

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF SUTTON §

CITY OF SONORA §

On this the 7th day of July, 2021 the City Council of Sonora, Texas met in Special Session at City Hall with the following to wit:

Present: Juanita Gomez, Mayor
Harold Martinez, Councilmember
Lionel Cervantez, Councilmember
Mike Sanchez, Councilmember

Staff: Art Fuentes, City Manager
Belia Fay, City Secretary
Betty Hernandez, OM/Assist City Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gomez called the meeting to order at 4:00 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:

City Manager Art Fuentes reported that the State Officials are working on the Coronavirus Recovery Plan that the Federal Government has available for all states.

PUBLIC HEARING: opened at 4:03 p.m.

The Sonora Economic Development Corporation has approved a Community Development Grant for the Keep Sonora Beautiful Committee in the maximum amount of \$12,000.00. The public hearing was closed at 4:07 p.m.

FIRST READING:

Resolution No. 2021-R-07A, SEDC will provide funds not to exceed \$12,000.00, conditioned upon the Committee obtaining all necessary permits and approvals, installing wildlife statuary and landscaping improvements to the Texas Dept. of Transportation land triangle at the T intersection of US 277 N. and Crockett Avenue in the City and provide for City maintenance of

the same as approved by SEDC; and the SEDC budget is amended accordingly. No action taken on this matter since it is the first reading of the Resolution.

PURCHASE OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT:

Councilmember Sanchez made the motion to approve the purchase of election equipment for the amount of \$22,898.65. Councilmember Cervantez seconded the motion and it passed with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-07, SUTTON COUNTY DAYS PARADE:

Resolution No. 2021-R-07 was adopted upon a motion made by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Cervantez. Motion carried with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present
NAYS: None

BUDGET WORKSHOP AND ANY ACTION RELATING THERETO:

Chamber of Commerce Director Donna Garrett presented the proposed budget.

The following proposed budget worksheets were presented and discussed:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Rick Cearley was present and presented an inventory list that the Fire Department has and reported that he is still searching for a rescue truck. City Manager Art Fuentes reported that three options are available for obtaining a rescue truck:

- (1) Grant;
- (2) Allow funds from CD to pay for the rescue truck;
- (3) Lease Option

Council agreed to add \$5,700.00 more to the Health and Safety line item

AIRPORT REVENUES: increase of \$128,500.00 due to sales on aviation fuel and Ramp Grant

AIRPORT ADMINISTRATIVE: increase of \$128,500.00 due to fuel expense

SEWER REVENUE: increase of \$56,695.00 due to Covid Recovery Plan and other funds

SEWER FUND MAINTENANCE: increase of \$4,600.00

SEWER FUND ADMINISTRATIVE: added \$1,500.00 to bldg. maintenance, discussed increase of sewer taps, discussed comp earned and comp time

Council agreed to schedule the next budget workshop and Executive Session on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Cervantez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion and Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting by unanimous vote at 5:15 p.m.



Mayor Juanita Gomez



Councilmember Darrell Barker

Councilmember Harold Martinez



Councilmember Lionel Cervantez



Councilmember Mike Sanchez



Betty Hernandez, OM/Assist City Secretary

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On this the 12th day of July, 2021 the City Council of Sonora, Texas met in Special Session at City Hall with the following to wit:

Present: Juanita Gomez, Mayor
Harold Martinez, Councilmember
Lionel Cervantez, Councilmember
Mike Sanchez, Councilmember

Staff: Art Fuentes, City Manager
Belia Fay, City Secretary
Betty Hernandez, OM/Assist City Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gomez called the meeting to order at 4:00 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:

City Manager Art Fuentes reported encouraging news from FEMA. He received a call from FEMA and they have requested further information on the Tres Amigos Lift Station, which could mean that if they're will to assist the city in the infrastructure of the lift station, the Coronavirus Recovery Plan proceeds can be used for other projects.

5: EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Gomez announced that the Council would enter into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Subchapter, D., Section §551.074: Review the responsibilities and Duties of the Chief of Police and the City Manager. The Council entered into Executive Session at 4:02 p.m.

8: RECOVERED INTO OPEN SESSION:

Council reconvened into Open Session at 4:34 p.m. Councilmember Sanchez made the motion to remove Chief of Police Jerzy Bider from his duties. Councilmember Cervantez seconded the motion and it carried with the following vote cast:

AYES: All members shown present
NAYS: None

BUDGET WORKSHOP AND ANY ACTION RELATING THERETO:

SUTTON CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Ms. Tammy Fisher presented The Sutton County Historical Society's proposed budget.

STREET MAINTENANCE SALES TAX REVENUE:

No changes from the 2019-2020 budget.

STREET MAINTENANCE SALES TAX EXPENDITURES:

No changes from the 2019-2020 budget.

WATER REVENUE:

Reflects a decrease of \$61,000.00 (due to not having to transfer any additional funding from other funds to meet expenditures)

WATER MAINTENANCE:

Reflects a decrease of \$49,300.00.

WATER ADMINISTRATIVE:

Reflects a decrease of \$12,800.00

SANITATION REVENUE:

Reflects an increase of \$8,000.00

SANITATION ADMINISTRATIVE:

Reflects an increase of \$2,600.00

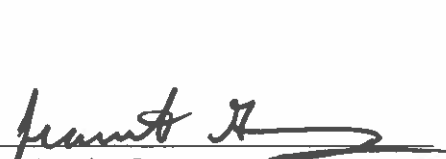
STREET DEPARTMENT:

Reflects an increase of \$5,700.00

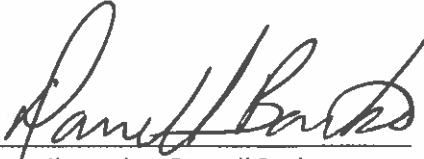
Mayor Gomez expressed her appreciation to all departments heads for assisting the City Manager through the proposed budget and other related matters.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Cervantez made a motion to

adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion and Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting by unanimous vote at 5:12 p.m.



Mayor Juanita Gomez

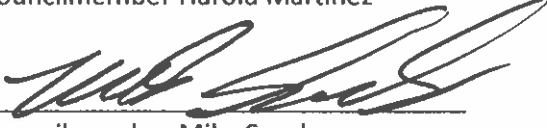


Councilmember Darrell Barker

Councilmember Harold Martinez



Councilmember Lionel Cervantez



Councilmember Mike Sanchez



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On this the 19th day of July 2021 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:

Juanita Gomez, Mayor
Harold Martinez, Councilmember
Lionel Cervantez, Jr., Councilmember
Mike Sanchez., Councilmember

STAFF:

Art Fuentes, City Manager
Belia Fay, City Secretary
Betty Hernandez, OM/Assist. City Secretary

Others attending were: T.J. Thorp, Armie Sanchez, Melissa Fuentes, Lorie Cervantez and Abigail Rodriguez

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gomez 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 was sworn in as Acting Chief of Police. Mr. Fuentes introduced the newly hired officers, Cody Miles and Alex Chuey, along with his K-9 partner, Rudy. The officers took their oath too.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilmember Sanchez to approve the minutes for the June 4th, June 11th and June 21st, 2021 meetings. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cervantez and motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

6a: MONTHLY WATER REPORT:

The Monthly Water Report was presented by Water Supervisor Charlotte McElwain.

6b: SONORA POLICE DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT:

Mr. Fuentes presented the Police Dept., and the Animal Control Reports for June.

6c: SENIOR CENTER MONTHLY REPORT:

Senior Director Armie Sanchez presented the Senior Reports for May.

6d: CODE ENFORCER MONTHLY REPORT:

The Code Enforcer Report was presented by Code Enforcer Briggs.

6e: MUNICIPAL MONTHLY REPORT:

The Municipal Monthly Report for June was presented by Judge Kemp.

6f: WATER RECLAMATION MONTHLY REPORT:

Plant Supervisor Don Barker presented the Water Reclamation Monthly Report for June. Motion to approve the above-mentioned reports was made by Councilmember Cervantz. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanchez and it carried with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

6g: 107 BELLVIEW STREET:

Mr. Hector Ortiz was present and explained to the Council that he owns the property at 107 Bellview and that according to the records, the City owns the property in front of the property that he owns and part of his structure and a mobile home that is on corner of Main St. and Bellview are on the City's property. After much discussion the Council agreed to have the City Attorney, Clint Griffin draw up a contract with Mr. Ortiz that he can use the City's property as his own, with the stipulation that that if the City ever needs to utilize the property that the City owns or if he sells the property, the new owner will have to appear before the Council to re-negotiate .

6h: SUTTON CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY 3RD QUARTERLY REPORT:

No action was taken on this matter. It will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

6i: REQ TO CLOSE MAIN, CONCHO AND OAK STREETS FOR FUNDRAISER:

Miss Sutton County Queen candidate appeared before the Court and requested to Council to close parts of Main, Concho and Oak Streets for a fundraiser on Friday, July 23rd from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilmember Sanchez made the motion to approve the request and Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

6j: SEDC 3RD QUARTERLY REPORT:

Councilmember Cervantez made the motion to approve the Sonora Economic Development Corp.'s 3rd Quarterly Report. Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion and it carried with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present
NAYS: None

6k: SECOND READING AND ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-07A
FIRST READING:

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Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion and it carried with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present
NAYS: None

6l: \$500.00 DONATION TO VFD:

The Council accepted a \$500.00 donation to the Volunteer Fire Dept. from Southwest Texas Electric Corp. upon a motion made by Councilmember Cervantez and seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Motion passed with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present
NAYS: None

6m: STATUS OF TRES AMIGOS LIFT STATION:

Mr. Fuentes reported that lift station is still functioning and reported that FEMA is looking into the lift station project and has requested more documents pertaining to the lift station.

6n: PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE:

Mr. Fuentes presented a lease purchase quote on a 2022 Tahoe for the Police Department from American National Leasing Company. Councilmember Martinez made the motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the purchase of a 2022 Tahoe. Councilmember Cervantez seconded the motion and it carried with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present

NAY: None

6o: PURCHASE OF A RESCUE TURCK FOR THE FIRE DEPT.:

Fire Marshal T.J. Thorp presented information on the lease purchase quote for a rescue truck. The quote he presented was for a 2021 Ford F550 crewcab w/11' emergency aluminum body for \$158,225.00, but unfortunately that unit is not available anymore. He further stated that another rescue truck, which is a demo, has water and lighting capability, a diesel pump and will be available in September for \$187,600.00. It is a 4- wheel drive and has a 20 -year expectancy. Payment will not be due until the year 2023. Councilmember Cervantez made the motion to lease/purchase the rescue unit for \$187,600.00. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion and it carried with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

6p: COUNCIL REPORT (ACCOUNTS PAYABLE) AND FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Council Report (Accounts Payable) for June and the Financial Report was presented. Councilmember Cervantez made the motion to approve the reports. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion and motion passed with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

BUDGET WORKSHOP AND ANY ACTION RELATING THERETO:

POLICE DEPT:

Reflects an increase of \$189,460.00 (due to increase in officers' salaries and grant expenditures that will be fully funded)

9: EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Gomez announced that the Council will enter into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Subchapter, D., Section §551.074: Review the responsibilities and duties of the City Manager. The Council entered into Executive Session at

7:23 p.m.

8: RECOVERED INTO OPEN SESSION:

Council reconvened into Open Session at 7:43 p.m. Councilmember Sanchez made the motion to adjust the City Manager's salary. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion and it carried with the following vote cast:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

9: REPORT AND OTHER INFORMATION: None

10. CITIZENS AND VISITORS' COMMENTS: Ms. Abigail Rodriguez expressed her appreciation to the Council for granting her request to close Concho and Main Street for the fund raiser that will be held on July 23, 2021.

11: ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m. upon a motion made by Councilmember Cervantez and seconded by Councilmember Sanchez.

Motion carried unanimously.




Mayor Juanita Gomez



Councilmember Mike Sanchez



Councilmember Lionel Cervantez, Jr.



Councilmember Darrell Barker

Councilmember Harold Martinez



Betty Hernandez, CM/Assist City Secretary