

CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TX
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2015

INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Clement at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Also present for the meeting were Aldermen Joel Orteaga David Tremblay, Earnest Gay, and Alderwoman Micki Ball. City Attorney Art Martinez de Vara arrived late. . Alderman Doug Tomasini was out of town.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by the Mayor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 4 Approve minutes for December 11, 2014 City Council meeting. Motion: Gay / 2nd: Ball-Passed 4-0.

Agenda Item 5 Item 5a, December 11, 2014. Agenda. *An incorrect date on the agenda.* A copy of the minutes was not available to approve. Motion to postpone: Ball / 2nd: Gay-Passed 4-0.

Agenda Item 6 Item 7, December 11, 2014. Agenda. *Advertisement. The City Attorney to check on advertising on the computer and using law schools.* Mr. Martinez de Vara had not arrived in time to comment. The Mayor said he would hold this item open until he arrives. If not addressed, it will be moved to the next meeting.

Agenda Item 7 Item 8 Dec 11, 2014. Agenda. *Inter-local agreement (Alderwoman Ball).* Alderwoman Ball is still reaching out to her contacts in the county. But thinks, we will never get the agreement from the county to provide interim services to the city, the Mayor agreed. No action taken.

Agenda Item 8 Item 9, December 11, 2014 Agenda. *Restricting "through traffic" on Priest Rd.* No action taken. Item dropped due to inability to enforce.

Agenda Item 9 Item 10, December 11, 2014 Agenda. *(Item taken up at Special Meeting, December 15) Item listed as Review and consider credentials of temporary volunteer to the City Marshall position.* No action taken as we are waiting on a background check for the City Marshall, so he can be sworn in. The item will be added to the February agenda.

Agenda Item 10 Discuss and consider issuing request for RFQs for solid waste collection and methods of payment collection for the City of Sandy Oaks. (Mayor Clement) Discussion: Alderman Gay stated that he didn't see a problem with the way it is being done now. Alderman Tremblay said we need to look into it further. Alderman Ball agreed we shouldn't ask the citizens to pay for a service they may not want, and that there was no way to collect the fee but was open to the bulk pickup. Alderman Tremblay suggested he and Alderman Ball go speak with County Commissioner Rodriguez about the county doing the pickup. Motion to postpone: Tremblay / 2nd: Gay. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Agenda Item 11 Discuss and consider forming a committee to investigate an ordinance for noise abatement in the City of Sandy Oaks. The mayor spoke about the sheriff coming out at Christmas at 3:30 in the morning with loud music and partying. Alderman Gay made a comment about the constant noise of fireworks for the last month. Alderman Tremblay commented on the fact that there is no way to enforce the ordinance. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 6. Mr. Martinez de Vara stated that St, Mary's Law school has a place to advertise and also as members of TML (Texas Municipal League) we can post in their career center. An account needs to be set up. Alderman Ball asked the City Clerk to open the account so the job can be posted.

Agenda Item 12 Request information on anonymous donor and has payment been made to TML. For the first quarter risk pool coverage. The City Attorney said the payment had been received but not sent as a new contract with the correct year needs to be signed by the mayor.

The Mayor is requesting a special meeting on Monday, Jan 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. To discuss the plans for the new Dollar General coming to the city.

Motion to adjourn: Gay / 2nd: Ball - Passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST



City Clerk

Charlotte Rabe

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 12 DAY OF February, 2015



James H. Clement, Mayor