

**CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 19, 2012**

The City Council held a work session on Monday, November 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present, to wit:

Sidney M. Sexton, Jr.	Mayor
Harold Magill	Mayor Pro Tem
Terri Ashmore	Councilwoman
Lee Landess	Councilman, arrived 6:39 p.m.
Dennis Childress	Councilman
Peggy Day	Councilwoman

The following staff members were also present: City Manager Larry Graves, City Attorney Bob Hager, Human Resource Director Cindy Brown, Police Chief Pat Stallings, Senior Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Swaggerty, and City Secretary Dara Crabtree.

ITEM 1. STAFF UPDATES.

City Manager Graves introduced new City Secretary Dara Crabtree and briefed the City Council on the following items:

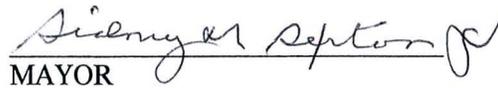
- A. upcoming calendar items;
- B. TxDOT will only be lighting the Hall Street exit and entrance ramps due to lack of funding;
- C. the stormwater resolution and proposed fee will be on the December 17th regular meeting agenda for consideration;
- D. completion of new signage at Veterans Memorial Park;
- E. congratulated the Seagoville Police Department on receiving the NCTCOG Regional 9-1-1 Program *Agency of the Year Award for 2012*;
- F. budget books and additional budget in brief(s) available, if needed;
- G. accepting off-premise beer/wine permits beginning on November 26, 2012;
- H. signed new electricity rate contract with TXU, will save the City approximately \$109,000 over 3 years; and
- I. sales and use tax comparison report down 22% compared to same reporting period last year.

ITEM 2. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS.

ITEM 6. Discussion included: changes being recommended are procedural changes; desire for comparison of current ordinance vs. proposed ordinance; burden of proof on property owner; legal opinion previously provided; changes allow for hearing before Court of Appeal vs. Building Standard Board; financial hardships; enforcement of extreme cases vs. routine maintenance concerns; and current ordinance adopted in 1977.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY



**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2012**

The City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7:12 p.m. with a quorum present, to wit:

Sidney M. Sexton, Jr.	Mayor
Harold Magill	Mayor Pro Tem
Terri Ashmore	Councilwoman
Lee Landess	Councilman
Dennis Childress	Councilman
Peggy Day	Councilwoman

The Invocation was provided by Chaplain Dennis Childress. The Colors were presented and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Seagoville Cub Scout Pack 797.

Mayor Sexton reported on his attendance at two regional meetings regarding South Loop 9 and a direct communication early warning system.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS / PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS.

Mayor Sexton introduced Cub Scout Master Wheatley and asked him to introduce his staff and Troop 797.

CITIZENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (items on the agenda).

Jose Hernandez, 737 Fairview – commented on Item 1 - thanked everyone who voted in the Local Option and Special Election held on November 6, 2012.

ITEM 1. Mayor Pro Tem Magill made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Day, to approve Resolution No. 37-R-12 canvassing results of the Local Option and Special Election held on November 6, 2012. A vote was cast 5 in favor, 0 against.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion made by Councilman Landess, seconded by Councilwoman Day, to approve Consent Agenda Items 2C through 5C. A vote was cast 5 in favor, 0 against.

- 2C. Approve minutes for meetings held on October 15, 2012 and October 31, 2012.
- 3C. Approve Resolution No. 34-R-12 authorizing Dallas County to resell certain tax foreclosed property, commonly addressed as 2413 Elizabeth Lane, by public or private sale, to the highest qualified purchaser.
- 4C. Approve Resolution No. 35-R-12 authorizing the Mayor to sign the State Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report for the reporting period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.
- 5C. Approve Resolution No. 36-R-12 amending the master fee schedule to provide for a permit fee for off-premise beer/wine sales.

ITEM 6. Mayor Pro Tem Magill made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Ashmore, to approve Ordinance No. 15-12 amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Title II, Buildings: Development; Zoning, Chapter 21, Article 21.03 “Dangerous Buildings”, by repealing in its entirety and replacing with a new Article 21.03, “Dangerous and Substandard Building Abatement”; providing definitions; providing for enforcement; declaring substandard buildings; providing for public hearings for abatement of substandard buildings; providing for orders of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Record for the City of Seagoville; providing for the performance of work by the city; providing for recovery of cost of securing, repair, remove or demolish; providing for civil penalty clause of fine not to exceed the sum of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars for each offense; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. Discussion followed. Councilman Landess made a motion to table this item until the next regular meeting. The motion failed due to lack of a second. A vote was cast on the main motion 4 in favor, 1 against (Landess).

ITEM 7. Councilman Landess made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Magill, to remand back to the Planning and Zoning Commission the study of standards and regulations of H/O U.S. Highway 175 Overlay District. A vote was cast 5 in favor, 0 against.

ITEM 8. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS.

Sidney M. Sexton, Jr. – commented on the success of recent Arbor Day event; upcoming events will be representing City; importance of attending the meetings and the benefits to the City; and encouraged everyone to attend the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 29, 2012.

Harold Magill - commented on 2nd Annual Holiday Lights in the Park on December 6-8, 2012; need for volunteers; success of event last year; and desire for program to continue to grow each year.

Terri Ashmore – commented on City of Balch Springs receiving citizen input on sliding pay scale or a zero pay clinic; and second meeting to receive input being held on November 20, 2012 at Balch Springs Civic Center.

ITEM 9. CITIZEN COMMENTS.

James Sudduth, 2402 Clover Hill – commented on explosions at Army Reserve base every 30 minutes; and requested Mayor Sexton asks if this activity could be limited to daytime only.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

APPROVED:

Sidney M. Septon
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Dava Crabtree
CITY SECRETARY

