

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA
December 12, 2022

Members in attendance were: Ken Jordan, Mayor
Shawn Oliver - Alderman
Oleta Behrens – Alderman
Marcus Amthor – Alderman
Michael Nelson – Alderman
Scott Edmonson – City Manager

Robert Whitten, Mayor Pro-Tem was absent.

Others present were: Sabrina Maulsby – City Secretary
Charlene Lindsay – City Treasurer
Bridgett Macedo - Utility Billing Clerk
Scott Glaze – Public Works Supervisor
John Bauer - Police Chief
Michael Wadsworth – Code Enforcement Officer
Luis Rios – Street Department Supervisor
Brian Rogers - Citizen

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Ken Jordan called the meeting to order, announced a quorum present, and Alderman Michael Nelson led the invocation and pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Brian Rogers signed up to speak and addressed the Council explaining that he had visited Mill Pond Park several times and the only thing missing was a Thank you to the City for a Beautiful Public Display.

PRESENTATIONS: Bridgett Macedo, Utility Billing Coordinator, was selected as the Employee of the Month for December. Alderman Michael Nelson and Charlene Lindsay, City Treasurer presented Bridgett with a plaque with his name on it and a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Luis Rios, Street Department Supervisor was selected as Supervisor of the Quarter for the Fourth Quarter. Alderman Michael Nelson, and Public Works Director Scott Glaze, presented Luis with a plaque with his name on it and a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

CONSENT AGENDA:

On a motion by Alderman Shawn Oliver, seconded by Alderman Marcus Amthor, Council unanimously approved the following: minutes from the November 15, 2022 Council Meeting; Payment of Bills; approved Resolution No. 2022-41 reappointing four members (Marcie Butler, Sandra Vaughn, Debbie Shahan, and Cissy Williams) of the Keep San Saba Beautiful Commission, term up for renewal, January 2025; approved Resolution No. 2022-42 reappointing three members (Martha Leigh Whitten, Rick Baskin, and Clay Nettleship) of the San Saba Economic Development Corporation up for renewal for terms expiring January 2025; approved Resolution No. 2022-43 reappointing five members (Cathy Amthor, Kynda Jordan, Debbie Shahan, Kevin Shahan, and Shawn

Oliver) of the City of San Saba Parks Committee up for renewal term expiring December 2024; approved Resolution No. 2022-44 a resolution reappointing two members (Patty Shaw and Devon Hoyt) of the City of San Saba Planning and Zoning Commission up for renewal, terms expiring January 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-41

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Saba, is the governing body of the Keep San Saba Beautiful Commission, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Saba has the authority to appoint directors to the Keep San Saba Beautiful Commission,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Saba hereby reappointing four members, Marcie Butler, Sandra Vaughn, Debbie Shahan, and Cissy Williams for two-year terms to the Keep San Saba Beautiful Commission, with terms expiring January 2025.

Passed and approved this 12th day of December, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-42

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Saba, is the governing body of the San Saba Economic Development Corporation, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Saba has the authority to appoint directors to the San Saba Economic Development Corporation, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Saba hereby reappoints three members, Martha Leigh Whitten, Rick Baskin, and Clay Nettleship for two-year terms to the San Saba Economic Development Corporation with terms expiring on January 2025.

Passed and approved this 12th day of December, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-43

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Saba, is the governing body of the City of San Saba Parks Committee, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Saba has the authority to appoint directors to the City of San Saba Parks Committee, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Saba hereby reappoints five members, Cathy Amthor, Kynda Jordan, Debbie Shahan, Kevin Shahan, and Shawn Oliver for two-year terms to the City of San Saba Parks Committee with the term expiring on December 2024.

Passed and approved this 12th day of December, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-44

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Saba, is the governing body of the City of San Saba Planning and Zoning Commission, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Saba has the authority to appoint directors to the City of San Saba Planning and Zoning Commission, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Saba hereby reappoints two members, Patty Shaw and Devon Hoyt for three-year terms to the City of San Saba Planning and Zoning Commission with term expiring on January 2026.

Passed and approved this 12th day of December, 2022.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

The first action item was to Discuss and Consider Approval of Ordinance No 2022-10, an Ordinance of the City of San Saba, Texas, Amending Article 2.01, Animal Control, Section 2.01.011, Nuisances, to Address Bees within the City; Providing for an Effective Date, Providing a savings clause, Severability Clause, and Effective Date. Alderman Michael Nelson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-10, seconded by Alderman Oleta Behrens, and was unanimously approved by a 4 to 0 vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE 2.01, ANIMAL CONTROL, SECTION 2.01.011, NUISANCES, TO ADDRESS BEES WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, the City of San Saba (“City”) has provided various provisions related to the healthy and safe manner in which animals are handled within the City limits; and

Whereas, the City also has adopted provisions declaring certain actions or activities to be nuisances as to animals being kept within the City; and

Whereas, the City desires to update the nuisance provisions as they pertain to the keeping of bees within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 2.01.011, Nuisances. The City of San Saba’s Code of Ordinance, Article 2.01, Animal Control, Section 2.01.011, Nuisances, is hereby amended as follows:

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§ 2.01.011. Public nuisances.

(a) It shall be unlawful and constitute a public nuisance for any person to maintain any animal or fowl in such a manner or allow any pen, enclosure, yard or similar place used for the keeping of animals or fowl to become unsanitary, offensive by reason of odor, or create a condition that is a breeding place for fleas or other vector and which is offensive to persons of ordinary sensibilities residing in the vicinity thereof or is determined to be a public nuisance by any enforcement officer.

(b) It shall be unlawful and constitute a public nuisance for any person to maintain any animal or fowl which repeatedly roams at-large in violation of this chapter on public or private property, attacks another animal or damages public or private property.

(c) It shall be unlawful and constitute a public nuisance for the owner of any animal to allow any excreta deposited by his animal to remain on public or private property. The creation of any condition injurious to public health caused by the lack of or improper disposal of animal waste will also be considered a violation of this section.

(d) Subject to the noise ordinance of the city, it shall be unlawful and constitute a public nuisance to keep any animal which, by causing frequent or long continued barking, howling, crowing, meowing, or other noise shall disturb any person of ordinary sensibilities residing in the vicinity of the premises where the animal is kept, housed or harbored.

(e) It shall be unlawful and constitute a public nuisance to keep bees in such a manner as to deny the lawful use of adjacent property or endanger personal health, safety, and welfare. Upon determination that a bee colony situated within the city is not being kept in compliance with this section, animal control may order the bees to be removed from the city or destroyed.

(f) It shall be unlawful and constitute a public nuisance for any person, firm, corporation or association of persons to place or keep upon any premises situated within the corporate limits of the city any beehive, or any container or receptacle similar to a beehive, designed or used for the swarming or collection of bees for collecting the honeycomb or honey of bees.

(g) It shall be unlawful and constitute a public nuisance for any person, firm, corporation or association to allow a colony or colonies of bees to dwell on that person's property or dwelling. It shall be the sole responsibility of the owner or his/her representative to remove or exterminate any and all colonies of bees located on such premises.

(h) It shall be unlawful for any owner or person to allow any animal to remain a public nuisance as defined herein.

(i) It shall constitute a public nuisance to keep or allow feral pigeons or feral pigeon flocks to roam throughout the city in such a manner to endanger personal health, safety and welfare. Upon a determination that a feral pigeon flock situated within the city has become injurious to the public health, including but not limited to the deposit and/or disposal of any excreta from such feral pigeon, animal control may order the feral pigeon or feral pigeon colony to be removed from the city or destroyed. Upon a determination that a feral pigeon flock has become injurious to the public health, animal control shall encourage all businesses to take steps to cover sources of food, place signs to reduce incidents of feeding of such feral pigeons or feral pigeon flocks, or to remove nests and/or cover locations on buildings with some type of material to reduce nesting or roosting.

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Section 2. Amendment Of Ordinances. All ordinances of the City of San Saba or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance as adopted and amended herein, are hereby amended to the extent of such conflict. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this ordinance and any other ordinance of the city, the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall govern.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Tex. Loc. Gov't. Code.

Section 5. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 12th day of December, 2022.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF SAN SABA, TEXAS

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Scott Edmonson gave a brief report on the following activities in the City of San Saba: The City's Annual Christmas Party had a great turn out and thanked everyone that attended; Service Year awards that were presented were five years Charlie Boyce, ten years Jason Vogel, GT Meador, and Jose Rocha, and twenty years Robert Carroll; we will be meeting Morgan Verette with PMI next Friday to discuss the Splash Pad; the City Guys helped the Chamber to set up for Sip N Stroll, working on the Park Lights, and the Streets; the Solar Eclipse Committee will meet in the morning regarding plans for a viewing site, location for Port-a-potties, and working on a public information letter; Texas A&M Rural Med visits ten counties and we will be sharing a week with Llano County. The Med Student is from Sugarland and will be working with Dr. Whiting and other clinics in our area to promote rural areas and promote medicine to kids in our community the week of March 20th through March 25th; joined with Llano on the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

OTHER REPORTS

Scott Glaze, Public Works Director gave a brief update on the City’s occurrences: the waterline nightmare on Wallace Street is finally done; now working on 5th Street; pressure tested Fentress and took Bac-T Samples.

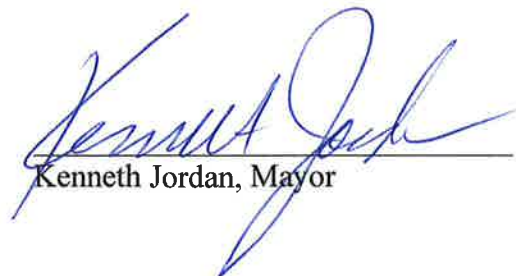
Michael Wadsworth reported: Trying to get Bluffton cleaned up and there is now a roll-off on the property.

Chief John Bauer reported: worked the Christmas Parade and had a great time; the Chamber sold just shy of 900 tickets to Sip N Stroll this year.

As there was no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sabrina Maultsby, City Secretary


Kenneth Jordan, Mayor