

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
September 22, 2022**

1. **Call to order and quorum call.** Mayor Fillinger was present, but not feeling well so asked that Alderwoman Alvarado lead the meeting. Ald. Alvarado called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. In attendance were Alderwomen Martinez and Alvarado, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Aldermen Coffindaffer and Repino, 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**
 - a. **Proclamation** of the Mayor recognizing National Night Out. The proclamation was read by Ald. Alvarado.
 - b. **Proclamation** of the Mayor recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month in the City. The proclamation was read by Ald. Alvarado in both Spanish and English.
5. **Administration – Old Business**
 - a. Discuss and/or possible action by record vote on Ordinance No. 2022-211 adopting the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget for the City of Sandy Oaks. Ald. Repino made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-211 adopting the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget presented to the City Council by the Mayor for the support of the general government of the City of Sandy Oaks to be fixed and determined for in said terms in accordance with the expenditures shown in the City’s Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. This was seconded by Ald. Coffindaffer. A record vote was taken, and the following Council members voted in favor of the ordinance; Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Alderwomen Martinez and Alvarado, and Aldermen Repino and Coffindaffer.
 - b. Discuss and/or possible action on Ordinance 2022-212 Ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. Ald. Coffindaffer made the following motion, “Having adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget that will required raising more revenue from property taxes than in the pervious year, I move to adopt Ordinance 2022-212 ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, which is the amount of \$95,445.00 or 23.57 percent and of that amount, \$18,355.00 is tax revenue to be raised from new property tax added to the tax roll this year as reflected in the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget adopted on September 22, 2022.” This motion was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously.
6. **Public Hearing** to consider the proposed 2022 tax rate to support the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. This time is provided for citizens to address the Mayor and Council on the proposed 2022 tax rate to support the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year budget, which proposed rate is not to exceed \$0.256259 on each \$100 valuation of property. Persons wishing to speak during the hearing may sign up with the City Clerk at least two hours in advance of the meeting by emailing cityclerk@cityofsandyoaks.com or calling (210) 607-0834. Please limit your time to a period not to exceed three (3) minutes. Ald. Alvarado opened the Public Hearing at 6:49 p.m. No citizens signed up to speak during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Ald. Alvarado closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 6:50 p.m.
 - a. Discuss and/or possible action by **record vote** on Ordinance 2022-214 adopting the levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the use and support of the municipal government for the City of Sandy Oaks, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 not to exceed \$0.256259 on each \$100 valuation of property; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall be delinquent if not paid; providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date. Ald. Repino

made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-214 adopting a tax rate of \$.226773 on each \$100 valuation of property be used for the maintenance and support of the general government of the City of Sandy Oaks for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, upon all property, real, personal, and mixed within the corporate limits of said city subject to taxation and such tax rate be adopted by ordinance. This was seconded by Ald. Alvarado. A record vote was taken, and the following Council members voted in favor of the ordinance; Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Alderwomen Martinez and Alvarado, and Aldermen Repino and Coffindaffer.

Ald. Repino then made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-214 adopting a tax rate of \$.029486 on each \$100 valuation of property to be used for the interest and sinking fund and that such tax rate to adopted by ordinance. This was seconded by Ald. Martinez. A record vote was taken, and the following Council members voted in favor of the ordinance; Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Alderwomen Martinez and Alvarado, and Aldermen Repino and Coffindaffer.

Ald. Repino made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.256259 on each \$100 valuation of property, which is effectively a 2.67% increase in the tax rate and such rate be adopted by Ordinance No. 2022-214. This was seconded by Ald. Alvarado. A record vote was taken, and the following Council members voted in favor of the ordinance; Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Alderwomen Martinez and Alvarado, and Aldermen Repino and Coffindaffer

7. Consent Agenda.

- a. Approve minutes from the September 8, 2022 Regular City Council meeting. Ald. Coffindaffer made a motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented, which was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously.

8. Police Department

- a. Updates and Announcements from Chief Lopez with possible discussion and/or action. Chief Lopez was not in attendance.

9. Animal Control

- a. Updates and Announcements from Animal Control Advisory Committee (“ACAC”) Chair Alderwoman Debbie Martinez with possible discussion and/or action. Ald. Martinez reported there are five dogs in custody. The next meeting will be announced since the regularly scheduled meeting falls on National Night Out.

10. Parks & Recreation

- a. Update and Announcements from Park Advisory Committee Chair Alderman Repino with possible discussion and/or action. Ald. Repino announced the next meeting will be on Oct 11.

11. Public Works

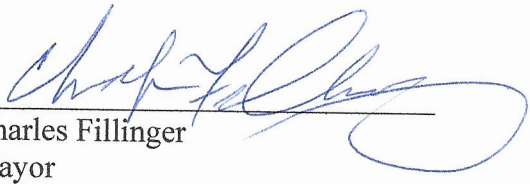
- a. Updates and Announcements from Public Works Director Priscilla Schmitt with possible discussion and/or action. Mrs. Schmitt announced that she is reaching out to 8-1-1 to identify underground utilities prior to installing bollards where trash is being dumped at Lost Hills and Grand Spring.
- b. Executive Session to deliberate the appointment, compensation, hours, duties, benefits, and start date for a Public Works employee pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551-074 (Personnel Matters) Council went into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. Council came out of Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. and Ald. Alvarado called the meeting back in order at 7:15 p.m.
- c. Discuss and/or possible action on the appointment, compensation, hours, duties, benefits, and start date for a Public Works employee. Ald. Coffindaffer made a motion to hire Clyde Soto-Solis with a start date of September 26, 2022 at \$15.00 an hour. This was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously.

12. New Business

- a. Discuss and/or possible action on the abatement of 4510 Lost Hills Dr and related matters. Ald. Coffindaffer made a motion to abate the property and approve a quote from Llawstar Pros for a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00, which was seconded by Ald. Repino and passed unanimously.

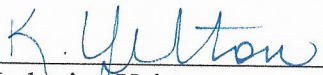
13. Adjourn. Ald. Repino made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Ald. Martinez.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2022.



Charles Fillinger
Mayor

ATTEST:



Katherine Yelton
City Secretary