

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF SUTTON §

CITY OF SONORA §

On this the 21st day of August 2017, the City Council for the City of Sonora met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of City Hall with the following to wit:

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Wanda Shurley, Mayor
Cody Gann, Councilmember
Norm Rousselot, Councilmember
Juanita Barrera, Councilmember
Manuel Martinez, Councilmember

STAFF: **Edward Carrasco, City Manager**
Belia Fay, City Secretary
Betty Hernandez, OM/Assist City Secretary
Chief Art Fuentes

Others attending were: James Kosub, David Smith, Irene Dominguez, Brigitte Rogers Jim Brisbin, Cecilia Sanchez, Derenda Ernst Jadi Vaughn, Elvia Lopez, Miguel Villanueva, Josie Emiliano, Mary Barron, Dee Martinez, Kimberly Meyer, Tammy Fisher, Patti Strauch, Tamra and Kelly Morrow, Theresa Wolf and Faye Deel

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wanda Shurley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and delivered the Invocation followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to The United States Flag and The Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND UPDATES WERE PRESENTED:

City Manager Ed Carrasco introduced Arturo Fuentes as Sonora's Chief of Police to the audience. He also reported that the Love contracts for the water wells and pump station have been executed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Barrera to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda:

- July 13, 2017 Special Meeting
- July 17, 2017 Regular Meeting
- July 31 2017 Special Meeting
- Sonora Police Dept. Monthly Report

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gann and the following votes were cast:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing was held to Expend 4B Sales Tax Fund for a proposed community development project to provide assistance to Eaton Hill Nature Center & Preserve for a portion of their expenses for fiscal year 2017 - 2018. These expenses include, but are not limited to, administrative, nature center displays, repair and maintenance and employee training. SEDC Manager David Smith further explained that Eaton Hill Nature Center & Preserve had applied for a grant of the amount of \$65,500.00 but the board only approved the amount of \$47,000.00 with the stipulation that Eaton Hill will make significant efforts for other grants and outside funding. The public hearing was closed at 6:10 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

6b: DISCUSSION AND CITY UTILITIES RATES:

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the utility rates. Tammy Fisher addressed the Council and voiced her and others' concerns over the high costs of the water and sewer rates. She also presented a petition that was circulated via Facebook. Others that addressed the Council regarding the city's rates were Brigitte Rogers, Teresa Ward, Faye Deel and Jadi Vaughn. The people that spoke urge the Council to look into the rates and come up with a solution that will reduce the costs of rates. The Council agreed to discuss this matter at the next regular meeting in September.

6c: CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AMENDING ABLE WATER SYSTEMS CONTRACT:

The Contract with Abel Water Systems was amended to reflect the amount to \$303,884.54, an increase of \$10,192.00 upon a motion made by Councilmember Barrera and seconded by Councilmember Gann and the following votes were cast:

AYES: All members shown present
NAYS: None

6d: CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AMENDING AUSTIN ENGINEERING CO CONTRACT:

The Contract with Austin Engineering Co. Inc. was amended to reflect the amount to \$773,554.00, a decrease of \$16,700.00 upon a motion made by Councilmember Barrera and seconded by Councilmember Gann and the following votes were cast:

AYES: All members shown present
NAYS: None

6e: RESOLUTION 2017-R-08-US ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND:

Councilmember Barrera made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-R-8 to invite the US Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) to conduct UWEX 18 in Sonora, Texas from March 1, 2018 through June 1, 2018. Councilmember Gann seconded the motion and the following votes were cast:

AYES: All members shown present
NAYS: None

6f: SCAD CONTRACT FOR ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION SERVICES:

The contract with The Sutton County Appraisal District for assessment and collection services of ad valorem taxes was approved upon a motion made by Councilmember Gann and seconded by Councilmember Barrera. Motion passed with the following votes:

AYES: All members shown present
NAYS: None

6g: RATE CHARGE ON TRASH FRO CONTRACTORS AND NON-CUSTOMERS:

City Manager Edward Carrasco stated that there are contractors and non-customers that are having to dump trash and suggested that the City set a rate charge schedule for them. City

Attorney James Kosub stated that any action for this matter would require an Ordinance. The Council agreed to have Mr. Kosub draw up an Ordinance for further consideration.

6h: AMEND BUDGET RE-SEDC GRANT AND EXPENDITURES FOR LOVE'S:

Councilmember Barrera made the motion to amend the current budget by transferring the amount of the SEDC grant of \$225,000.00 from the water fund to the sewer fund.

Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion and the following votes were cast:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

6i: TRANSFER FUNDS FROM SEDC GRANT TO CITY'S POOL CASH ACCT:

Councilmember Martinez made the motion to transfer money from the SEDC Grant Account to The City' Pool Cash Account for reimbursement to the City for Love's infrastructure expenditures. Councilmember Barrera seconded the motion and the following votes were cast:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

6j: NEW WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE LAWS:

City Attorney Mr. James Kosub addressed the Council regarding the Wireless Infrastructure Law, effective September 1, 2017. No action was taken on this matter.

7: EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss the following:

Texas Government Code, Subchapter d., Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters- Expectations, Duties and Responsibilities as Chief of Police)

8: RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION:

The Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:25 p.m.

The Council agreed to set a budget workshop on August 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and also to discuss the tax rate.

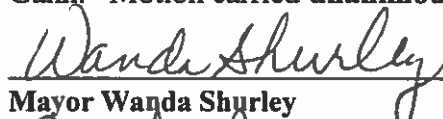
9: REPORT AND OTHER INFORMATION: None

10: CITIZENS AND VISITORS' COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Shurley adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. upon a motion made by Councilmember Barrera and seconded by Councilmember

Gann. Motion carried **unanimously.**



Mayor Wanda Shurley



Councilmember Juanita Barrera



Councilmember Cody Gann



Councilmember Norm Rousselot



Councilmember Manuel Martinez



Betty Hernandez, OM/Assist City Secretary

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On this the 23rd day of August, 2017, the City Council for the City of Sonora met in Special Session with the Sutton County Commissioners Court in the conference room at the Sutton County Annex with the following to wit:

Present: Wanda Shurley, Mayor
Juanita Barrera, Councilmember
Norm Rousselot, Councilmember
Staff: Ed Carrasco, City Manager
Betty Hernandez, Office Manager/Assist Secretary
Art Fuentes, Chief of Police
Peter Duran, Public Works Supervisor

Present Steve Smith, County Judge
Mike Villanueva, Commissioner
Bob Brockman, Commissioner
Carl Teaff, Commissioner
Fred Perez, Commissioner
County Staff: Rachel Duran, County Clerk
Maura Weingart, County Auditor

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shurley called the joint meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the interlocal contracts between the City of Sonora and Sutton County.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

NOTE: The City Council did not have a quorum; therefore, the motions were made but not passed due to a lack of quorum. The Interlocal Agreements will be re-considered at the Regular Meeting on September 18, 2017. The Sutton County Commissioners did have a quorum and they were able to vote and all the Interlocal Agreements did pass unanimously.

SENIOR CENTER: Motion to continue the Interlocal Agreement regarding the Senior Center with Sutton County and the City will bill the County for reimbursement of all expenses on a monthly basis instead of quarterly. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Rousselot. It was also agreed that both entities discontinue setting aside the amount of \$10,000.00 per year.

DISPATCH: Councilmember Barrera made the motion to continue the dispatching agreement with the County and for the City to be billed monthly also. Councilmember Rousselot seconded the motion.

FIRE/EMS: The City is 100% responsible for the Fire Department budget. The Commissioners reported that the hospital has taken over the EMS. The County has paid the hospital for one-half of the EMS operating costs which totaled to \$240,000.00 and will continue to pay for one-half of the EMS operating costs to the hospital. Councilmember Rousselot made the motion to approve the interlocal agreement. Councilmember Barrera seconded the motion.

TRAX VAN: Judge Smith stated that The Concho Valley Council of Governments has taken over this service. COG pays for one-half of the expenses and bills the County for the remaining half. The County then bills the City of one-half of their bill so eventually COG pays for one-half of the expenditures and the City and County pay one-fourth of the expenditures. Motion was made by Councilmember Barrera to continue the agreement as is. Councilmember Rousselot seconded the motion.

ANIMAL CONTROL: The City will respond and provide service to the unincorporated areas in Sutton County but only if the call is being dispatched through the Sheriff's Office and must be authorized by the Sutton County Sheriff. The City will bill Sutton County on a monthly basis for any services that are provided to the unincorporated areas in Sutton County. The Commissioners agreed that they will only pay for 6 days of animal shelter. Motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilmember Rousselot and seconded by Councilmember Barrera.

EQUIPMENT: Water Works Supervisor Peter Duran inquired about the City's equipment. It was determined that a front-end loader does belong to the City but is being used and maintained by the County. Also in question was a spreading machine which does belong to the City. The County has offered to operate it for the city on a city project, as long as it is scheduled ahead of time.

STREET PAVING: City Manager reported that the County has billed the City for the use of paving equipment which is not included in the contract. The agreement states that the County will bill the City for actual expenses for paving materials and county employees' wages only. County Auditor Maura Weingart will check into this matter. Both entities agreed to table this matter.

AIRPORT: City Manager Ed Carrasco asked the County Commissioners if they would be willing to assist the City with airport expenditures. County Judge Steve Smith responded that the County's 2016-17 budget has already been approved therefore; the County would not be able to assist for the upcoming budget year.

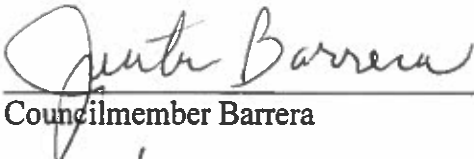
There being no further items to discuss, the motion was made by Councilmember Barrera and seconded by Councilmember Rousselot to adjourn the meeting.



Mayor Wanda Shurley



Councilmember Rousselot




Councilmember Barrera



Councilmember Martinez



Councilmember Gann



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On this the 28th day of August, 2017, the City Council of Sonora, Texas met in Special Session at City Hall with the following to wit:

**Present: Wanda Shurley, Mayor
 Norm Rousselot, Councilmember
 Juanita Barrera, Councilmember
 Cody Gann, Councilmember**

**Staff: Edward Carrasco, City Manager
 Belia Fay, City Secretary
 Betty Hernandez, OM/Assist City Secretary
 Arturo Fuentes, Chief of Police**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shurley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

City Manager Edward Carrasco reported that a water well has been drilled at the Love's property and is flowing at a rate of 33 gallons of water per minute. He also reported that he, Belia and Betty met with The Texas Water Development Board regarding the infrastructure loans.

BUDGET WORKSHOP AND ANY ACTION RELATING THERETO:

The Council went through every department regarding the proposed Fiscal Budget 2017-18. Chief Fuentes reported that the monitor results on one of the Ford Explorer showed some high levels of carbon monoxide.

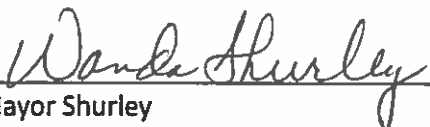
CONSIDERATION & RECORD VOTE TO PROPOSE A TAX RATE & SET DATES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Motion was made by Councilmember Gann to consider the proposed tax rate of \$0.690000 per \$100.00 of taxable value as advised by the City's financial advisor and to set the two public hearings on this matter on September 11, 2017 and September 18, 2017, both meetings at 6:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Barrera and the following votes were cast:

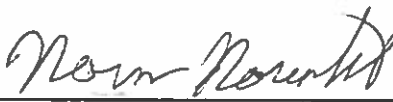
AYES: All members shown present
NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Rousselot made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Barrera seconded the motion and Mayor Shurley adjourned the meeting by unanimous vote at 6:45 p.m.



Mayor Shurley



Councilmember Norm Rousselot



Councilmember Juanita Barrera

(ABSENT)
Councilmember Manuel Martinez



Councilmember Cody Gann



Betty Hernandez, OM/Assist. City Secretary