

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA
July 12, 2016

Members in attendance were: Ken Jordan – Mayor
Mayor Pro-Tem
Oleta Behrens - Alderman
Charles Peeler - Alderman
Robert Whitten - Alderman
Stan Weik – City Manager

Alderman Shawn Oliver was absent

Others present were: Sabrina Maultsby – City Secretary
Charlene Lindsay – City Treasurer
Scott Glaze – City Employee
Tony Guidroz – City Employee
Sharon O’Neill – City Employee
Chuck Jennings – City Employee
Billy Sutton – City Employee
Juan Montoya – City Employee
Alice Smith – San Saba News & Star
Tommy Pulatie – Citizen
Mitzi Pulatie – Citizen
Sylvia Juarez – Citizen
Dee Vickery – Citizen
Bobby Britsch – Citizen
Kathy Britsch - Citizen
George Amthor – Citizen
Javier Baez – Citizen

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order, announced a quorum present, and Alderman Whitten gave the invocation and pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sylvia Juarez was the first person signed up to speak and she addressed the Council regarding the increase in property taxes. She explained that she was unhappy regarding the property tax increase and that she spoke with the Texas State Comptroller’s Office and was advised that she attend the meetings of the local entities and voice her opinion. She also had a petition regarding ‘protest the unfair and grievous increase in property taxes in San Saba County’ and presented it to the Council. She was advised by City Manager Weik and Mayor Jordan that she needed to present it to the Appraisal District.

Dee Vickery was the second person to speak and she explained that she was not sure of the process regarding an unusual smell to the water, but that she was concerned that it almost had a sulfur smell at times and was it safe to drink. Mr. Weik also explained that the water is tested monthly and it is safe to drink.

Scott Glaze, Public Works Director explained that he would go by and check it out. He also explained that the smell could be from the hot water heater, at times they tend to smell and may need to be cleaned out.

Kathy Britsch was the third person signed up to speak regarding the odor in the air at her house and it almost smells like sewer. Mayor Jordan explained that TCEQ has been contacted regarding this issued and it is being dealt with. This was a contained spill and then it rained and the smell became worse and the City has had numerous complaints. Hopefully this is being resolved, but if you continue to smell the odor to contact the City and they will contact TCEQ.

Mayor Jordan thanked all of the people that signed up to speak and explained that the transparency of the City is very open and invited them to attend any of the City's meetings and that we are here for you the Citizens.

PRESENTATIONS:

Billy Sutton, city employee working at the Golf Course was selected as the Employee of the Month for July. Chuck Jennings, San Saba River Golf Course Pro, and Alderman Whitten presented Billy with a plaque with his name on it and a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Rachel Hering with CTRA (Cooperative Teamwork & Recycling Assistance) presented the Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Recycling Efforts in 2015. Rachel explained that even though the numbers were down, some cities the same size, are doing a whole lot less. The City of San Saba has been recycling for the past fifteen years and Scott and Juan are fantastic and have collected two thousand tons of material to date. Alderman Bob Whitten, Juan Montoya, Sanitation Supervisor, and Scott Glaze, Public Works Director accepted the Certificate Award.

Sharon O'Neill, Keep San Saba Beautiful Executive Director, Presented the Keep Texas Beautiful Honorable Mention Media Award to San Saba News and Star and was accepted by Alice Smith.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Alderman Peeler, seconded by Alderman Behrens, Council unanimously approved the following: minutes from the June 14, 2016 Council Meeting; minutes from the June 28, 2016 Budget Workshop Meeting; payment of bills.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM:

The first action item was to discuss and consider approving Kay Howard, President of A&J Howco, Services, Inc. to move forward with the preparation for the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture. City Manager Weik explained to the Council, that the Council Meeting held on June 14, 2016, a Public Hearing was held regarding the submission of a TxCDBG grant to the Texas Department of Agriculture and now we need to approve this so Kay Howard, President of A&J Howco, Services, Inc. can move forward. On a motion by Alderman Behrens and seconded by Alderman Whitten, Council unanimously approved Kay Howard, President of A&J Howco, Services, Inc. to move forward with the preparation for the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The second action item was to discuss and consider approving Resolution No. 2016-24 a resolution of the City Council of the City of San Saba requesting the Texas Legislature to modify existing statute and allow General-Law Municipalities the authority to pass Ordinances creating safe zones protecting children from registered sex offenders. Mr. Weik explained to the Council that this is concerning the Lawsuit regarding sex offenders. He also said that Home Rule Cities have the authority to enact sex offender residency restrictions and this Resolution is to support legislation that would clarify the authority of General-Law Cities so they would also have the authority to enact sex offender residency restrictions. On a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Amthor and seconded by Alderman Whitten, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2016-24.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-24

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA REQUESTING THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO MODIFY EXISTING STATUTE AND ALLOW GENERAL-LAW MUNICIPALITIES THE AUTHORITY TO PASS ORDINANCES CREATING SAFE ZONES PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

WHEREAS, General-Law municipalities in Texas do not have statutory authority to create safe zones around gathering places for children to protect them from registered sex offenders; and

WHEREAS, City of San Saba has a responsibility to promote a safe environment for children at or near schools, daycare centers, and other places children gather; and

WHEREAS, Home-Rule municipalities already have the freedom to implement safety zones protecting children from convicted sex offenders within an established distance from areas children regularly congregate, and many have chosen to do so; and

WHEREAS, current Texas statute impedes the ability of General-Law municipalities to promote, protect and improve the health, safety, and welfare of their citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of San Saba requests the 85th Regular Legislature of the State of Texas to pass a bill allowing General-Law municipalities the freedom to create safety zones around areas children gather in order to protect our youth from registered sex offenders.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this the 12th day of July, 2016.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Weik reported on the following activities in the City of San Saba: Outsiders coming to San Saba to enjoy the Parks; Sunny Beach is staying busy; Sand for the Beach was donated; Street and Utility Departments staying busy; Golf Course looks terrific, rains were a great help; Scott Glaze and the Water Crews have been working really hard installing the water and sewer lines at the edge of town in the Hopeview Addition, water in place and the sewer half completed; Contract almost ready regarding the pecans to energy; Jacob and Martin has received numerous Contractor interest for the new lines; Shady Shores Nursing Home almost complete.

OTHER REPORTS

Tony Guidroz, EDC Director reported that Shady Shores Nursing Home for Aging and Disability should have their final inspection on July 27th, bring in three residents when they first open up, the

unit has seventy-two beds, and is a showplace; Farmer's Market at the Courthouse every Wednesday from 9:00 – 12:00 doing great; Junk-in-the-Trunk went well; Had a great July 4th fireworks thanks to Hamrick's for the donations and 9-Finger Fireworks for putting on the display. Sharon O'Neill reported the they attended the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in Sugarland, Texas; KSSB received second place in the Governor's achievement award and lost by .36 points; Hope to win next year and this will be KTB's 50th Anniversary; KSSB will be working with San Saba Independent School District and Leann Glaze regarding an education/learning event in which Kindergarten through 12 will be giving back to the community through clean-up efforts on Columbus Day. City Manager Weik explained that we would be moving the Fall Clean-up to that day painting Park Benches, helping with Christmas lights, and looking for things for the children to do that will be age appropriate; Great opportunity. Ken Jordan updated the audience on the activities of the Street Committee and the Parks Committee.

As there was no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. to the Budget Workshop.

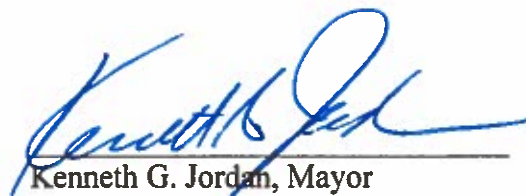
Council members took a brief recess before beginning the Budget Workshop. Tony Guidroz, EDC Director and Tourism presented the 2016-2017 Expenses for his Department. There was a total decrease in Expenses of \$4,400.00. This decrease was due to no longer offering Movie in the Park, Skate, and Utilities due to installing new thermostats that can be remotely controlled. Tony Guidroz also presented the 2016-2017 Revenue for his Department. There was a total decrease in Recreation Center Revenue of \$3,200.00. There is due to an increase in Recreation Center Fees Revenue but, a decrease in Skate Night Revenue due to no longer offering.

The next Budget Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sabrina Maultsby, City Secretary


Kenneth G. Jordan, Mayor