

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §**

**COUNTY OF SUTTON §**

**CITY OF SONORA §**

On this the 16th day of July, 2018 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**  
**Juanita Gomez, Councilmember**  
**Norm Rousselot, Councilmember**  
**Manuel Martinez, Councilmember**

**STAFF:**

**Edward Carrasco, City Manager**  
**Belia Fay, City Secretary**  
**Betty Hernandez, OM/Assist. City Secretary**

**Others attending were:** David Smith, Tom Ratza, Elaine Donaldson, Rebecca Martinez, Lorie Powers, Sandy Glover, Brandon Araujo, Tai Araujo, Armie Sanchez, Briggs Simms, Kimberly Meyer, Max Howorth and Sharon Creek

**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 and Grant Writer Ken Coignet reported that Love's Travel Center will not be completed until sometime in October. Mr. Carrasco also reported that clean-up day for the city will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Tom Ratza, city's electric consultant announced that the city's contract with Reliant will expire in March of 2020.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Rousselot to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda with a couple of corrections on the minutes:

- June 11, 2018 Special Meeting
- June 18, 2018 Regular Meeting
- Sonora Police Dept. Monthly Report
- Senior Center Monthly Report

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gomez and motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**6a: SONORA TOURISM THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

The Sonora Tourism Third Quarterly Report was approved upon a motion made by Councilmember Gomez and seconded by Councilmember Rousselot. Motion carried with the following votes cast:

**AYES: All members show present**  
**NAYS: None**

**6b: EXPENDITURE OF \$7,500.00 OF HOT FUNDS FOR FLING DING 2019:**

Councilmember Gomez made the motion to approve the funds for the amount of \$7,500.00 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax to The Fling Ding Club. Councilmember Rousselot seconded the motion and it passed with the following votes:

**AYES: All members shown present**  
**NAYS: None**

**6c: SEWAGE AND SPILL PROTOCOL PROCEDURE:**

Mr. Brandon Araujo and Mrs. Sandy Glover addressed the Council regarding a sewage problem that occurred at the Araujo's residence on July 7, 2018. The incident involved raw sewage that was backing up in their yard. They presented a time line report. Both Mr. Araujo and Mrs. Glover expressed dissatisfaction with the city's assistance. They also inquired about the city's sewage and spill protocol. The Council apologized and stated that the city would look into the matter further. The City also agreed to hire a company to take samples of the soil to make sure that the ground at their residence was safe.

**6d: SONORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY REPORTS:**

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report was approved upon a motion made by Councilmember Gomez and seconded by Councilmember Rousselot. Motion passed with the following votes:

**AYES: All members shown present**  
**NAYS: None**

**6e: SEDC QUARTERLY REPORTS:**

Councilmember Gomez made the motion to approve the Sonora Economic Development Corporation Quarterly Report. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion and motion passed with the following votes:

**AYES: All members shown present**  
**NAYS: None**

**6f: SUTTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT:**

The Sutton County Historical Society Third Quarterly Report was approved by a motion made by Councilmember Gomez and seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Motion passed with the following votes:

**AYES: All members shown present**  
**NAYS: None**

**6g: APPOINT D. MEYER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF ADJUST/ZONING BOARD:**

Mr. Ken Meyer was appointed to serve on the Board of Adjustments/Zoning upon a motion made by Councilmember Martinez. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gomez and motion carried with the following votes:

**AYES: All members present**  
**NAYS: None**

**6h: FIRST MONARCH FESTIVAL:**

Mrs. Lori Powers reported to the Council that Eaton Hill would like to host The First Monarch Festival in Sonora and requested the Council's permission to have it sometime in the fall of this year and will continue to have the festival annually. The Council was in full support of the festival. No further action was taken.

**6i: RENEWING ORDINANCE NO. 2010-O-07-JUVENILE CURFEW:**

Motion to renew Ordinance No. 2010-O-07, enforcing the juvenile curfew was made by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Rousselot. Motion carried by the following votes:

**AYES: All members present**  
**NAYS: None**

**6j: PROCUREMENT PROCESS TO PREPARE 2019/20 TX COM DEVELOP BLK GRANT PROG APPL:**

Mr. Ken Coignet, Grant Writer addressed the Council and stated that grants are starting to be available for community water and sewer infrastructure. He further stated that the city will need to hire an Administrator/Grant Writer before the application is submitted. Motion to authorize City Manager Ed Carrasco to start the process of procurement for an administrator to prepare an application and manage the City's 2019/2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program was made by Councilmember Rousselot and seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Motion carried with the following votes:

**AYES: All members present**  
**NAYS: None**

**7: REPORT AND OTHER INFORMATION:** None

**8: CITIZENS AND VISITORS' COMMENTS:**

At this time, Peter Duran, Charlotte McElwain and Briggs Simms explained their actions regarding the sewage incident at the Araujos. It was established that protocol was followed and

the owners of the residence refused the solution of the city, which was to spread lime on the ground. Mrs. Glover suggested a professional clean up so Peter called Servpro from Abilene. The city has been billed the amount of \$805.32 for the clean-up. Public Works Supervisor Peter Duran apologized and would like to move forward.

**9: ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mayor Shurley adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. upon a motion made by Councilmember Gomez and seconded by Councilmember Rousselot. Motion carried **unanimously**.

  
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