

MINUTES OF THE SPLENDORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020, AT CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 26090 FM 2090 E, SPLENDORA, TEXAS 77372 IN THE CITY OF SPLENDORA, COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS AT 6:30 P.M.

The Council met in a regular session with the following members present:

COUNCILMEMBERS:

- Dorothy Welch, Mayor
- Tracy Holloway, Position I - **Absent**
- Evelyn Myers, Position II
- Mike Clark, Position III
- David Aden, Position IV
- Robin Hood Chavez, Position V - **Absent**

OFFICERS:

- Danna Welter, City Secretary
- Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

DINNER AND PICTURES PRECEEDING MEETING

REGULAR SESSION

- 1. Mayor Welch called the meeting to order. [6:30 p.m.]

ROLL CALL

- 2. All present, except Councilmembers Chavez and Holloway, thus constituting a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

- 3/4. Pledge/Invocation.

AGENDA

- 5. Approve bills for payment.
- 6. Public Comments.
Bryan Stanley, Montgomery County Commissioners Office, Precinct 4, stated that Commissioner Metts has applied for a grant in the amount of \$38 million to enhance flood mitigation – Caney Creek, East fork of San Jacinto River, Peach Creek, White Oak Creek, and others.
- 7. Department Reports:
 - a) Police Department for October 2020;
 - b) Municipal Court for October 2020;
 - c) Utility (Billing/Field/Capital Projects) Department for October 2020.
- 8. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2020-11-16 extending Emergency Order through December 14, 2020. Councilmember Aden made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-11-16 extending Emergency Order through December 14, 2020, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. NOTE: Councilmembers Chavez and Holloway absent.
- 9. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2020-11-16B8 canvassing the November 3, 2020 general election for Councilmembers – Positions III, IV and V.
The official canvass of the returns of the regular election held on November 3, 2020 reflects the following:

Councilmember, Position No. III		
Mike Clark	Total Votes:	537

Councilmember, Position No. IV		
Willie Ramey	Total Votes:	215
Sharon Ipes	Total Votes:	385

Councilmember, Position No. V		
William (Billy) Usher	Total Votes:	538

Councilmember Aden made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-11-16B8 canvassing the November 3, 2020 general election for Councilmembers – Positions III, IV and V, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Swear-In newly elected City Councilmembers.
Mike Clark, Sharon Ipes, and William Usher were sworn-in by City Secretary Danna Welter.
Mayor Welch and the City Council thanked outgoing Councilmember David Aden for his service to the City of Splendora and presented him with a plaque for Outstanding Service.
11. Consider and/or take action on Mayor's recommendation for the Mayor Pro Tem.
Mayor Welch stated that would like to appoint Councilmember Evelyn Myers as the Mayor Pro Tem.
Councilmember Usher made a motion to appoint Councilmember Evelyn Myers as the Mayor Pro Tem as recommended by Mayor Welch, and Councilmember Clark second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Consider and/or take action on Resolution 2020-11-16 authorizing signatures of officials on all vouchers issued.
Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-11-16 authorizing signatures of officials on all vouchers issued, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
13. Consider and/or take action on Resolution 2020-11-16B authorizing certain City Staff to communicate with Southside Bank regarding City business with bank accounts.
Councilmember Clark made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-11-16B authorizing certain City Staff to communicate with Southside Bank regarding City business with bank accounts, and Councilmember Usher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
14. Consider and/or take action on request by William Usher for a) variance regarding Manufactured Home Park Ordinance.
Councilmember Clark made a motion to table this item for 90 days to allow Mr. Usher time to address the issues currently in violation at his Park in the Manufacturing Home Ordinance, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. NOTE: Councilmember Usher filed an Affidavit of Conflict of Interest and left the dais/Council Chambers, and did not vote on this item.
15. Consider and/or take action on proposal by 5-T Utilities for a) upgrade 2" to 4" water service on Etta Road at a cost of \$16,313, to be funded ½ by City and ½ by William Usher; b) install manhole on Etta Road to accept sewer from force main into the City's gravity line on Etta Road at a cost of \$11,550.00 to be paid by William Usher.
Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve a bid from 5-T Utilities for a) upgrade 2" to 4" water service on Etta Road at a cost of \$16,313, to be funded ½ by City and ½ by William Usher; b) install manhole on Etta Road to accept sewer from force main into the City's gravity line on Etta Road at a cost of \$11,550.00 to be paid by William Usher, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. . NOTE: Councilmember Usher filed an Affidavit of Conflict of Interest and left the dais/Council Chambers, and did not vote on this item.
16. Executive Session- Council will meet in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney): receive update on pending and current litigation:
551.074 (Personnel Matters): deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Attorney. [7:02 p.m. – 7:07 p.m.]
17. Consider and/or take action on item(s) discussed in Executive Session.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to waive the conflict of interest for the City Attorney to represent the City on lease of property from Montgomery Country Hospital District, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
18. Important Dates:
November 16, 2020 – Regular Meeting (Canvass Election/Swear In elected Councilmembers)
November 26-27, 2020 – Thanksgiving – City Employee Holidays
December 14, 2020 – Special Meeting (Early due to Christmas Week)
December 24-25, 2020 – Christmas Eve/Christmas – City Employee Holidays
19. Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for which no action will be taken or discussed.
20. Adjourn. (7:08 p.m.)
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.