additional members to the ACAC. Ald. Martinez made a motion to appoint Lorena DeLeon to the committee, which was seconded by Ald. Alvarado and passed unanimously.

11. Parks & Recreation

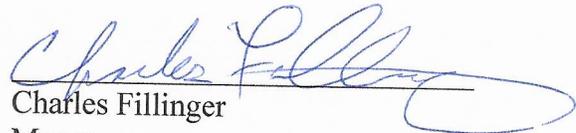
- a. Update and Announcements from Park Advisory Committee Chair Repino with possible discussion and/or action. Ald. Repino announced the next park committee meeting will be on Aug 2 and that the grading blade and roller to be used for the walking trail have arrived. Ald. Coffindaffer asked what’s next on the list for the park and Mayor Fillinger mentioned that the playground equipment needs to be more inclusive since our current playground is not handicap friendly, so we are looking at extending with new equipment and base services for our handicap citizens.
- b. Discuss and/or possible action on quote received for the purchase of an all-in-one computer for the Community Center. Ald. Repino made a motion to approve the purchase for a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00, which was seconded by MPT Martinez. During the vote, Ald. Coffindaffer mentioned he still had questions, so Ald. Repino made a motion to reconsider his previous motion, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer and passed unanimously. After some discussion, Ald. Coffindaffer made a motion to approve the purchase for a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00, which was seconded by Ald. Alvarado and passed unanimously.

12. Administration – New Business

- a. Discuss and/or possible action on the use of ARPA funds for a citizen’s request to pay a second CPS bill. After some discussion, Ald. Repino made a motion to pay the bill for \$801.53, which was seconded by Ald. Martinez and passed unanimously. As a result of the discussion, a decision was made that guidelines and an application be put in place. Mayor Fillinger asked that MPT Martinez and Ald. Alvarado develop a policy with guidance from the city attorney and bring it back to council for review and consideration.
- b. Discuss and/or possible action on Mr. Robert Moreno’s preliminary proposal regarding the development of the 3.74-acre property off Priest Rd. next to City Hall. Since Mr. Moreno did not appear, Mayor Fillinger asked that this item be postponed for a future meeting.
- c. Discuss and/or possible action on creating the position of Deputy City Clerk and procedures for hiring Deputy City Clerk and matters related to hiring Deputy City Clerk. Mayor Fillinger proposed an amendment to the draft ordinance creating the position, which was inserting a new section titled Court Clerk and a sentence “as directed by the City Clerk the Deputy City Clerk shall perform the duties of Court Clerk.” Ald. Repino made a motion to make the proposed changes, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer and passed unanimously. Ald. Repino made a motion to waive the second reading requirement, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer and passed unanimously. Ald. Coffindaffer made a motion to adopt the ordinance, as amended, which was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously. Ald. Coffindaffer made a motion to advertise on the city website and social media for ten days and if no response, then discussion will be held for further advertising. This was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously.

13. **Adjourn.** Ald. Repino made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer and passed unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 2022


Charles Fillinger
Mayor

ATTEST:


Katherine Yelton
City Secretary