

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF SNYDER

APRIL 3, 2017

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 Steve Highfield.

ITEM II. RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Mayor Tony Wofford recognized Pete Quintanilla as employee of the month.

ITEM III. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

Mayor Tony Wofford recognized the following visitors:

Bill Crist, Snyder Daily News; Linda Molina, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; George Jamison, Snyder; Kristy Tyra, Oncor; Donna Cutler, College on the Square; Paula Hatfield, Scurry County Historical Commission; Jason Cave, Snyder Chamber of Commerce Board; Dana Evans, Snyder; Gayle Summers, Snyder; Daniel Schlegel, Scurry County Museum & Scurry County Historical Commission; Kat Schlegel, Scurry County Museum & Scurry County Historical Commission.

ITEM IV. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Mayor Tony Wofford proclaimed April 6, 2017 as WWI Remembrance Day in Snyder, Texas.

ITEM V. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:

Gayle Summers, Snyder resident, who lives on Irving Avenue near the Snyder Primary and Intermediate Schools, asked if the council could address traffic problems around her home. She stated drivers are using Irving Avenue, and at least one has used the alley, to avoid the school zone on Houston Avenue. She thinks the problem was created by the location of the new Junior High School.

ITEM VI. MINUTES:

1. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, March 6, 2017.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield 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, March 6, 2017.

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

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

ITEM VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Councilmember Vernon Clay made the motion to approve the 2016 Chamber of Commerce Report.

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

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

2. Councilmember Vernon Clay made the motion to approve the specifications for employee health insurance.

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

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

3. Councilmember Rodney Dupree made the motion to approve Resolution R171403 suspending the April 21, 2017 effective date of Oncor Electric Company's requested rate change as captioned below:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNYDER SUSPENDING THE APRIL 21, 2017, EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY'S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR TO HIRE LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

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

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

4. Councilmember Luann Burlison made the motion to approve the Request for Qualifications for the Texas Department of Transportation's TAP Program and giving City Staff permission to hire the engineer.

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 retaining wall pavers for City Hall. – City Manager Merle Taylor presented the council with a plan to put retaining wall pavers along the South side of City Hall. The pavers would cost about \$1500 and much of the work would be performed by students at Western Texas College.

ITEM VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Time – 6:14 p.m.

Council may act in Open Session on the following item:

1. Consultation with attorney. (Section 551.071 Texas Government Code.) Further consultation with attorney regarding EEOC Claim # 846-2016-13898 and corresponding threatened litigation based on discrimination claim made by former employee, including considering the terms of a settlement agreement.

ITEM IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: Time – 6:30 p.m.

1. Councilmember Luann Burluson made the motion to approve a settlement agreement regarding EEOC Claim # 846-2016-13898.

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

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

ITEM X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Time – 6:31 p.m.

Council may act in Open Session on the following item:

1. Consultation with attorney to receive attorney's advice on legal matters and deliberations about real property. (Sections 551.071 and 551.072 Texas Government Code.)

ITEM XI. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: Time – 6:54 p.m.

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

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

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

ITEM XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Time – 6:55 p.m.

Council may act in Open Session on the following item:

1. Consultation with attorney to receive attorney's advice on legal matters and regarding pending or contemplated litigation. (Section 551.071 Texas Government Code.)

ITEM XIII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: Time – 8:22 p.m.

1. No action taken regarding consultation with attorney.

ITEM XIV. INFORMATION:

1. Monthly personnel report.

2. Election Day is May 6, 2017. Dia de Eleccion ese s 6 de Mayo de 2017.
3. Election schedule. Horario de eleccion.
4. Budget Schedule.
5. Next Regular Council Meeting is May 1, 5:30 p.m.; Building Standards Commission meeting is May 1, 4:30 p.m.

ITEM XV. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Councilmember Rodney Dupree made the motion to adjourn.

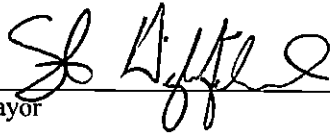
The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Rich and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Mayor



ATTEST:

Shai Green
City Secretary

Approved: May 1, 2017.