

***CITY OF SANDY OAKS TEXAS***  
***COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***

***AUGUST 16, 2014***

INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Clement at 6:30pm. Mayor Clement gave a short introduction to the meeting and advised the audience that this meeting was for taking care of needed regulations and also asked that everyone respect the new council as they all work hard to get to this point. Cathleen Lamoureux-Recio interrupted the meeting by taking offence to Art Martinez De Vara being seated at the head table. Mayor Clement asked Art if he would take a seat in the audience and he did. Cathleen then complained on how the meeting was posted, Mayor Clement explained how he posted the meeting in several places beyond what was required by law. Ms. Lamoureux-Recio was not satisfied with the explanation.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Our invocation was led by Pastor Patrick Andrews of the Southeast Church of Christ, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Mayor Jim Clement, Alderman David Trembaly, Earnest D Gay, Doug Tomasini, Joel Ortega and Micki Ball. Others Present were Art Martinez deVara.

AGENDA ITEMS

Item #4: An ordinance #2014-1 establishing Roberts Rules of Order as the parliamentary procedure utilized by the City Council of Sandy Oaks. There was a motion by Gay, second by Ortega. The only discussion was if this was common practice and it was determined that most boards use Roberts as their procedure. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #5: An Ordinance #2014-2 establishing procedures related to procedures related to council agendas and meetings. There was a motion by Alderman Ball to cancel the meeting due to improper notice of the meeting being given. Motion seconded by Tremblay. Motion failed with 2 votes for (Ball, Tremblay) and 3 votes against (Gay, Tomasini and Ortega). Lamoureux-Recio interrupted once again and Mayor Clement explained that this meeting did not include audience participation. Lamoureux-Recio continued her interruptions and the Officer at the meeting had to intervene to restore order. There was a motion to accept Ordinance 2014-2 with

one change to read "at least two city council members" by Gay and second by Tomasini.  
Ordinance passed with Ball voting No.

Item #6: A Resolution to enter into an agreement for rent of the property for meetings. There was conflict as to the wording and there was a motion was made to postpone this resolution until the wording could be corrected by Gay and seconded by Ball. Motion passed unanimously

Item #7: An ordinance 2014-3 establishing the office of city attorney and the method of appointment.

Council moved into executive session to discuss this personnel matter.

Upon return from executive session there was a motion to approve the ordinance by Gay and second by Ball. Vote was unanimous for the ordinance.

There was a second motion by Gay to appoint Art Martinez de Vara for a temporary 60 day term and allow the council to entertain other offers. Motion was seconded by Ball. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #10: Consider Mayor's nomination for Mayor Pro Tem. Joel Ortega nominated Earnest D Gay and Micki Ball nominated David Tremblay. Vote was 1 for Tremblay and 2 for Gay. Earnest D Gay will be the Mayor Pro Tem.

Item #11: The need for an official publication is to post meetings and request for proposals. The publication must be at least weekly. If a daily publication is used for notices they must be published on 2 consecutive days to meet guidelines. There was only one publication that responded to the request to be our paper of record. La Prensa is a twice weekly publication that is available in our area and they have agreed to increase distribution to make the paper more readily available to our citizens. La Prensa is a bi-lingual newspaper. There was a motion by Gay and second by Tremblay to contract with La Prensa to be our official newspaper. Vote was unanimous.

Item #12: Consider having the city Marshal be an appointed position and not an elected position. A motion was made to make the City Marshall position an appointed position by Gay and seconded by Ortega. After a short discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Cathleen Lamoureux-Recio interrupted the meeting once again with the "Wendy" yelling that we had no permission to be there and must vacate the building. Lamoureux-Recio threatened to call the sheriff for trespassing. Mayor Clement tried unsuccessfully to convey to Ms. Lamoureux-Recio that he has an agreement with the Development Company and that the park managers know full well about the meeting.

At this time the Mayor skipped forward to the tax issues on the agenda due to time restraints.

Item # 14: There was a motion to place on the November ballot to remove from the Via tax by Gay and second by Ortega. Motion carried 3 – 2 with Ball and Tremblay voting no.


Item #15: There was a motion to place on the November Ballot a maximum ½ percent sales tax to be allocated for street maintenance by Gay and seconded by Tomasini. Vote passed 4 -3 with Ball voting No.

Item #16: Discuss placing on the November Ballot a maximum 1 ½ percent sales tax to be general use fund for the city. Art advised that the motion would have to be for a 1% then another ½% as separate items on the ballot. Motion was made by Gay and seconded by Tomasini on the 1% and the motion carried 4-1 with Ball voting No. Gay mad a second motion for the ½% sales tax which was seconded by Tomasini. Motion passed 4-1 with Ball voting No.

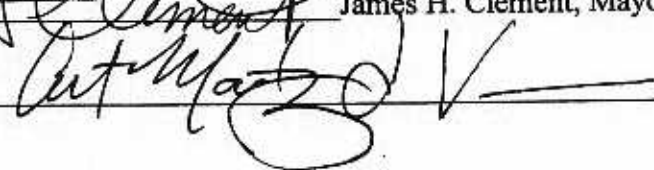
Due to the time needed to get everyone out of the Park before the gate closed, I motioned we adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ortega. Vote was unanimous.

After Adjournment Mayor Clement gave Earnest D Gay the oath of office for Mayor Pro Tem which was recorded. Alderman Gay took the oath and was officially sworn in.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2014

  
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James H. Clement, Mayor

ATTEST

  
\_\_\_\_\_, City Attorney