

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### CITY OF SNYDER

JUNE 7, 2021

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 and was held with the following members present:

Councilmember Sarah Jamison  
Councilmember Vernon Clay  
Councilmember Mitch Hickman  
Councilmember Tom Strayhorn  
Councilmember Carson Matthies  
Attorney for the City, Bryan Guymon

Absent:

Councilmember Steve Highfield

#### ITEM I. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Perry Westmoreland.

#### ITEM II. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

Mayor Tony Wofford recognized the following visitors:

Bill Crist, The Snyder News; Scott Joslove, Texas Hotel & Lodging Association; Linda Molina, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Sandra Salinas, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Josh Ortegon, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Kristy Tyra, Oncor; Doug Dowler, DCOS; Kirsta Koennecke, DCOS; Bill Robertson, DCOS; Steve Rich, Snyder; Becky Cross, Snyder; Wade Warren, Snyder; Charles Ragland, Snyder; Keith Herrley, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Sarah Smith, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Mike Snead, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Ella Helms, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Cole Massey, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; C'Ella Clayton, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Jerry Webb, Snyder; Barbara Leatherwood, Pops Memorial Golf Tournament; Terry Leatherwood, Snyder; Ruben Gonzalez, Snyder; Curtiss Jackson, Snyder; Linda Jackson, Snyder; Lane Whitefield, Bike Rally; Stephanie Ducheneaux, Snyder.

#### ITEM III. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:

Gayle Summers, Snyder Resident, said the city council should work together to improve Snyder. She wants the council to work together with all new incoming councilmembers and would also like to see information that is requested from the city be given in a timely manner.

Linda Jackson, Snyder Resident, asked the city to install a traffic light at the intersection of College Avenue and Memorial Way. City Manager Merle Taylor said that the Texas Department of Transportation would have to make that decision of whether that intersection needed a light based on traffic volume.

#### ITEM IV. MINUTES:

1. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting April 13, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

2. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting May 11, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

**ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to send Ordinance No. 2095 back to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board for review.

Councilmember Sarah Jamison withdrew her first motion and made a new motion to not adopt Ordinance No. 2095 amending the Code of Ordinances by adding a new Chapter 3 Building Regulations Article 3.10 regarding Fence Regulations as captioned below:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SNYDER BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 3 BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 3.10, FENCE REGULATIONS; REQUIRING A CITY PERMIT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OR CONSTRUCTION OF ANY FENCE OVER SEVEN FEET IN HEIGHT; REGULATING FENCES; SETTING FORTH A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER.**

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Sarah Jamison, Mitch Hickman, Tom Strayhorn, and Carson Matthies.

Noes: Councilmember Vernon Clay.

Ordinance No. 2095 did not pass.

**ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion regarding the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Operations. – Councilmember Mitch Hickman asked the council to discuss how the chamber spends the operations money. The chamber receives 100% of the money received by the city from local hotel occupancy tax with 50% being set aside to promote tourism and the other 50% set aside for day-to-day operations. During the discussion Snyder Chamber of Commerce President Linda Molina stated they had used HOT funds set aside for day-to-day operations on activities such as fireworks and Christmas decorations. City Attorney Bryan Guymon said that mingling HOT funds with chamber funds to pay for non-allowable expenses was against the law. Councilmember Mitch Hickman suggested that the city adopt a model from other cities which put control of the HOT funds back in the city's hands. He would also like a better breakdown of the tourism-related activities, the use of HOT funds, and salary expenses when the chamber gives their quarterly and annual reports to the council.

No action was taken.

2. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve the request by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce for assistance in funding a portion of the cost of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July firework display.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

The city will fund \$4,125 towards the 4<sup>th</sup> of July firework display.

3. Councilmember Vernon Clay made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance No. 2096 repealing Ordinance No. 1085 establishing fees for permits and various services as captioned below:

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1085, THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR PERMITS AND VARIOUS SERVICE PERFORMED BY THE CITY OF SNYDER, AND ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE REFLECTING THE AMENDMENTS OF SECTION C PART 2 DEMOLITION AND CLEANUP. REVISING THE FEE AND SERVICE SCHEDULE, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE BUILDING AND RELATED SERVICES FEE ORDINANCE", ADDING SECTION F, PROVIDING A MEANS OF RECOUPING ADDED COST TO THE CITY FOR CONDUCTING CERTIFIED FIRE INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Jamison and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

4. Councilmember Mitch Hickman made the motion to approve Resolution R210607A enabling the City of Snyder to participate in the State of Texas SmartBuy Membership Program as captioned below:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS; TO ENABLE THE CITY OF SNYDER TO BE A PARTICIPANT IN THE STATE OF TEXAS SMARTBUY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM OF THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS PURSUANT TO §271.081 AND §271.083 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.**

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

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

5. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve Resolution R210607B approving the submission of a grant application for the Snyder Patrol Vehicle 2022 Project.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

6. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to renew the contract and approve the new rates with Texas Municipal League for employee health insurance.

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

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

7. Councilmember Mitch Hickman made the motion to appoint DaNorris Smith and Dewey Grinslade to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Jamison and passed with the following vote:

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

The appointment of a third board member was tabled until the next scheduled council meeting.

8. Councilmember Vernon Clay made the motion to approve the monthly financial report for April.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Jamison and passed with the following vote:

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

9. Councilmember Mitch Hickman made the motion to appoint Steve Highfield as Mayor Pro-Tem.

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

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

**ITEM VII. INFORMATION:**

1. Monthly personnel report.
2. Budget schedule.
3. Runoff Election Schedule. Calendario de elecciones de segunda vuelta.
4. Runoff Election Day is June 19, 2021. El dia de la segunda vuelta es el 19 de junio de 2021.
5. Special Council Meeting, June 22, 5:30 p.m. to canvass votes for the Runoff Election, Signing of Statement of Officer and Oath of Office.
6. Next Regular Council Meeting July 12, 5:30 p.m.

**ITEM VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

1. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to adjourn.

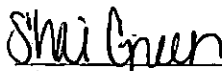
The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Secretary

Approved: July 12, 2021.