

## **CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS**

### **MINUTES: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 5, 2017, 7:00 p.m.**

**502 Elm Street, Sanger, Texas**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Thomas Muir, Councilman Bill Boutwell, Councilman David Clark, Councilmember Allen Chick, Councilman Lee Allison

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman Gary Bilyeu

**The Mayor and Four (4) Council Members Were Present Constituting a Quorum.**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Brice City Manager, Cheryl Price City Secretary,

#### **1. Call Meeting to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance.**

The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Muir on Monday, September 5th, 2017 at 7:03 p.m. The Invocation was given by Councilman Allison, and The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Boutwell.

#### **2. Citizens Input: (Citizens are allowed 3 minutes to speak. The City Council is unable to respond or to discuss any issues brought up during this section).**

Idaleene Scheu Fuqua, Denton Texas was recognized. She noted she no longer lived in Sanger, but her heart is still here. She wanted to give "food for thought" regarding her concerns on the widening of FM 455 and the railroad crossing. She noted concern regarding the long trains going across the road and blocking any emergency vehicles from getting to the area on the other side of the tracks. She noted the High School and all of the homes they were building there. She suggested that TxDOT should build the track going over or under FM 455 for safety concerns. She also told the story of the train photo that she took as a child which the Historical Society uses on its correspondence, and is also displayed in the city hall lobby.

Steve Felkner, 703 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street was recognized and noted his concern of the recent sidewalks that were put in along 5<sup>th</sup> Street at Plum. He noted that he believes the sidewalk was poured above grade. He said it has caused extra water and ponding on his property, it needs guard rails, and is a trip hazard. He wanted to know who funded the project, who drew up the plans for the project, and if there was an environmental study done. Staff noted that he could file an open records request for the information he is requesting. He noted his concern if someone got injured on the sidewalk in front of his property, that he would be sued.

#### **3. CONSENT AGENDA:**

##### **a) Approval of Minutes:**

##### **1. City Council Work Session, August 21, 2017**

## **2. Regular City Council Meeting, August 21, 2017**

### **b) Disbursements**

There were a few questions from Council Members regarding disbursements.

Two Motions were made for the Consent Agenda so Councilman Allison could vote on the Disbursements. He abstained from voting on the Minutes because he was not at the last meeting.

A Motion was made by Councilman Boutwell approving Consent Agenda Item (a) - the Work Session and Regular Session Minutes for the August 21, 2017 Meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Clark. Motion carried with three (3) Councilmembers in favor - Councilman Allison Abstained because he was not present at the last meeting. Councilman Bilyeu was absent.

A Motion was made by Councilman Boutwell approving Consent Agenda Item (b) Disbursements as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Clark. Motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote (Councilman Bilyeu Absent)

#### **4. Consider any Items Removed from Consent Agenda.**

None.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **5. Legislative Update from State Representative Pat Fallon and Presentation of Gavel to Blake Pyron From Governor Greg Abbott.**

This item was moved to the last item on the agenda. Pat Fallon called Mrs. Pyron during the meeting and advised there was a mix up on his calendar and he would have this rescheduled. Mayor Muir noted that Blake Pyron got a big announcement at the legislature and invited Blake to the Podium. Blake noted he met Governor Greg Abbott and went on the house floor and opened the session using the gavel. He demonstrated how he did it using the Mayor's gavel. He noted he met Speaker Paul Ryan, Ted Cruze, Congressman Burgess and is going to New York to be at times Square and In October going back to Washington DC for a Leadership Conference and there are rumors that he may meet a "big guy" there. Mayor Muir told Blake that we were excited for him and that he has been a good spokesperson for the City of Sanger.

#### **6. Proclamation for United Way of Denton County declaring September 2017 Live United Month.**

Gary Henderson, CEO United Way of Denton County and Teddy Yen, Director of Marketing and Outreach were introduced. Mr. Henderson noted he wanted to thank Mayor Muir, Councilman Chick and City Manger Brice personally. He noted that the City is so supportive and they very much appreciate getting to work with

the community. The time that they spent volunteering every year to do income tax and, the Mayor's time spent on the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team. He advised that the work they do in United way is meant to be countywide and he wanted to thank everyone personally.

Mayor Muir read the Proclamation declaring September 2017 Live United Month.

A Motion was made by Councilman Allison to Approve the Proclamation declaring September 2017 Live United Month. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Clark. The Motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 Vote (Councilman Bilyeu absent).

7. **Conduct the Second Public Hearing on a Proposal to Increase Total Tax Revenues from Properties on the Tax Roll in the Preceding Year by 8.49% With the Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.6791 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation (Total Tax Rate Reduced \$0.0004 from Preceding Year's Tax Rate of \$0.6795 per \$100). Schedule and Announce Meeting Date and Time to Adopt Tax Rate (3-14 Days from this Date).**

Mayor Muir opened the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m. and solicited anyone who wished to speak. No citizens approached the podium. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Muir closed the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

A Motion was made by Councilman Clark to set the Meeting Date and Time to Adopt the Tax Rate for Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Boutwell. Motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Councilman Bilyeu absent).

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

No Items.

9. **ADJOURN.**

There being no further items, Mayor Muir adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.