

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
1025 CAMPBELL ROAD, HOUSTON, TEXAS**

1. CALL THE ROLL AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Regular Meeting of the Spring Valley Village City Council was called to order by Mayor Ramsey at 6:02 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Tom Ramsey

Mayor Pro-Tem Allen Carpenter

Council Member David Dominy

Council Member Tom Donaho

Council Member Joy McCormack

Council Member Marcus Vajdos

Members Absent:

None.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Roxanne Benitez, City Secretary

Alex Trevino, Deputy City Secretary

Arthur Faiello, Director of Public Works

Michelle Yi, City Treasurer

Loyd Evans, Police Chief (left at 6:25 p.m.)

Loren Smith, City Attorney

3. PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1 Proclamation for Police Week – May 12-18, 2019

Mayor Ramsey read the proclamation aloud and declared May 12-18, 2019 as Police Week in Spring Valley Village.

3.2 Proclamation for National Public Works Week – May 19-25, 2019

Mayor Ramsey read the proclamation aloud and declared May 19-25, 2019 as Public Works Week in Spring Valley Village.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4.1 Clive Mettrick, who lives at 1114 Ben Hur, asked that residents be notified when a burglary is committed in Spring Valley Village.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under consent agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

- 5.1 Minutes for City Council Meeting on March 26, 2019
- 5.2 Resolution No. 19-XX - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE SUSPENDING THE MAY 10, 2019 EFFECTIVE DATE OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC'S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH THE GULF COAST COALITION OF CITIES; HIRING LLOYD GOSSELINK ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES' RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL

Council Member Carpenter made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, and Council Member Vajdos seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The City Council Will Now Hold A Closed Executive Meeting Pursuant To The Provision Of Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, In Accordance With The Authority Contained In:

- 6.1 Section 551.074 – Personnel Matter – Discussion to Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of the Police Chief.

Council adjourned into the Executive Session at 6:11 p.m.

7. **RECONVENE**

The City Council meeting reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

8. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Matters Discussed in Executive Session and Possible Employment Agreement with Police Chief.

Council Member Dominy made a motion to approve the agreement with Police Chief Loyd Evans, including the recommended changes discussed in executive session, and Council Member McCormack seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

9. **UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION CONCERNING:** March 2019 Police Department Staff Report (Chief Evans):

Chief Evans provided the report.

1. Number of Calls for Service – 1,317
2. Number of Traffic Violations – 946
3. Number of K-9 Deployments – 123

10. **UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION CONCERNING:** Activities of the Village Fire Department Commissioners Meetings That May Have Occurred Since

March 26, 2019, and Status of Village Fire Commission's Reinstatement of Bunker Hill Village as a Full Member of the Village Fire Department. (Council Member Carpenter / Mayor Ramsey)

Council Member Carpenter presented Bunker Hill Village's letter of intent and explained the conditions listed in the letter of intent. Council Member Carpenter also advised that if approved, a contract between all of the Memorial Villages would be created. Mayor Ramsey advised that they would need to know the outcome of the reinstatement of Bunker Hill Village so that the City could prepare the budget accordingly.

- 11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Resolution Number 19-XX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPROVING A LETTER OF INTENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CITY OF BUNKER HILL VILLAGE FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR FOUR YEARS FROM JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE LETTER OF INTENT; AND PROVIDING AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Ramsey read the Resolution by caption only. Council Member Vajdos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 19-08, and Council Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- 12. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION CONCERNING:** Activities of the Civic Activities Board Since January of 2019. (Council Member Donaho / City Treasurer Michelle Yi)

Council Member Donaho recommended the dissolution of the Civic Activities Board and advised that he would present an idea for another possible board that could assist the City. Council Member Donaho also advised that Lori Koehn agreed to continue her assistance with the annual Fall Festival.

At this time, Council Member Carpenter made a motion to take Agenda Item 15 out of order, and Council Member Donaho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- 15. PRESENTATION, BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING:** Property Values In The City Of Spring Valley Village Including, But Not Limited To, Historical Value Trends, Property Tax Revenue Changes, And Litigated Properties For The Last Ten Years. (Roland Altinger, Harris County Appraisal District)

Roland Altinger, Chief Appraiser, Jason Cunningham, Deputy Chief Appraiser, and Mike Sullivan, the City's HCAD Representative, appeared before the Council. Mr. Altinger gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding property tax history and revenue changes as well as historical value trends for the City of Spring Valley Village.

- 13. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION CONCERNING:** Construction Design For Westview Drive Sidewalk Improvements Project And Addressing Encroachments In The City's Right-Of-Way That Will Be Impacted By The Project.

Mayor Ramsey advised that the proposed project was the only section on Westview Drive that did not have a sidewalk. Director of Public Works Arthur Faiello advised that the proposed sidewalk would assist those walking to school. Doug Bradford, with ARKK Engineers, advised that the project was ready to go out for bids. Council Member Carpenter advised that there should be safety mechanisms installed to protect pedestrians and asked for options. Mr. Bradford advised that he would present safety options at the May 21 City Council meeting.

14. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING:** Legislative Update on Proposed House Bill Number 2 and House Bill Number 3. (Mayor Ramsey)

Mayor Ramsey provided a summary on proposed House Bill Numbers 2 and 3.

16. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Award of Competition Sealed Bid #2019-03-102 for Cedarbrake Drainage Improvement Project to H&N Contractor Management, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$101,416.00.

Doug Bradford, with ARKK Engineers, advised that the project would be on a 60-day contract. Council Member Vajdos made a motion to award Bid #2019-03-102 to H&N Contractor Management, LLC for the Cedarbrake Drainage Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$101,416.00, and Council Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

17. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Resolution No. 19-XX - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS AND H & N CONTRACTOR MANAGEMENT LLC FOR THE CEDARBRAKE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (BID #2019-03-102); PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SUCH AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Ramsey read the Resolution by caption only. Council Member Donaho made a motion to approve Resolution Number 19-09, and Council Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

18. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Proposed Conceptual Design and Conceptual Design Cost Estimate for Phase II Park Improvements.

Ryan Steib and Mary Keilers, with Clark Condon and Associates, Inc., gave a presentation on the proposed park improvements. Council Member Dominy made a motion to approve the proposed conceptual design and conceptual design cost estimate for the Phase II Park Improvement Project with funding to come from the FY 2018 Unexpended Fund Balance as recommended by Staff, and Council Member Vajdos seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

19. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Resolution No. 19-XX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION

SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS AND CLARK CONDON AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PHASE II PARK IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SUCH AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Ramsey read the Resolution by caption only. Council Member Vajdos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 19-10, and Council Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

20. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION CONCERNING: Briefing by City Administrator:

1. Status of Hilldale, Bade & Cardwell Paving and Utility Improvements Project

Steve Albert, with Binkley and Barfield, Inc., provided an update for the Council and advised that there were two unexpected utility issues that were being address and would not compromise the project.

2. Status of Automated Meter Project

Director of Public Works Arthur Faiello advised that communication pieces were sent and the data collectors and repeaters had been installed. Mr. Faiello also advised that staff training would be provided by Ferguson and Mueller on the following day and added that they would also receive training from Tyler Technologies. Mr. Faiello advised that most of the meter installation would be done from May through July.

3. Update on City of Houston Left Turn Lane on Westview Drive

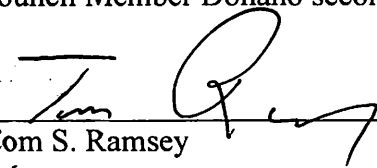
Director of Public Works Arthur Faiello advised that the area on Westview Drive has been corrected and returned to its original layout.


4. Status of Repairs to Ground Water Well #1

Director of Public Works Arthur Faiello advised that testing on the sand separator was performed last week and that a smaller pump will be installed based on the recommendation of the contractor.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m., and Council Member Donaho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Signed: 
Tom S. Ramsey
Mayor

Attest: 
Roxanne Benitez, TRMC, CPM, CMCC
City Secretary