

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2022

1. **Call to order and quorum call.** Mayor Fillinger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Alderwomen Martinez and Alvarado, Aldermen Repino and Coffindaffer, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, 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. **Mayor & Administrator Announcements/Updates.** Mayor Fillinger announced there will be a public hearing regarding the budget on September 8, 2022 at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. right before the regular city council meeting. He also announced that the budget for the first time will exceed \$1,000,000.00 this year. The road bond final design phase is near completion and the engineering firm will be presenting their plans in the late September meeting for council's consideration and, if approved, they will post for bids right after the meeting. Mayor Fillinger mentioned he's received multiple complaints regarding fourth amendment rights being violated because of the additional streetlights that have been installed. Mayor Fillinger stated if something can be seen from a public street or a complaining neighbor's yard, you have no right to privacy as the fourth amendment pertains only to the right to secure yourself and your possessions against unreasonable searches and seizures without a search warrant.
5. **Consent Agenda.**
 - a. Approve minutes from the July 28, 2022 Regular City Council meeting.
 - b. Approve minutes from the August 11, 2022 Regular City Council meeting.Ald. Repino made a motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented, 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 to updates or announcements.
7. **Animal Control**
 - a. Executive Session to deliberate the appointment, compensation, hours, duties, benefits, and start date for Animal Control officer pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551-074 (Personnel Matters) Mayor Fillinger called for an executive session at 6:39 p.m. to deliberate both agenda items 7a and 9a. Council came out of executive session at 7:03 p.m. and Mayor Fillinger called the regular meeting back in order at 7:04 p.m.
 - b. Discuss and/or possible action on the appointment, compensation, hours, duties, benefits, and start date for Animal Control officer. MPT Martinez made a motion to hire Kevin Tucker as the new full-time Animal Control employee to begin on Monday, August 29, 2022 at \$15.00 an hour with an increase to \$16.00 an hour after completion of a basic animal control officer training class and certification. This position will require an occasional weekend shift of two hours each weekend day to be paid as overtime or as comp time. This motion was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously.
 - c. Updates and Announcements from Animal Control Advisory Committee ("ACAC") Chair Alderwoman Debbie Martinez with possible discussion and/or action. Ald. Martinez did not have any updates or announcements.
 - d. Discuss and/or possible action on the new Animal Control employee to attend Basic Animal Control Officer training to include tuition, lodging, and meal expenses. MPT Martinez made a

motion to approve the training class and related expenses for a cost not to exceed \$700.00, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer and passed unanimously.

- e. Discuss and/or possible action on quotes received for a stainless-steel animal wash station and tankless, electric water heater. Ald. Repino made a motion to approve the purchase of a tankless water heater for a cost not to exceed \$200.00, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer and passed unanimously. Ald. Coffindaffer made a motion to approve the purchase of an animal wash station for a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00, which was seconded by Ald. Martinez and passed unanimously.
- f. Discuss and/or possible action on quote(s) received for two animal traps. Ald. Repino made a motion to approve the purchase of two animal traps for a cost not to exceed \$600.00, which was seconded by Ald. Martinez and passed unanimously.
- g. Discuss and/or possible action on quote(s) received for the purchase of a commercial bagless backpack vacuum. Ald. Repino made a motion to approve the purchase of a backpack vacuum cleaner for a cost not to exceed \$475.99, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer and passed unanimously.

8. Parks & Recreation

- a. Update and Announcements from Park Advisory Committee Chair Alderman Repino with possible discussion and/or action. Ald. Repino mentioned the next Park Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6.

9. Public Works

- a. Executive Session to deliberate pay adjustment and start date of adjustment for Public Works employee Michael Avendaño pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551-074 (Personnel Matters)
- b. Discuss and/or possible action on a pay adjustment and start date of adjustment for Public Works employee Michael Avendaño. Ald. Repino made a motion to increase Michael Avendaño's rate of pay to \$16.00 an hour to begin on the first day of the next pay period (09/04/22). This was seconded by Ald. Alvarado and passed unanimously.
- c. Updates and Announcements from Public Works Director Priscilla Schmitt with possible discussion and/or action. Director Schmitt did not have any updates or announcements.

10. Administration – Old Business

- a. Discuss and/or possible action regarding Master Plan summary and goals. Mayor Fillinger moved this item to the next regular meeting.
- b. Discuss and/or possible action on the implementation of Apple Business Manager on all City iPhones. Ald. Alvarado made a motion to approve this implementation for a cost of \$3.99 a month per device, which was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously.
- c. Discuss and/or possible action on creating a policy and application for the use of ARPA funds. MPT Martinez made a motion to extend the resident living assistance to qualifying households without a senior, handicapped, or disabled member up to 150% of the federal poverty guidelines. This was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously.
- d. Discuss and/or possible action on appointment to Planning and Zoning Commission. Since there were no nominees, Mayor Fillinger postponed this item until the next regular meeting, if needed.

Mayor Fillinger called for a recess at 8:09 p.m.

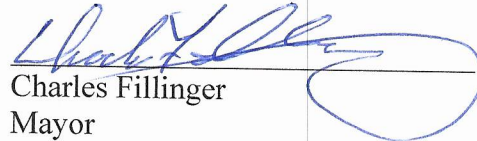
Mayor Fillinger called the meeting back in order at 8:20 p.m.

11. Administration – New Business


- a. Discuss and/or possible action on Resolution No. 2022-167 regarding the maximum proposed ad valorem tax rate for 2022 the Council will consider and setting a public hearing and date to adopt the tax rate. Mayor Fillinger's recommendation was to consider this year's voter approved tax rate of 0.256259 per \$100.00 and a public hearing to be held on September 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. and Council adopt the 2022 ad valorem tax rate on September 22, 2022. Ald. Repino made a motion to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer passed by record vote with those in favor being Council members Coffindaffer, M. Martinez, Repino, D. Martinez, and Alvarado. No one opposed the motion.
- b. Discuss and/or possible action on Resolution No. 2022-168 repealing Resolution No. 2020-113 Establishing a Scholarship Program and a Scholarship Administrator, and related matters. Ald. Coffindaffer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-168, which was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously.
- c. Discuss and/or possible action on Resolution No. 2022-169 declaring Fiesta Medals as surplus, and related matters. Ald. Coffindaffer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-169, which was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously.

12. Adjourn. MPT Martinez made a motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m., which was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022.


Charles Fillinger
Mayor

ATTEST:


Katherine Yelton
City Secretary