

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF SUTTON §

CITY OF SONORA §

On this the 17th day of June, 2019 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

Norm Rousselot, Councilmember

Juanita Gomez, Councilmember

Lionel Cervantez, Jr., Councilmember

Todd Munn, Councilmember

STAFF:

Art Fuentes, City Manager

Belia Fay, City Secretary

Betty Hernandez, OM/Assist. City Secretary

Others attending were: Kimberly Meyer, Bill Basel, Claudette Wipff, Josie Emiliano, Max Howorth and Joe David Ross

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wanda 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.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND UPDATES WERE PRESENTED:

City Manager Art Fuentes announced that he is meeting with FEMA Representatives weekly and is receiving up to date instructions and advise on how to submit applications for reimbursement. Mr. Fuentes reported that he requested assistance from Sutton County to assist with the hauling of the mulch that is presently at the dump site. A budget workshop was scheduled for July 29th at 6:00 p.m. IT Eddie Arteaga reported that the drop box for the councilmembers has been set up. Mayor Shurley asked if the swimming pool was safe and Mr. Fuentes replied that it was. Mayor Shurley also inquired about the debris that is on the curb of Hwy 277 South. City Manager Fuentes stated that he and Code Enforcer Briggs would check on that matter.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- May 7, 2019 Special Meeting
- May 20, 2019 Regular Meeting
- Sonora Police Dept. Monthly Report
- Senior Center Monthly Report

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gomez and motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING: Proposed community development project, considered a Special Grant Project, to commit \$25,000.00 in funds for those approved for a special grant for disaster relief. These grants will assist existing businesses damaged by natural disasters occurring on or after September 21, 2018, with assistance in repair and/or replacement of structural components, furniture, fixtures and equipment to be distributed in accordance with guidelines of the Sonora Economic Development Corporation.

A Public Hearing was held on the Disaster Relief Program Grant. The public hearing was closed at 6:22 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

a. DISCUSSION ON MOSQUITO CONTROL:

Mr. Bill Basil addressed the Council regarding mosquito control. He currently resides at the Senior Apartments and requested information as to the City's plan to control the mosquitos. He emphasized that he wanted to make sure that the City include the Senior Apartments and asked if the City would go by each property and spray. City Manager Art Fuentes stated that the City employees, by law cannot go into private property and that the City is trying to apprise the public on what it can do to prevent the infestation of mosquitoes. Mr. Fuentes further reported that due to the rain, the City has not been able to spray as often and also that the City is providing bags of granules and the public is welcome to come by City Hall to pick up and use them on their property.

b. HCTC DONATION TO THE SONORA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT:

Councilmember Munn made the motion to accept HCTC donation to The Fire Department. Councilmember Rousselot seconded the motion and it carried with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present
NAYS: None

c. ROUTE FOR THE SUTTON COUNTY PARADE:

Councilmember Gomez made the motion to approve The Sutton County Parade Route as presented. Councilmember Cervantez seconded the motion. Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

D. ORDINANCE FOR PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS:

City Attorney Clint Griffin presented information on a proposed Swimming Pool Ordinance and a Mosquito Control Ordinance. Following a discussion on these matters, the Council agreed to hold the First Reading for the Mosquito Control Ordinance at the July 15th meeting and instructed Mr. Griffin to draw up a draft Ordinance for the swimming pools to be considered at the July 15th meeting also.

e. APPOINTING A MAYOR PRO TEM:

Motion to appoint Councilmember Juanita Gomez Mayor Pro Tem was made by Councilmember Rousselot and seconded by Councilmember Cervantez. Motion carried with the following votes:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

f. VIVA SONORA DONATION OF BLK A LOT 4A, HERMOSA ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SONORA:

Councilmember Munn made the motion to accept Viva Sonora's donation of Block A, Lot 4A Hermosa Addition to the City of Sonora, which said property is located adjacent to Liberty Park. Councilmember Cervantez seconded the motion which passed with the following votes.

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

g. AMEND CITY'S OT POLICY TO ALLOW CHIEF OF POLICE SALARY POSITION TO WORK OT HOURS WHICH WILL BE PAID BY STONE GARDEN GRANT APPROVED FUNDS:

Motion allowing the Chief of Police to be compensated overtime from The Stone Garden Grant when he is working Stone Garden hours was made by Councilmember Munn and seconded by Councilmember Gomez. Motion carried with the following votes:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

h. ASPHALT PAVING EQUIPMENT PACKAGE PROPOSAL:

Motion approving the asphalt package equipment which consists of an Asphalt Chip Spreader, Asphalt Broom, Laydown Machine, Planer of Skid Steer, Asphalt Distributor and Roller-Pneumatic for a grand total of \$58,650.00 with five annual payments of \$13,478.00, which first payment due is June 1, 2020 was made by Councilmember Gomez. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cervantez and it passed with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

i. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO REPLACE VACANCIES IN SONORA TOURISM COMMITTEE:

Councilmember Gomez made the motion to appoint Brooke Woods and Art Fuentes to replace Mike Price and Ed Carrasco, respectively. Councilmember Cervantez seconded the motion and it carried with the following votes:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

j. APPROVE GRANT OF UP TO \$5,001 FROM HOTS FUND TO THE SONORA GOLF CLUB:

A motion was made by Councilmember Munn to approve a \$5,000.00 grant from the Hotel/Motel Occupancy Funds to The Sonora Golf Club for golf tournaments. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gomez and it passed with the following votes:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

k. APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TO HIRE THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

Motion to approve the City Manager's recommendation to hire Kevin Garcia as the Chief of Police was made by Councilmember Munn and seconded by Councilmember Gomez. Motion carried with the following votes:

AYES: All members shown present
NAYS: None

9: REPORT AND OTHER INFORMATION: None

10. CITIZENS AND VISITORS' COMMENTS: None

11: ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Shurley adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. upon a motion made by Councilmember Munn and seconded by Councilmember Gomez. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wanda Shurley

Councilmember Juanita Gomez

Councilmember Lionel Cervantez, Jr.

Councilmember Norm Rousselot

Councilmember Todd Munn

Betty Hernandez, OM/Assist City Secretary