

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF SNYDER

MARCH 7, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Snyder, Texas was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Tony Wofford with the following members present:

Councilmember Rodney Dupree
Councilmember Vernon Clay
Councilmember Steve Rich
Councilmember Steve Highfield
Councilmember Tom Strayhorn
Councilmember Luann Burleson
Attorney for the City, Bryan Guymon

ITEM I. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Steve Highfield.

ITEM II. PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion of and adopting of an ordinance designating the corporate limits of the City of Snyder as a Residential Reinvestment Zone for the purpose of Residential Tax Abatements pursuant to the City's Residential Tax Abatement Program.

1. Open. Time: 5:32 p.m.
2. Discussion: City Attorney Bryan Guymon addressed the Council concerning plans to make the entire City a Residential Reinvestment Zone as part of the new Residential Tax Abatement Program. He stated it is premature to designate the entire City, and would recommend future zones be considered on a case by case basis at the same time the Council considered a Tax Abatement Application received by a homeowner. Certain criteria has to be met which is outlined in Chapter 312 of the State's Tax Code for an area to be considered a Reinvestment Zone.
3. Close. Time: 5:54 p.m.

ITEM III. RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Mayor Tony Wofford recognized Carla Pineda as the Employee of the Month.

ITEM IV. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

Mayor Tony Wofford recognized the following visitors:

Bill Crist, Snyder Daily News; Bill Lavers, Development Corporation of Snyder; Keith Hackfeld, Hackfeld Real Estate; Linda Molina, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Paula Hatfield, Scurry County Historical Commission; Drew Bullard, Scurry County Historical Commission; Lynn Fuller, Scurry County Historical Commission; Theresa Dupree, Snyder; Makayla, WTC Student; Chase Wistor, WTC Student.

ITEM V. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:

Keith Hackfeld with Hackfeld Real Estate wants the City to make progress on clearing up how it handles demolition liens. He stated the City needs to find a way to lower the cost of liens being put on properties due to demolition costs. Mayor Tony Wofford stated he is working to find private contractors or community leaders to help lower demolition costs.

ITEM VI. MINUTES:

1. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, February 1, 2016.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodney Dupree and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

2. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to approve the minutes of the Building Standards Commission Meeting, February 1, 2016.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodney Dupree and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

ITEM VII. BIDS:

1. Consider and act on awarding the bid for two Chevrolet Tahoes for Department 16. The City received 2 bids from Caldwell Country Chevrolet in the amounts of \$64,970 and \$70,836.

No action was taken. The item died for lack of motion.

ITEM VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to approve certification that candidates for Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 are unopposed.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tom Strayhorn and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

2. Councilmember Rodney Dupree made the motion to cancel the election for Councilmembers for Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 for the May 7, 2016 General Election.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Rich and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

3. Councilmember Luann Burleson made the motion to not approve on first reading Ordinance No. 2027 designating the corporate limits of the City of Snyder as a Residential Reinvestment Zone for the purpose of Residential Tax Abatements as captioned below:

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS AS A REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT; ASSIGNING THE NAME "RESIDENTIAL REINVESTMENT ZONE OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS" TO SAID ZONE; DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR ELIGIBILITY

THE ZONE; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND MAKING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.

The motion was seconded Councilmember Vernon Clay and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

4. Councilmember Vernon Clay made the motion to approve Resolution R160307A repealing and replacing Resolution R160104A regarding the Residential Tax Abatement Program as captioned below:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. R160104A TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES OF THE RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE FOR RECAPTURE; AGAIN DECLARING THE CITY OF SNYDER'S ELIGIBILITY AND INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY; ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tom Strayhorn and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

5. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance No. 2028 regarding changes in the Utility Ordinance amending Residential/Commercial Roll-Off Rates description and adding disposal rates for Regulated Asbestos-Containing Material to be included in the Landfill Fees as captioned below:

AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 2025 ESTABLISHING WATER RATES, WASTEWATER RATES, SANITATION RATES, LANDFILL FEES, SEPTIC WASTE FEES, ROLL-OFF FEES, DEPOSITS, SERVICE CHARGES, FINES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS: REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

6. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to set the minimum bid for property located at 2423 College Avenue at \$10,000.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodney Dupree with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Steve Highfield, Steve Rich, and Rodney Dupree.
Noes: Councilmembers Luann Burleson, Tom Strayhorn, and Vernon Clay.

Motion was denied. Mayor Tony Wofford broke the tie and voted to approve setting the minimum bid for property located at 2423 College Avenue at \$10,000.

7. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to set the minimum bid for property located at 2419 College Avenue at \$10,000.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodney Dupree and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Luann Burleson, Steve Highfield, Steve Rich, and Rodney Dupree.
Noes: Councilmembers Tom Strayhorn and Vernon Clay.

8. Update on property located at 2103 Avenue O. – The City received no bids for the property. The minimum bid was set at \$3,000.
9. Councilmember Luann Burleson made the motion to set the two public hearings on the annexation of 28.059 acres North of Snyder requested by owner Blake Fulenwider for April 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for the first hearing and the second hearing will be April 4, 2016 at 5:35 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

10. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to allow the City to apply for the Continuing Authorities Program Study.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Rich and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

11. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to approve the Beautification Committee's proposed plan regarding Downtown Square.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

12. Councilmember Luann Burleson made the motion to approve Resolution R160307B authorizing a line item transfer of \$18,700 from Community Service Department 5 account 01-605-6701 to Downtown Revitalization account 01-605-513 to match funds for Downtown Beautification.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

13. Councilmember Vernon Clay made the motion to approve a memorandum of understanding between CRMWD and the City of Snyder to add two chemical injection points for injection of Copper Sulfate and Sodium Permanganate in CRMWD's raw water transmission system.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Rich and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

14. Discussion of Water Tower Demolitions. – Work will start on removing water towers and tanks on March 11th and be completed on March 12th. The towers are located at Ave B and on College Avenue. The towers need to be removed so the City does not have to maintain.
15. Discussion of City Wide Cleanup Committee. – A new citywide cleanup committee has been established. Mayor Tony Wofford is hoping the City of Snyder can once again receive the All American City Award and is working toward cleaning up Snyder.
16. Discussion of Ordinance No. 1099 regarding Peddlers Permits. – The City of Snyder's peddler ordinance does not address Panhandlers in certain right-of-ways of the City. There needs to be a provision added for solicitation in public right-of-ways for public safety issues. The City staff will bring a revised ordinance to the Council for review.

ITEM IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Time – 7:13 p.m.

Council may act in Open Session on the following item:

1. Certain public power competitive matters. (Section 551.086 Texas Government Code.)

ITEM X. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: Time – 7:36 p.m.

1. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to allow the City to continue negotiations.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vernon Clay and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

ITEM XI. INFORMATION:

1. Monthly personnel report.
2. Budget Schedule.
3. Special Council Meeting, March 21, 5:30 p.m.
4. Next Regular Council Meeting is April 4, 5:30 p.m.; Building Standards Commission Meeting is April 4, 4:30 p.m.

ITEM XII. ADJOURNMENT:

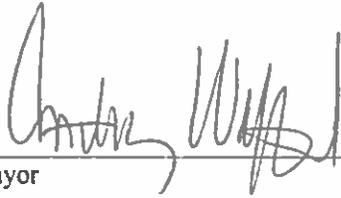
1. Councilmember Rodney Dupree made the motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Rich and passed with the following vote:

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Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary

Approved: March 21, 2016.