

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF SUTTON §

CITY OF SONORA §

On this the 20th day of December, 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:

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

STAFF:

Art Fuentes, City Manager
Belia Fay, City Secretary
Betty Hernandez

OTHERS ATTENDING WERE: Elaine Donaldson and Tammy Fisher

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 reported that the advertisement for a Chief of Police will be posted/published in January. He further reported that one of the police officers had some injuries following a pursuit on foot, but he is working light duty.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Barker made the motion to approve the minutes for the November 15, 2021 Motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanchez and motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

6a: MONTHLY WATER REPORT:

The Monthly Water Report for November were presented by Charlotte McElwain. She reported that most of the new meters were installed.

6b: SONORA POLICE DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT:

Chief Fuentes presented the Police Dept., the Resource Officer Report and the Animal Control Reports.

6c: SENIOR CENTER MONTHLY REPORT:

The Senior Center Report was tabled due to report not being available.

6d: CODE ENFORCER MONTHLY REPORT:

The Code Enforcer November Report was presented by Briggs.

6e: MUNICIPAL MONTHLY REPORT:

The Municipal Monthly Report for November was presented by Judge Kemp. He also reported that House Bill 569 has passed and this allows an individual that has prior minor charges to request time credit for time served in lieu of paying the fines and court costs for prior minor outstanding charges. Thus far, he reported that the city has lost \$4,700.00 in fines that could have been collected but the defendants requested the credit for time served and the Municipal Court cannot deny the request.

6f: WATER RECLAMATION MONTHLY REPORT:

The Water Reclamation Monthly Report for November was presented by Don Barker. He reported that Tim Martinez has accepted another job in a different city and he will be advertising for a new employee. Don passed his Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester exam. Motion to approve the above-mentioned reports was made by Councilmember Sanchez Motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez and it carried with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

6g: SECOND READING: RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-12:

A Second Reading was held regarding the expenditure of \$100,000.00 of 4B Sales Tax Revenue will be to pay a part of the cost of expansion of the municipal sewer line to Exit 404 and will promote tourism and new or expanded business development. Resolution No. 2021-R-12 was adopted upon a motion made by Councilmember Barker. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez and it carried with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

6h: APPROVING \$5,757.92 TO ADJUST THE SUTTON CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 2002 BUDGET:

Mrs. Tammy Fisher addressed the Council and explained that due to COVID-19, they underestimated the 2020 Budget for the Sutton County Historical Society and unfortunately went

over the budget by the amount of \$5,757.92 and requested payment out of the HOTS Fund to make up for last year's shortfall. Motion to approve the payment of \$5,757.92 out of the HOTS Fund and adjust the 2020 budget was made by Councilmember Barker and seconded by Councilmember Cervantez. Motion passed with the following votes cast:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

6j: REVIEW OF THE SONORA TOURISM COMMITTEE'S FINANCIALS:

Mr. Max Howorth was present and presented the Sonora Tourism Committee's Financials. This matter was tabled and will be discussed for approval at the next meeting.

6j: DISCUSSION ON SICK LEAVE RELATED TO COVID-19 FOR EMPLOYEES:

This matter was tabled. City Attorney Clint Griffin will draft a policy with different options and present it to the Council at the next meeting.

6k: REQUEST TO BUILD A FENCE-420 W. 3RD STREET;

Mr. Gerardo Garcia requested permission to build a fence on his property at 420 W. 3rd St. and would like to extend the fence all the way to the dead end of 3rd St. which street does dead end on his property. The Council agreed to table this matter until written waivers from the surrounding neighbors are presented.

6l: STORM WATER DRAINAGE DRAW (RAILROAD DRAW):

This matter was tabled until more information can be obtained from City Attorney Clint Griffin.

6m: 2022 HOLIDAYS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES:

Motion was made by Councilmember Sanchez to approve the 2022 holidays for the city employees as follows:

CITY OF SONORA 2022 HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAY		OFFICIAL PAID HOLIDAY
New Year's Day	January 1, 2022	Monday, January 3, 2022
Martin Luther King Day	January 17, 2022	Monday, January 17, 2022
Presidents' Day	February 21, 2022	Monday, February 21, 2022
Good Friday	April 15, 2022	Friday, April 15, 2022
Memorial Day	May 30, 2022	Monday, May 30, 2022
Juneteenth	June 19, 2022	Monday, June 20, 2022
Independence Day (4 th of July)	July 4, 2022	Monday, July 4, 2022
Labor Day	September 5, 2022	Monday, September 5, 2022
Columbus Day	October 10, 2022	Monday, October 10, 2022
Veterans Day	November 11, 2022	Friday, November 11, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	November 24, 2022	Thursday, November 24, 2022
Day after Thanksgiving	November 25, 2022	Friday, November 25, 2022
Christmas Eve	December 24, 2022	Friday, December 23, 2022
Christmas Day	December 25, 2022	Monday, December 26, 2022
New Year's Eve	December 31, 2021	Friday, December 30, 2022
New Year's Day	January 1, 2023	Monday, January 2, 2023

Councilmember Cervantez seconded the motion and it passed with the following votes:

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

6n: DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF TRES AMIGOS LIFT STATION:

City Manager Art Fuentes reported that progress is being made with the engineers and reassured the council that the Tres Amigos Lift Station is still priority on the list.

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

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

AYES: All members shown present

NAYS: None

7: REPORT AND OTHER INFORMATION: None

8: CITIZENS AND VISITORS' COMMENTS:


Mr. Max Howorth inquired about the Air B & B Occupancy Tax and asked who enforces the tax. It was decided that Briggs will contact the owners of the Air B & B's regarding the tax.

9: ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m. upon a motion made by Councilmember Cervantez and seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion carried unanimously.

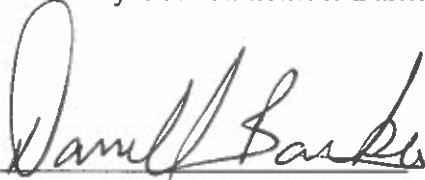


Mayor Juanita Gomez



Councilmember Mike Sanchez

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Councilmember Darrell Barker



Councilmember Harold Martinez



Betty Hernandez, Assist. City Secretary