

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF SNYDER

MAY 1, 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 Pro-Tem Steve Highfield with the following members present:

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

Absent:

Mayor Tony Wofford

ITEM I. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Tom Strayhorn.

ITEM II. RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Highfield recognized Alex Gallagher as employee of the month.

ITEM III. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Highfield recognized the following visitors:

Bill Crist, Snyder Daily News; John Gayle, Snyder; Trina Upshaw, Snyder; Diedra Burleson, Snyder; Richard Powell, Big Country Electric; Ben Martin, Snyder; Gayle Summers, Snyder; Bonnie Nussey, Snyder.

ITEM IV. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:

Gayle Summers, Snyder Resident, addressed the council again regarding drivers who use her neighborhood's streets to avoid school zones around Snyder Primary and Intermediate Schools. She stated the situation has not improved.

Diedra Burelson, Snyder Resident, addressed the council with concerns regarding her water bill. She stated she's had difficulty getting answers as to why her water bills have shown dramatic changes in usage from month to month. She has heard from many residents who say they also have been overcharged.

Trina Upshaw, Snyder Resident, addressed the council with concerns regarding her water bill. She does not think it's fair customers must pay for water, sewer and sanitation services at homes that are unoccupied. She has been cleaning her aunt and uncles home, which has been unoccupied for three months. She encouraged the council to look at how it handles empty homes that are being prepared to sale.

ITEM V. MINUTES:

1. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, April 3, 2017.

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, April 3, 2017.

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

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

3. Councilmember Steve Rich made the motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting, April 17, 2017.

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

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

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Councilmember Rodney Dupree made the motion to renew the contract and approving the new rates with Texas Municipal League 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.

2. Councilmember Rodney Dupree made the motion to approve the quarterly investment report for quarter ending March 31, 2017.

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

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

3. Discussion and update regarding community policing and certification program. – Police Chief Terry Luecke addressed the council and explained about a best practices recognition program that many police departments are adopting to be recognized by the Texas Police Chiefs Association. The program is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 164 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices. The program reviews the departments collection and storage of evidence, its facilities, equipment, operations, and its policies and procedures and record keeping. A committee of seven police department employees are working toward achieving the status.

ITEM VII. INFORMATION:

1. Monthly personnel report.
2. Special Council Meeting, May 9, 5:30 p.m. to canvass votes for the General Election.
3. Special Council Meeting, May 15, 5:30 p.m. signing of Statement of Officers and Oaths of Office.
4. Election Day is May 6, 2017. Dia de Eleccion ese s 6 de Mayo de 2017.

5. Election schedule. Horario de eleccion.
6. Budget Schedule.
7. Next Regular Council Meeting is June 5, 5:30 p.m.; Building Standards Commission meeting is June 5, 4:30 p.m.

ITEM VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

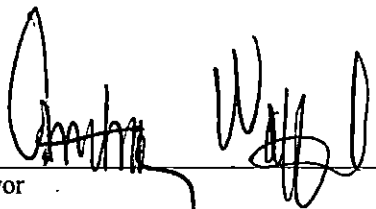
1. Councilmember Rodney Dupree made the motion to adjourn.

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

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

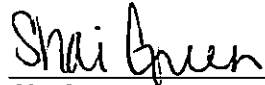
Noes: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary

Approved: June 5, 2017.