

**CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 17, 2015**

The City Council held a work session on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 6:34 p.m. with a quorum present, to wit:

Dennis Childress	Mayor
Tommy Lemond	Mayor Pro Tem, absent
Rick Howard	Councilmember
Jose Hernandez	Councilmember
Mike Fruin	Councilmember
Jon Epps	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present: Interim City Manager Pat Stallings, Finance Director Patrick Harvey, HR Director/Risk Manager Cindy Brown, Public Works Director Steve Miller, Library Director Liz Gant, City Attorney Bob Hager and City Secretary Dara Crabtree.

ITEM 2. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS.

ITEM 14. Discussion included: designated smoking areas in parks vs. no smoking in the entire park; consider being fair to smokers by designating areas; expense of adding designated smoking area(s) (i.e. receptacle, clean up, signage); vague areas; most cities do not allow smoking on city property or inside city facilities; designating employee smoking area; difficult for employees to remain 25 feet from entrance of city building while on duty; and smokers are used to not being allowed to smoke inside buildings.

ITEM 1. STAFF UPDATES.

Public Works Director Miller provided an update on Ard Road including: recently met with consultant; received proposal from 3rd party to core the road and take a soil sample; soil samples taken on Shady Lane and Catherine Lane; should not be repairing roads every couple of years; common practice to follow road specifications – unique situation with Ard Road; total rebuild of roads will perform core samples; higher specifications more expense and fewer streets repaired; and desire quality, engineering and core samples.

The work session was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY

**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2015**

The City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 7:08 p.m. with a quorum present, to wit:

Dennis Childress	Mayor
Tommy Lemond	Mayor Pro Tem, absent
Rick Howard	Councilmember
Jose Hernandez	Councilmember
Mike Fruin	Councilmember
Jon Epps	Councilmember

The Invocation was provided by Dr. Don Cole. Mayor Childress led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT. Mayor Childress reported on recent events including: Coffee with Cop, 3rd Saturday Bulk Trash Day and Empty the Shelter all held on August 15th; and announced the Fall 2015 Citizens Police Academy beginning on September 1st.

Mayor Childress issued proclamations recognizing September as *Blood Cancer Awareness Month*, *Childhood Cancer Awareness Month* and September 7-11, 2015 as *National Payroll Week*.

Interim Police Chief Ray Calverley recognized the following police department personnel: Sgt. Donald Blasingame and Officer Steven Forrest received the Life Saving award for pulling an unconscious person from a burning vehicle; Sgt. Ruben Pena, Cpl. Scott Koger and Reserve Kevin Hopkins received the Certificate of Merit award for outstanding job performance and perseverance in apprehending (2) two armed robbery suspects; and Communication Technicians Becky Vrzak and Zane Anderson received the Certificate of Merit award for obtaining and relaying information in the apprehension of the armed robber suspects.

CITIZENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (items on the agenda). No one spoke.

ITEM 1. The City Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. in compliance with Texas Government Code:

- (A) Section 551.071, to seek legal advice from City Attorney regarding pending or threatened legal claims and related matters involving the City of Seagoville, Texas, to wit: Cause No. TX-14-40716 *Mary Lucille Trevino Reyes Ruiz, A/K/A Lucille Mary Ruiz, et al., Dallas County, Texas*; to seek legal advice regarding code enforcement land use regulations issues on Georgia Lane; and regarding claims of former employee Larry Graves.
- (B) Section 551.074, Personnel, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: Seagoville Economic Development Corporation board appointments.

The City Council reconvened into open session at 8:55 p.m.

ITEM 2. No action was taken on any item as a result of the Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve Consent Agenda Items 3C through 5C. A vote was cast 4 in favor, 0 against.

ITEM 3C. Approve minutes for meetings held on August 3, 2015 and August 10, 2015.

ITEM 4C. Approve Resolution No. 35-R-15 authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a contract extension with the Visiting Nurses Association of Texas for congregate meals to eligible senior citizens for fiscal year 2015-2016; providing for repeal of any and all resolutions in conflict; providing for severability clause; and providing an effective date.

ITEM 5C. Approve Resolution No. 36-R-15 designating the *Suburbia News* as the City of Seagoville official newspaper.

ITEM 6. Following a discussion, Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Epps, to table Resolution No. 37-R-15 authorizing the Seagoville Economic Development Corporation to consider a project in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Hernandez amended his motion to table the agenda item and for the project to be rebid with proper bid announcement (advertising), Councilmember Epps agreed to the amendment. A vote was cast 4 for, 0 against.

ITEM 7. Seagoville Economic Development Corporation Board Chair Don Cole provided an overview of the Seagoville Economic Development Corporation's proposed budget for FY 2015-2016.

ITEM 8. Mayor Childress opened the public hearing at 9:04 p.m. to receive citizen input on the proposed tax rate of \$0.713800 per \$100 valuation, which exceeds the effective tax rate calculated by the Dallas County Tax Assessor/Collector of \$0.681946 or 4.67%. This rate will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$120,856. Terri Ashmore, 605 N. Watson Road, commented on looking at proposed tax rate and budget to consider an increase in the tax rate for city services. The public hearing was closed at 9:06 p.m.

ITEM 9. Mayor Childress opened the public hearing at 9:07 p.m. to receive citizen input on the proposed FY 2015-2016 budget for all City funds. This budget will raise more property taxes than last year's budget by \$120,856 or 3.6%, and of that amount, \$54,251 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. Terri Ashmore, 605 N. Watson Road, commented on giving fire and police personnel a pay increase. The public hearing closed at 9:11 p.m.

ITEM 10. Mayor Childress opened the public hearing at 9:12 p.m. to receive citizen input on the proposed FY 2015-2016 hotel/motel tax budget. Phil Greenawalt, Seagoville Chamber of Commerce, 107 Hall Road provided presentations for the following grant application requests: Mayfest /Cinco de Mayo in the amount of \$6,000; Seagofest in the amount of \$6,000; and Fireworks in the Park in the amount of \$6,000. The public hearing closed at 9:17 p.m.

ITEM 11. Following a discussion, Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to direct staff to prepare Hotel/Motel distribution grant agreements for the Chamber of Commerce, Mayfest /Cinco de Mayo, Seagofest and Fireworks in the Park for the total combined amount of \$15,000 for all three (3) grants. A vote was cast 4 for, 0 against.

ITEM 12. Mayor Childress opened the public hearing at 9:23 p.m. to receive citizen input on the water, sewer and sanitation rate increase. No one spoke. The public hearing was closed at 9:23 p.m.

ITEM 13. Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Epps, to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 16-17 amending Chapter 19, Division 2, Rates and Charges, by amending section 19.03.061, Water Rates and Section 19.03.062, Sewer Rates, to provide new rates for water and sewer services within the city; providing for a penalty clause; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing for the publication of the caption hereof; and providing an effective date. A vote was cast 4 for, 0 against.

ITEM 14. Following a discussion, Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve Ordinance No. 17-15 amending Chapter 13, Offenses and Nuisances, of the Code of Ordinances by adding Article 13.10, Smoking; providing for definitions; prohibiting smoking in City owned facilities and vehicles; providing for the posting of signs; providing for offenses and penalties of a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date with the following amendments to Section 13.10.002, Smoking Regulations: smoking is prohibited in all city owned parks in its entirety and to include wording allowing for a *designated smoking area for employees*. A vote was cast 4 for, 0 against.

ITEM 15. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS.

Mike Fruin – thanked the police department, police officers and communication technicians on a job well done.

Jon Epps – agreed with Councilmember Fruin’s comment.

ITEM 16. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No one spoke.

ITEM 17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Jose Hernandez – requested joint workshop with Seagoville Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) board to review rules, regulations, actions and non-actions of the SEDC and compare those controls and actions with the SEDC Bylaws and Texas Local Government Code requirements of Chapter 501, 502 and 505; and have the City Attorney define Quality of Life Projects as considered under Texas Local Government Code.

ITEM 18. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

ATTEST:

Dara Crabtree
CITY SECRETARY