CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TX

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 9 , 2014

INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Clement at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Mayor Jim Clement, Alderman David Tremblay, Earnest D. Gay, Doug Tomasini, Joel Ortega and Micki Ball and City Attorney Art Martinez de Vara.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Mayor Jim Clement, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item #4 Consent Items As provided by Sandy Oaks Ordinance 2014-2 §4, all matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council of the City of Sandy Oaks and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by any member of the Council that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

Agenda Item 4a Discuss and consider amending Ordinance 2014-6 §1 substituting the phrase "Regular city council meetings of the City Council of the City of Sandy Oaks shall be held at 6:30 p.m." with "Regular city council meetings of the City Council of the City of Sandy Oaks shall be held at 7:00p.m."

Agenda Item 4b Discuss and consider the minutes of the September 11, 2014 regular city council meeting.

Agenda Item 4c Discuss and consider the minutes of the September 18, 2014 tax and budget hearing and special city council meeting.

Agenda Item 4d Discuss and consider the minutes of the October 6, 2014 special city council meeting.

Alderman Ball asked that item 4a be removed from the consent agenda. It will now be discussed as a separate item on the agenda. We still have the other 3 agenda items. Alderman Ball noted a typo in the minutes for September 18, 2014 which is item 4c on the agenda. Also, a discussion followed on a budget amount listed in those minutes. But was explained by Alderman Gay. There was also a question on why no one seconded the the motion to adjourn, which there should have been and will be in the future.

Art Martinez de Vara stated we should pull items 4a and 4c from the agenda items. Alderman Gay made a motion to accept items 4b and 4d and Alderman Tomasini seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Martinez de Vara stated that we should consider having a standing order to correct typos by raising attention to the correction being made. Mayor Clement will put that on the next agenda.

Item 4a Discuss an amendment to Ordinance 2014-6 §1 substituting the phrase "Regular city council meetings of the City Council of the City of Sandy Oaks shall be held at 6:30 p.m." with Regular city council meetings of the City Council of the City of Sandy Oaks shall be held at 7:p.m. Alderman Ball stated that she felt we needed to start at 6:30 to have enough time to conduct all the business that needs to be taken care of, including the fact that we have added 30 minutes for an open forum with citizens. Mayor Clement added that the 7:00 time had been discussed because of concern for the Alderman who work being able to be on time for the meetings. It was then discussed that the option to delay the start of the meeting, pending arrival of an alderman, was also available. After discussion it was unanimously decided that no action be taken on this item.

Item 4c Clerical errors were noted and the minutes were accepted as amended.

Item 5 Discuss and consider the general liability quote received from the Texas Municipal League (Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TML). The quote is $971.00 per year which covers insurance for the city. Payment was discussed. Mayor suggested asking for a deferred payment. Mr. Martinez de Vara thought that was a good idea. He and Mayor Clement will make the necessary calls. Alderman Ball made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Alderman Gay seconded. After a discussion with Mr. Martinez de Vara, Alderman Ball amended her motion to accept on condition of acceptance of a deferred payment by TML.

Item 6 Discuss and consider electrical and gas franchise agreement with City Public Service (CPS Energy). Only Waterwood Pass and the old part of Shady Forest has natural gas service only. Centerpoint Energy will also be contacted. 4 ½% is the franchise fee per a contract with all the suburban cities. This money is already being collected from CPS and put into their general fund. With the franchise agreement, the money will come to the city. It is a 20 year agreement. A meeting is set up next week to go over the contract with council approval. There is an option in the contract that allows the city to bring the fee to 5 ½% if so desired. Alderman Tremblay would like that taken out of the contract, so that it cannot be added in the future. If the contract cannot be changed, then the city council can vote to not allow this increase at a later date. Alderman Ball made a motion to accept the contract with CPS as written and Alderman Gay seconded. The "yes" vote was unanimous.

Item 7 Discuss and consider ambulance service within the City and a proposed agreement with Acadian Ambulance to continue their response into the City as before incorporation. Bexar County and the Bexar County Hospital District currently hold a contract with Acadian who will offer a no cost service for the city. Acadian must have a contract with the City to operate in the City limits for emergencies. (911 calls). Alderman Gay made a motion to accept Option 1, the no cost option, and Alderman Tremblay seconded. The "yes" vote was unanimous.

Item 8 Discuss and consider creation and appointment of committee to design city seal and flag. Alderman Tremblay would like to substitute. He stated that he had already worked up an image of the seal for approval. There is a donation to cover design services to professionally revise the image. A flag can also be made. Alderman Ball made a motion to accept the rendition by Alderman Tremblay, with the small revisions discussed. Seconded by Alderman Orteaga. The yes vote was unanimous.

Item 9 Discuss and consider an extension of the deadline to receive (Request for Proposal) RFP's for banking services. Frost Bank is interested but there was an issue with the date. There are only 4 banks qualified to handle the requests. These banks need to be contacted again. A motion was made by Alderman Tomasini to reopen the RFP's for banking services with a deadline of Nov 23th at 5:00 p.m. to be opened at the meeting that night. Alderman Ball seconded with a unanimous yes vote.

Item 10 Discuss and consider setting a date for a public workshop on animal control. Alderman Tremblay would like to postpone this discussion until further clarification from the county on what services they will continue to provide. Alderman Ball disagreed. There is still much discussion needed with the citizens along with their input on ideas to help with this problem. It was agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting, with a signup sheet for interested citizens to participate. The mayor asked if this was agreeable to the council and it was a unanimous yes.

Item 11 Discuss the inability to include agenda items seeking action not authorized for a statutory city. Agenda items must meet the criteria set up by the legislature.

Item 12 Citizens to be heard.

Concern about the 60 days lapsing for the request for City Attorney

Sandy Oaks Volunteer Fire Dept would like to have a discussion with the Council

Thank you to the Council

Speeding in Waterwood

Agenda translated into Spanish

Alderman Gay made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Alderman Tremblay seconded.

ATTEST

Charlotte Rabe
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City Clerk
Charlotte Rabe

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 12th DAY OF February, 2015

______________________________ James H. Clement, Mayor