

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF SNYDER

JANUARY 4, 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. RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

There was no Employee of the Month.

ITEM III. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

Mayor Tony Wofford recognized the following visitors:

Bill Crist, Snyder Daily News; Richard Reed, Southern Electric; Bill Lavers, Development Corporation of Snyder; Jim Clements, Oncor; Larry Crooks, Scurry County Appraisal District; Keith Hackfeld, Hackfeld Real Estate; Marianne Randals, Scurry County Commissioner; Jim Carrillo, Halff & Associates.

ITEM IV. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:

No Discussion.

ITEM V. MINUTES:

1. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, December 7, 2015.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Rich 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 Special Council Meeting, December 14, 2015.

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

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes:None.

ITEM VI. BIDS:

1. Councilmember Vernon Clay made the motion to award the bid for a construction contract contingent upon approval by the Texas Department of Agriculture for a performance statement modification on the City's water improvement Texas Capital Fund Grant No. 7214242 for Chemplex water line project to Starks Construction for \$400,282.

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

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

2. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to approve the purchase of a Dump Truck for Dept. 25 & Dept. 75 from Austin Freightliner through Buy Board for \$194,376.

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

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

3. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to approve the purchase of a Sanitation Truck for Dept. 30 from Austin Freightliner through Buy Board for \$186,676.

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

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

ITEM VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to adopt on second reading Ordinance No. 2026 amending Ordinance No. 178 codified in Chapter 12, Section 12.02.002 of the Snyder Code of Ordinances regarding location of stop intersections and right-of-way intersections as captioned below:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART OF ORDINANCE NO. 178 CODIFIED IN CHAPTER 12, SECTION 12.02.002 OF THE SNYDER CODE OF ORDINANCES TO UPDATE THIS SECTION REGULATING THE DESIGNATION OF LOCATIONS OF STOP INTERSECTIONS AND YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY INTERSECTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

ITEM VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation by Halff & Associates regarding the Master Comprehensive Plan for the City of Snyder. – Jim Carillo with Halff & Associates presented the City Council with the Master Comprehensive Plan that should be ready for the public and the Council's final approval in March. He discussed four sections of the plan which showed what the plan includes and how it can be used, present information about Snyder, gathered information from survey responses received by Snyder residents, a vision statement, and ideas for

the future. The plan reflects a 20 year projected look into the future for Snyder that will include parks and recreation, housing redevelopment zones, downtown redevelopment, and infrastructure.

2. Discussion regarding Residential Tax Abatement Program. – Larry Crooks Chief Appraiser for Scurry County Appraisal District expressed some concern regarding the Tax Abatement Program. He stated the abatement program would require more work for the appraisal office and homeowners would have to apply for the abatement each year due to state law. Also, as the number of abatements increase the Appraisal District may be required to purchase new software which would come as an expense to the City.
3. Councilmember Rodney Dupree made the motion to approve Resolution R160104A regarding a Residential Tax Abatement Program as captioned below:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, 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 Councilmember Steve Rich and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

The Resolution will be changed to reflect City Council changes allowing the abatement to be transferrable one time and stating the structure must be placed on a permanent foundation.

4. Councilmember Rodney Dupree made the motion to approve Resolution R160104B regarding a Home Improvement Incentive Program as captioned below:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS APPROVING ADDITIONS TO THE CITY OF SNYDER'S CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING AND IMPLEMENTING THE SNYDER HOME IMPROVEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM; 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 Steve Rich and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

5. Discussion regarding Firearms. – City Attorney Bryan Guymon discussed several opinions from the Attorney General's office regarding firearms. Bryan Guymon stated it is still unclear where firearms are and are not allowed when it comes to courtrooms and court offices since the passing of the open carry law. The City Council will make a determination regarding firearms in City Hall when more information is provided from the Attorney General's office.

ITEM IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Time – 7:25 p.m.

Council may act in Open Session on the following item:

1. Deliberation regarding real property. (Section 551.072 Texas Government Code.)

ITEM X. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: Time – 7:57 p.m.

1. Councilmember Luann Burleson made the motion to have an engineering study conducted on the City Hall building.

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

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

ITEM XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Time – 7:59 p.m.

Council may act in Open Session on the following item:

1. Personnel Matters. (Section 551.074 Texas Government Code.) Evaluation of City Manager.

ITEM XII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: Time – 9:38 p.m.

1. No action taken regarding Evaluation of City Manager.

ITEM XIII. INFORMATION:

1. Monthly personnel report.
2. Goals for City Manager for 2015-2016.
3. Election schedule. *Horario de eleccion*.
4. Election Day is May 7, 2016

Dia de Eleccion es el 7 de Mayo de 2016

5. Next Regular Council Meeting is February 1, 5:30 p.m.; Building Standards Commission Meeting is February 1, 4:30 p.m.

ITEM XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

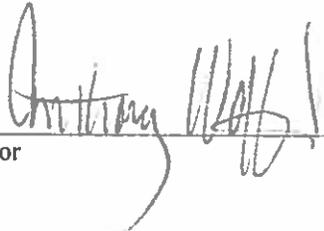
1. Councilmember Rodney Dupree made the motion to adjourn.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Snyder City Council
Regular Council Meeting
January 4, 2016



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary

Approved: February 1, 2016.