

MINUTES OF THE SPLENDORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING HELD ON THE 17th DAY OF AUGUST 2020, AT THE CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 26090 FM 2090 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

REGULAR SESSION

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

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

- 3/4. Pledge/Invocation.

AGENDA

5. Approve the minutes of June 15 and July 20, 2020.
Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve the bills for payment, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. NOTE: Councilmembers Holloway and Chavez absent.
6. Approve bills for payment.
Councilmember Aden made a motion to approve the bills for payment, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Public Comments.
 None.
8. Department Reports:
 - a) Police Department for July 2020;
 - b) Municipal Court for July 2020;
 - c) Utility (Billing/Field/Capital Projects) Department for July 2020.
9. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2020-05-18 extending Emergency Order through September 21, 2020.
Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-05-18 extending Emergency Order through September 21, 2020, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Consider and/or take action on Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Audit) for Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2020, as presented by Louis Breedlove, BrooksWatson & Co., PLLC.
 Louis Breedlove, Senior Audit Manager for BrooksWatson presented the Annual Audit (2018-2019) to City Council.
Councilmember Myers made a motion to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Audit) for Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2020, as presented by Louis Breedlove, BrooksWatson & Co., PLLC., and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Consider and/or take action on use of the City Park for the Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 31, 2020.
Councilmember Aden made a motion to approve the use of the City Park for the Annual Fall Festival on Saturday 31, 2020, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Work Session to discuss proposed Annual Budget for FY 2020-2021 (General, Utility and Debt Funds).
 Mayor Welch and Councilmembers discussed the upcoming budgets.

13. Discuss Mayor's recommendation to adopt the voter-approval rate of \$0.3069/\$100 M&O and \$0.0783/\$100 Debt, for a total of \$.3846; and take record vote on proposed tax rate.

Councilmember Aden made a motion to approve Mayor's recommendation to adopt the voter-approval rate of \$0.3069/\$100 M&O and \$0.0783/\$100 Debt, for a total of \$.3846; and take record vote on proposed tax rate, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. Councilmembers Aden, Clark, Myers. The motion passed 3-0. Councilmembers Holloway and Chavez absent.

14. Consider and/or take action to call public hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget for September 14, 2020.

Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve calling a public hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget for September 14, 2020, and Councilmember Aden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2020-08-17B calling an election for November 3, 2020, for the election for the positions of Councilmembers III, IV and V.

Councilmember Clark made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-08-17B calling an election for November 3, 2020, for the election for the positions of Councilmembers III, IV and V, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2020-08-17C amending the City of Splendora Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 "Floods", Section 14.51.

Councilmember Aden made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-08-17C amending the City of Splendora Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 "Floods", Section 14.51, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Consider and/or take action on installation of SCADA systems at Enloe Lift Station #1 and #2 in an amount of \$11,944.80, to be funded from Construction Improvements Fund.

Councilmember Aden made a motion to approve the on installation of SCADA systems at Enloe Lift Station #1 and #2 in an amount of \$11,944.80, to be funded from Construction Improvements Fund, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Consider and/or take action on renovation of the Utility Supply Building (behind City Hall) into a Records Building at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, to be funded from budgeted funds. Councilmember Aden suggested adding another \$5,000.

Councilmember Aden made a motion to approve the renovation of the Utility Supply Building (behind City Hall) into a Records Building at a cost not to exceed \$25,000, to be funded from budgeted funds, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Consider and/or ratify expenditure on annual trade-in of Bobcat excavators (2) in an amount of \$5,670.00.

Councilmember Myers made a motion to ratify expenditure on annual trade-in of Bobcat excavators (2) in an amount of \$5,670.00, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

20. 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:
a) SJRA v. Cities of Conroe, Magnolia, Splendora and Montgomery County District Court; and 2) Cause No. D-1-GN-16- 004151, SJRA v. Cities of Conroe, et al., in the 98th District Court, Travis County;
b) CV1915318; Victoria Verdes, Individually and as Next Friend of C.K., A Minor v. Mark Divel and Joseph A. Dunn, Jr.; In the 75th District Court of Liberty County, Texas;
551.074 (Personnel Matters): deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Municipal Clerk.
[7:48 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.]

21. Consider and/or take action on item(s) discussed in Executive Session.
No action.

22. Mayor's Activity Report:
• COVID-19 Update

23. Important Council Meeting Dates – Budget:
• **8/24/20 – (IF NEEDED) Continue Budget Workshop;**
• **9/14/20 - Budget Public Hearing; adopt FY 2020-21 Annual Budget;**
• **9/15/20 – Adoption of Tax Rate**

24. Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for which no action will be taken or discussed.
25. Adjourn. (8:35 p.m.)
Councilmember Aden made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Danna Welter, City Secretary