MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF SNYDER

FEBRUARY 1, 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
Attorney for the City, Bryan Guymon

And the following absent:

Councilmember Luann Burleson

ITEM I. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Tom Strayhorn.

ITEM II. RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Mayor Tony Wofford recognized Emily Ynguanzo as the Employee of the Month.

ITEM III. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

Mayor Tony Wofford recognized the following visitors:

Ben Barkley, Snyder Daily News; Richard Reed, Southern Electric; Bill Lavers, Development Corporation of Snyder; Keith Hackfeld, Hackfeld Real Estate; Linda Molina, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Jeff Knowles, Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

ITEM IV. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:

Richard Reed with Southern Electric addressed the Council concerning the building located at 1203 College Avenue. Richard Reed stated he wanted to know what the City could do to reconnect the waterline to the building which he plans to use for auctions. The waterline has been cut and capped off where the Texas Department of Transportation performed road work. He stated that City water services are available at surrounding buildings, but not his, and he thinks the City is responsible for reconnecting the line. City Manager Merle Taylor stated the last time water services were present at the building was in 1967.

Keith Hackfeld with Hackfeld Real Estate addressed the Council concerning the average cost to demolish a building. Public Works Director Eli Torres stated the average cost is between $9,000 and $10,000. Keith Hackfeld stated putting a lien of that amount on a property will cause a problem later on when someone wants to buy the property. He stated no one will buy a property with a $9,000 or $10,000 lien when the property is not worth that much.

Bill Lavers with the Development Corporation of Snyder addressed the Council stating he had talked to several contractors about bidding against the city for demolitions. He stated he had spoken to a local contractor that would charge $2,500 to $3,000 for the demolition if the City provided a roll-off dumpster and hauled the debris to the landfill. Public Works Director Eli Torres stated the City is comparable in cost and the disposal fees are what increases the price.

ITEM V. MINUTES:

1. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, January 4, 2016.

   The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tom Strayhorn 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, January 4, 2016.

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

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

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to table setting the minimum bid for property located at 2423 College Avenue.

   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 table setting the minimum bid for property located at 2419 College Avenue.

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

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

3. Councilmember Tom Strayhorn made the motion to set the minimum bid for property located at 2103 Avenue O at $3,000.00

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

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

4. Councilmember Tom Strayhorn made the motion to approve renewing the contract with Snyder Chamber of Commerce regarding hotel occupancy tax funds.

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

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

5. Councilmember Rodney Dupree made the motion to approve the annual report from the Snyder Police Department regarding racial profiling in 2015.

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

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

6. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to approve the annual report from the Snyder Fire Department regarding racial profiling in 2015.

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

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

7. Councilmember Rodney Dupree made the motion to approve Resolution R160201A authorizing the filing of a grant application for a solid waste grant as captioned below:

   RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNYDER AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE WEST CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SNYDER IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION; AND PLEDGING THAT IF A GRANT IS RECEIVED THE CITY OF SNYDER WILL COMPLY WITH THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS OF THE WEST CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS.

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

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

8. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to approve Resolution R160201B authorizing the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Inc. (TCAP) to negotiate an electric supply agreement as captioned below:

   A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, AUTORIZING THE TEXAS COALITION FOR AFFORDABLE POWER, INC. (TCAP) TO NEGOTIATE AN ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR FIVE YEARS FOR DELIVERIES OF ELECTRICITY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018; AUTHORIZING TCAP TO ACT AS AN AGENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICITY; AUTHORIZING TO EXECUTE AN ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR DELIVERIES OF ELECTRICITY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 AND COMMITTING TO BUDGET FOR ENERGY PURCHASES IN 2018 THROUGH 2022 AND TO HONOR THE CITY'S COMMITMENTS TO PURCHASE POWER FOR ITS ELECTRICAL NEEDS IN 2018 THROUGH 2022 THROUGH TCAP.

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

   Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

9. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve the quarterly investment report for quarter ending December 31, 2015.

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

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

10. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to order the General Election to be held on May 7, 2016 to elect Councilmembers for single member districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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

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

ITEM VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Time – 6:18 p.m.

Council may act in Open Session on the following item:

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

ITEM VIII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: Time – 6:37 p.m.

1. Councilmember Rodney Dupree made the motion to continue negotiations regarding real property.

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

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

ITEM IX. INFORMATION:

1. Election schedule. *Horario de eleccion.*

2. Election Day is May 7, 2016.

   Dia de Eleccion es el 7 de Mayo de 2016.

3. Next Regular Council Meeting is March 7, 5:30 p.m.; Building Standards Commission Meeting is March 7, 4:30 p.m.

ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to adjourn.

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

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

   The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary

Approved: March 7, 2016.