

City of Southmayd, Texas
Minutes of the July 21, 2020
Regular City Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Southmayd, Texas met on this date at 7:00 p.m. for a regular City Council meeting. City Council members present were Mayor David Turner, Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Thompson, Teresa Miller, Michael Horstman, and Robert Thompson. City Staff members present City Secretary Amanda McGill, Fire Chief Brent Thetford, and Police Chief Chad McKee.

Agenda

A. CALL TO ORDER & Declaration of a Quorum.

Mayor Turner called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm, June 16, 2020.

B. Pledge to Flag & Invocation

Councilmember Tom Byler led Pledge to Flag and Invocation.

C. Welcome Guests

City Council and guests were introduced and welcomed.

D. PUBLIC FORUM, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION: (No Action)

Public Forum: (Citizens are allowed 3 minutes to speak. If the issue is on the agenda, the City Council may choose to discuss and consider the item. If the issue is not on the agenda, the Council is not permitted by state law to respond to or discuss the item other than to make statements of specific factual information in response to a citizen's inquiry or to recite existing policy in response to the inquiry. The Council may request the issue to be placed on a future agenda for action in accordance with state law. This forum is not the appropriate place to address complaints against Public Officials and/or Staff. Complaints of this nature should be made in writing and filed with the City Secretary.)

There were no citizen comments.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

**Consent agenda items are considered to be routine in nature and may be acted upon in one motion without discussion unless a Council Member or a citizen requests a specific item be discussed and voted on separately.*

1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on approval of the City Council minutes for June 16, 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to accept the consent agenda.
Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F. STAFF REPORTS

The City Council may discuss any of the items under Staff Reports, but no formal action will be taken.

- * June Fire Department Report
- * June Police Report
- * June Permit Activity Report
- * June City Secretary Report

G. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the presentation of the June 2020 financial statements and report of accounts by Joe Madden, CPA.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to accept the financial statements and reports. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on utilizing services from LocalGov for a Financial Recovery Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to table this until next month to verify fees for LocalGov services. City Secretary, Amanda McGill, will verify the City of Southmayd is not affiliated with any company for this service that will prohibit the city from using LocalGov. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the USDA predevelopment feasibility study for improvements to water and wastewater systems in cooperation with TCOG or contracting a management company to assist with capital improvement for water, sewer, and road repair.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to move forward with Antero Group to assist with capital improvement for water and sewer treatment. Councilmember Byler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss, consider, and possible action on hiring a Full-time officer for the Southmayd Police Department.

Councilmember Byler made a motion to hire Haley Holbert as a Full-time officer for the Southmayd Police Department with a starting salary of \$36,500.00. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss, consider, and possible action on changing website providers to provide a more user-friendly and up-to-date website for employees and residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to accept the bid from website provider Municipal Impact. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the purchase of a ballistic vest for Officer Williams of the Southmayd Police Department.

Councilmember Horstman made a motion to purchase the vest out of court security funds. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. **Discuss, consider, and possible action on the COVID-19 Emergency Planning and CARES ACT allotted resources for Southmayd in the amount of \$12,177.00. Discussion on safety equipment including PPE for city departments, cleaning supplies, possible new meeting equipment including iPads, computer, and or telephone needs for safe meetings, or any other items as needed for health or safety of city employees or volunteers.**

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to table this discussion until the August city council meeting. City Secretary, Amanda McGill, will gather a list from all city departments on items needed for COVID-19 training or PPE. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. **Discuss, consider, and possible action on Ordinance 431 Emergency Declaration extension**

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to leave Ordinance 431 as is per Governor Abbott emergency declaration. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

H. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

David Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda McGill, City Secretary
Approved: August 11, 2020