

MINUTES OF THE SPLENDORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING HELD ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF MAY 2021, 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  
 William Ramey, Position I  
 Evelyn Myers, Position II  
 Mike Clark, Position III  
 Sharon Ipes, Position IV  
 William Usher, Position V

OFFICERS:

Danna Welter, City Secretary  
 Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

**ROLL CALL**

2. All present, thus constituting a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION**

- 3/4. Pledge/Invocation.

**AGENDA**

5. Approve the minutes of March 1, 2021.

Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of March 1, 2021, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve bills for payment.

Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve the bills for payment, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Public Comments.

a. Dale Webb – request use of City Hall Park on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, for a fundraiser for Veterans.

Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve by Dale Webb for use of City Hall Park on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, for a fundraiser for Veterans, contingent on submission of application for use of the City park, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alee Jacobs – request special permit/variance to operate a Mobile Food Unit.

After discussion, Ms. Jacobs was requested to fill out the required application for staff to review and bring back to City Council for consideration.

8. Department Reports:

- a. Police Department for February/March 2021;  
 b. Municipal Court for February/March 2021;  
 c. Utility (Billing/Field/Capital Projects) Department for February/March 2021.

9. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2021-05-03 extending Emergency Order through June 21, 2021.

Councilmember Usher made a motion approve Ordinance 2021-05-03 extending Emergency Order through June 21, 2021, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Consider and/or take action on adoption of Ordinance 2021-05-03B authorizing the issuance of City of Splendora, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, in a maximum principal amount not to exceed \$2,470,000; authorizing a Paying Agent Agreement; awarding the sale of the bonds; and determining certain other matters pertaining to the issuance of the bonds.

Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-05-03B authorizing the issuance of City of Splendora, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, in a maximum principal amount not to exceed \$2,470,000; authorizing a Paying Agent Agreement; awarding the sale of the bonds; and determining certain other matters pertaining to the issuance of the bonds (correcting date for closing from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>), and Councilmember Usher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2021-05-03C amending the monthly residential solid waste rates.

Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-05-03C amending the monthly residential solid waste rates, and councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2021-05-03D declining to approve the change in rates requested by Entergy Texas, Inc.'s statement of intent filed with the City of Splendor.

Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve on Ordinance 2021-05-03D declining to approve the change in rates requested by Entergy Texas, Inc.'s statement of intent filed with the City of Splendor, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Consider and/or take action to award construction of the two "Welcome to Splendor" monuments to D & G Construction in an amount of \$22,100.

Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve construction of the two "Welcome to Splendor" monuments to D & G Construction in an amount of \$22,100, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Consider and/or take action on Interlocal Agreement between the City of Splendor and the Montgomery County Hospital District for lease of real property for use as Park land.

Councilmember Ramey made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Splendor and the Montgomery County Hospital District for lease of real property for use as Park land, contingent on metes and bounds description, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Consider and/or take action on proposed tap and purchase of gas from LDC llc at "cost + \$3.25 per Mcf".

Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve tap and purchase of gas from LDC llc at "cost + \$3.25 per Mcf", contingent on City Attorney review, and seconded by Councilmember Ramey. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Consider and/or take action on an Environmental Assessment Agreement with Holloway Environmental in an amount of \$24,865.00 with ½ (\$12,432.50) to be paid from MCE Ventures, and ½ (\$12,432.50) from the City.

Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve an Environmental Assessment Agreement with Holloway Environmental in an amount of \$24,865.00 with ½ (\$12,432.50) to be paid from MCE Ventures, and ½ (\$12,432.50) from the City, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Consider and/or take action on contract with SAMCO Leak Detection for leak detection services at a Phase 1 cost of \$56,150.00, and Phase 2 cost of \$75,662.50, for a total of \$131,812.50.

Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve the contract with SAMCO Leak Detection for leak detection services at a Phase 1 cost of \$56,150.00, and Phase 2 cost of \$75,662.50, for a total of \$131,812.50, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Consider and/or take action on Resolution 2021-05-03 stating the City's opposition to SB 234/HB 749 – efforts to silence City officials.

Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-05-03 stating the City's opposition to SB 234/HB 749 – efforts to silence City officials, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Consider and/or take action to ratify purchase of 2015 Chevrolet Cruse for the City Permit Department at a cost of \$8,300.

Councilmember Usher made a motion to ratify purchase of 2015 Chevrolet Cruse for the City Permit Department at a cost of \$8,300, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Consider and/or take action on purchase of Grinder Pump to replace the Shell Lift Station faulty pump to Pumps Solutions, in an amount of \$8,168.00.

Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve purchase of Grinder Pump to replace the Shell Lift Station faulty pump to Pumps Solutions, in an amount of \$8,168.00, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Consider and/or take action on bid for VFD Panel for Well #5.

Councilmember Clark made a motion to approve bid to Pumps of Houston for VFD Panel for Well #5 in an amount of \$16,995.00, and Councilmember Usher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

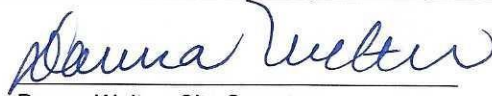
22. Consider and/or take action on easement needed for the rehabilitation of the Pinewood Lift Station.

Councilmember Usher made a motion to proceed with an easement for the rehabilitation of the Pinewood Life Station, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for which no action will be taken or discussed.

24. Adjourn. (8:14 p.m.)

Councilmember Clark made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Danna Welter", written over a horizontal line.

Danna Welter, City Secretary