

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF SNYDER

MARCH 1, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Snyder, Texas was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Tony Wofford and was held with the following members present:

Councilmember Sarah Jamison
Councilmember Vernon Clay
Councilmember Mitch Hickman
Councilmember Steve Highfield
Councilmember Tom Strayhorn
Councilmember Terry Martin
Attorney for the City, Bryan Guymon

ITEM I. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Steve Highfield.

ITEM II. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

Mayor Tony Wofford recognized the following visitors:

Bill Crist, The Snyder News; Doug Dowler, Development Corporation of Snyder; Gayle Summers, Snyder; Morgan West, Snyder; Vince Viaille, Specialized Public Finance Inc.; Gary Lee, Snyder.

ITEM III. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:

Gayle Summers told the council that taxing entities should stop offering 100 percent tax abatements for renewable energy projects.

Gary Lee asked councilmembers to look at ways to release several liens on two lots near the intersection of Avenue I and 23rd Street. He planned to purchase the lots but found out it has \$4,500 worth of back taxes and nearly \$12,000 in liens. He said he would pay the back taxes but asked for the other liens to be forgiven. City Attorney Bryan Guymon said he would see what the city could do regarding the liens.

ITEM IV. BIDS:

1. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to award the bid to Wilson Motors for the purchase of a 2020/2021 Ford Police Package SUV for \$36,667 for Dept. 16.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Martin and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

2. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to award the bid to Blake Fulenwider for the purchase of a 2021 1500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4 for \$30,287 for Dept. 36.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

ITEM V. MINUTES:

1. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting February 1, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve the Resolution of the Development Corporation of Snyder, Inc. Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bond, Taxable Series 2021 by the Corporation; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tom Strayhorn and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Sarah Jamison, Steve Highfield, Tom Strayhorn, and Terry Martin.

Noes: Councilmember Mitch Hickman.

Abstained: Councilmember Vernon Clay.

2. Vince Viaille with Specialized Public Finance Inc. spoke to the council about refinancing the City of Snyder's 2013 Certificate of Obligation. The current interest on the debt is 3 to 4 percent. The \$7.5 million still outstanding on the certificate might be able to be refinanced with an interest rate of about 2 percent. With current market interest rates the refinancing is estimated to have a net savings of about \$558,000.
3. Councilmember Tom Strayhorn made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2091 authorizing the issuance of City of Snyder, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021; appointing a Pricing Officer and delegating to the Pricing Officer the authority to approve the sale of the Bonds; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said Bonds; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Jamison and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

4. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve the Equipment Donation Agreement between the City of Snyder and Lake Sweetwater Volunteer Fire Department.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

5. Councilmember Terry Martin made the motion to approve Resolution R210301 authorizing a line item transfer of \$5,530 from account 01-618-902 to account 01-619-902 for the purchase of automotive equipment.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

6. Councilmember Mitch Hickman made the motion to approve the annual report from the Snyder Fire Department regarding racial profiling in 2020.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Jamison and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

7. Discussion regarding water leak adjustment program. – Councilmembers Sarah Jamison and Mitch Hickman encouraged the city to look at a water leak adjustment program that would help reduce or eliminate unexpected high water bills due to leaks. No action was taken.

8. Councilmember Vernon Clay made the motion to approve the monthly financial report for January.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Jamison and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

9. Councilmember Tom Strayhorn made the motion appointing Nancy Doyle as the Election Judge and Tommy Doyle as the Alternate Judge for the May 1, 2021 General Election for the purpose of electing Mayor and two Councilmembers At-Large.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

10. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion appointing Paula Juarez as a Deputy Early Voting Clerk for the May 1, 2021 General Election.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Jamison and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

ITEM VII. INFORMATION:

1. Monthly personnel report.
2. Election schedule. Horario de eleccion.
3. Next Regular Council Meeting April 5, 5:30 p.m.

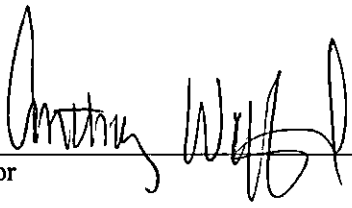
ITEM VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tom Strayhorn and passed with the following vote:

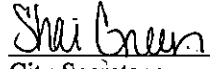
Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary

Approved: March 22, 2021.