

# **CITY OF SEADRIFT**

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# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

#### ALL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

CLOSED SESSIONS CAN ONLY BEGIN FROM AN OPEN, PUBLIC SESSION WITH THE CLOSED SESSION REQUIRED TO OPEN BACK UP INTO A PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE ADJOURNING

USE OF DEROGATORY COMMENTS, INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE, OFFENSIVE COMMENTS AND ETC. WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. THREATS AGAINST DULY ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS ARE VIOLATIONS OF PENAL CODE SECTION 76 AND CAN BE PROSECUTED AS A FELONY

# REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023, at 7:00PM

The City of Seadrift City Council will meet in a Regular Meeting at 501 S. Main Street in Council Chambers for the purpose of discussing, considering, reviewing, and taking any action needed on the following: *The following items may be considered in order of sequence OR the order may be moved around at the discretion of the Mayor:* 

# 1. INVOCATION & PLEDGES TO US FLAG AND TEXAS FLAG

- 2. CONSENT AGENDA: All consent agenda items listed in this item are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by motion and vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Information concerning consent agenda items is available for public view.
  - a. Consider/Approve Previous Month's Meeting Minutes (with any corrections)
  - b. Consider/Approve Accounts Payable (Bills)

# 3. MONTHLY AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a. Police Report, Chief of Police	<b>b.</b> Municipal Court,	<b>c.</b> Public Safety,	e. Building Permits,	f. Code Enforcement,
CITIET OF POLICE	Court Clerk	Ranier Brigham	Building Inspector	Elmer DeForest
g. Municipal Harbor,	h. Parks and Rec,	i. Streets and Drainage,	j. Public Utilities,	k. Solid Waste,
Geoff Hunt	Tracey Johnson	Ranier Brigham	Kenneth Reese	Eldon Gaines

4. **CITIZEN COMMENT:** Any person with business before the City Council, not already on this agenda, may speak to the Council. Individuals desiring to speak to a particular subject NOT ON THIS AGENDA may do so and need to sign up to speak including subject matter by the time the meeting begins. These public comments may have a time limitation, per person, per subject at the discretion of the Mayor at the time of the Public Comments.

**IF** any Public Information is requested that is not already available in the meeting the individual should request the information needed on the prescribed form available at City Hall during normal operating hours.

**NO** Personnel Complaints can be brought before the Council under public comment.

**IF** there is a personnel complaint it is done by following the prescribed legal manner starting with a formal, signed complaint at City Hall.

**NO** Formal action can be taken by Council on any items brought up during Public Comments.

5. GRANTS & PROJECTS: Consider/Approve/Take Action, Adopt Resolutions on Grants, Projects, Professional Services, Awards, Authorize Bidding/Purchases, Projects in Progress, Applications, Future Projects, Resolutions, Contracts, Payment of Invoices, Fund Distribution and/or additional Public Hearings.

# a. SEAWALL RESTORATION PROJECT PW 4450:

i.Consider/Approve/Take any action to approve payment of Pay Application #4 for \$1,001,430.35 when funds are received.

ii.Consider/Approve/Take any action to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Seawall Restoration Project.

**b. TDHCA** – **RESOLUTION 20231107-01:** Consider/Approve/Take any action to approve Resolution 20231107-01 to acknowledge and make an exception to the conflict of interest with the HOME Program.



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#### c. TDA - CDV21-0030 (SEWER LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT):

- i. Presentation "A1024: Section 3" by GrantWorks Inc, to be conducted by Julianna Greenberg by telephone.
- ii. Discuss and take necessary action on John D. Mercer and Associates recommendation of award for construction contract to T Construction.
- d. GLO-CDBG-MIT 22-086-070-D328 (CITYWIDE DRAINAGE PROJECT): Consider/Approve/Take any action to approve completed engineer design plans and authorize advertisement for bids for contractors.
- e. TCEQ RESTORE PROJECT 582-22-33342 (BAYFRONT BOAT RAMP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT): Consider/Approve/Take any action to authorize payment of invoice 9697.090-0823 for \$8,580 for the TCEQ RESTORE Project.
- 6. VACATE STREET ROW REQUEST: Consider/Discuss/Take any action on request to vacate the 14<sup>th</sup> Street rightof-way between Bill Tindall and W. Toledo.

#### 7. SEADRIFT POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- **a.** Pinning Ceremony for new police officer, James Easley.
- **b.** Consider/Discuss/Take any action to approve purchase of new police software, Southern Software, to replace old Copsync system for \$22,874 and borrowing the funds from the General Fund's Contingency Fund and to be paid back monthly at a 3% interest rate.
- **8. CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOLUTION 20231107-02** Consider/Discuss/Take any action to approve Resolution 20231107-02 to suspend the effective date of CenterPoint's proposed rate increase.
- **9. CITY ATTORNEY:** Discuss, Consider, Authorize requests for professional services qualifications for City Attorney pending retirement of current City Attorney.
- **10. CALHOUN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT RESOLUTION 20231107-03:** Consider/Approve/Take any action to pass Resolution 20231107-03 to vote for the Board of Directors for the Calhoun County Appraisal District for a term beginning on January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025.
- **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *At any time, during the Regular Meeting*, the City Council may adjourn into an Executive Session, as needed, on any item listed, including the items listed here and which the Texas Government Code section 551 authorizes Executive Sessions to be held: Sections 551.071 (attorney consultation), 551.072 (Real Property), 551.073 (Gifts & Donations), 551.074 (Personnel), 551.076 (Security) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

#### **12. ADJOURN**

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Gabriela Torres, City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above Agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a convenient and readily accessible place to the public at all times, at 501 S. Main St., Seadrift, Texas 77983, and on the City's website, <u>www.seadrifttx.org</u> in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas <u>G</u>overnment Code.

Signature:

Date Posted: // 03 2023

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# NOVEMBER 7, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAYOR ELMER DEFOREST, POLICE DEPARTMENT

## **CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

MAYOR PRO-TEM (ALDERMAN) RANIER BRIGHAM, PUBLIC SAFETY, STREETS & DRAINAGE

ALDERMAN TRACEY JOHNSON, PARKS & RECREATION ALDERMAN GEOFFREY HUNT, MUNICIPAL HARBOR

ALDERMAN ELDON DALE GAINES, SOLID WASTE ALDERMAN KENNETH REESE, *PUBLIC UTILITIES* 

The City Council met in a Regular Meeting on November 7, 2023, at the City Hall Council Chamber located at 501 S. Main St., Seadrift, TX 77983.

# PRESENT

Ranier Brigham, *Mayor Pro-Tem* Kenneth Reese, *Alderperson* Eldon Gaines, *Alderperson* Tracey Johnson, *Alderperson* Geoffrey Hunt, *Alderperson*  ABSENT

Elmer DeForest, Mayor

# CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Brigham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

# **1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Tanya DeForest gave the invocation and Mayor Pro-Tem Brigham led the pledges to the US and Texas flags.

# 2. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION:** Alderperson Johnson made the motion to approve the previous month's minutes as corrected and approve accounts payable. Alderperson Gaines seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

# 3. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

# a. POLICE

Police Chief Marie Carisalez read the Police Report for October 2023 with 45 calls for service, 5 calls for service from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office for Seadrift, 17 traffic stops, 2 reports written, and 3 arrests. News from the Chief: the Seadrift Police Department will be conducting its own Blue Santa event this year with more details to come. Registration forms will need to be received by December 2<sup>nd</sup> and donations of unwrapped toys and monetary donations can be made as well.

# **b. MUNICIPAL COURT**

Municipal Court Clerk Marilyn Dufner read the Municipal Court report for October 2023 with 11 new cases, 13 closed cases, 65 current cases, and \$1,764 total fines collected for the month.

# c. PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Pro-Tem Brigham read the report for Public Safety for October 2023 with 4 calls for fire and 16 calls for EMS.

# d. PERMITS

Mayor Pro-Tem Brigham read the Permit Report for October 2023 with a total gross property valuation increase of \$142,400.

# e. CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Brigham read the Code Enforcement Report for October 2023 with 6 letters sent out for the month.

## f. HARBOR

Alderperson Hunt did not have a report for the Harbor for October 2023.

# g. PARKS AND RECREATION

Alderperson Johnson did not have a report for Parks and Recreation for October 2023.

# h. STREETS AND DRAINAGE

Mayor Pro-Tem Brigham did not have a report for Streets and Drainage for October 2023.

# i. UTILITIES

Alderperson Reese read the Utility Report for October 2023 with 0 water and sewer taps installed inside the City, and no water taps in Swan Point Landing installed for the month.

# j. SOLID WASTE

Alderperson Gaines did not have a report for Solid Waste for October 2023.

# 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Paul Gonzales commented that the City had purchased a new garbage truck, but during budget discussions, there was never any conversation regarding the need for a new truck at that time. If a vehicle is starting to wear out, why, during the Council meetings regarding budgets, was it not on the table to discuss. Mr. Gonzales asked Council how they failed to include this during budgeting discussions. The City, during discussions to raise taxes, missed another opportunity to pay for the trash truck. Mr. Gonzales stated that he knew that proposals went out, but somebody knew about this in advance. Mr. Gonzales asked Council how they missed a 15% budget increase and passed it after a month into the new budget. Attorney John Griffin stated that the City Council wants to hear his comments but would not debate or answer questions during citizen comments.
- Alysa Jarvis commented that a social media post was posted regarding an employee possibly fired or let go due to budgeting issues. She stated that she did not know the whole story, but if it is a budgeting issue and the position is being eliminated, that cannot be done unless brought to the City Council. Ms. Jarvis stated that she hoped the Mayor and City Council would address this quickly before it gets out of hand on social media.
- Mary Wayland commented that her neighbors had put in their sewer and water, but there is a
  posting up at City Hall saying it could be up to a year before work is started. She stated that they
  have paid over seven thousand dollars in advance for their utilities, but it has been almost a year.
  Ms. Wayland asked if the City could take down payments, and when your name comes up on the
  list they can pay in full before work gets done.
- Jason Boyd commented that he would be running for the office of the Calhoun County Sheriff and wanted to introduce himself. Mr. Boyd stated that he began his career with law enforcement in 2006 and graduated from the police academy in Victoria. He hopes to raise his family here and make a difference in the county.

#### 5. GRANTS & PROJECTS

#### 5a. SEAWALL RESTORATION PROJECT PW 4450

#### 5ai. Pay Application #4 – Sr Trident

**MOTION:** Alderperson Johnson made the motion to approve payment of Pay Application #4 for \$1,001,430.35 when funds are received. Alderperson Reese seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

#### 5aii. Change Order No. 1

Scott Mason with G&W Engineers was in attendance to discuss Change Order No. 1. The Change Order would increase the construction cost by \$173,040 from the original contract price of \$6,368,129.21. Scott stated that the reason for the Change Order was due to certain sections of the Seawall that have continued to lean out since Hurricane Harvey in 2017. The old Seawall is now in the way of the proposed new Seawall alignment. They are allowed to make minor deviations, but this would not qualify as one. In this case, it would need to be moved out several feet, but this is not allowed by the army core permit. To solve this, the contractor would need to remove sections of the old Seawall that are leaning into where the new Seawall will be.

**MOTION:** Alderperson Reese made the motion to approve Changer Order No. 1 for the Seawall Restoration Project. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Copy of Changer Order No. 1 and map attached.

#### 5b. TDHCA - RESOLUTION 20231107-01

**MOTION:** Alderperson Johnson made the motion to approve Resolution 20231107-01 to acknowledge and make an exception to the conflict of interest with the HOME Program. Alderperson Hunt seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

#### 5c. TDA-CDV21-0030

#### 5ci. Section 3 Presentation

Julianna Greenberg with GrantWorks Inc., conducted a presentation over telephone. **MOTION:** No action taken.

#### 5cii. Construction Award – T Construction

The City received two bids for the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project (CDV21-0030). Bids were opened on November 1, 2023, at City Hall by Lynn Engineering. The two bids received were:

BIDDER	BASE BID	ADDITIVE ALTERNATE	BASE BID PLUS ADDITIVE ALTERNATE
T Construction, LLC	\$164,335.00	\$61,269.00	\$225,604.00
Branch Construction Group	\$266,760.00	\$93,960.00	\$360,720.00

Lynn Engineering submitted a Recommendation for Award to the City Council with the recommendation to award the lowest bidder T Construction, LLC.

**MOTION:** Alderperson Reese made the motion to award T Construction, LLC the construction contract for grant project CDV21-0030. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Copy of Bid Tabulation attached.

#### 5d. GLO-CDBG MIT 22-086-070-D328

Brian Kramer with Lynn Engineering was in attendance to present the final completed engineering design plans for the CDBG MIT City Wide Drainage project.

**MOTION:** Alderperson Reese made the motion to approve the completed engineer design plans and authorize advertisement for bids for contractors. Alderperson Gaines seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

#### 5e. TCEQ RESTORE PROJECT 582-22-33342

**MOTION:** Alderperson Reese made the motion to authorize payment of invoice 9697.090-0823 for \$8,580 for the TCEQ RESTORE Project. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

# 6. VACATE STREET ROW REQUEST DENIAL – 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET ROW

Randal Cain, property owner of 1404 W. Bill Tindall Ave., to request the City Council vacate the 14<sup>th</sup> Street ROW between Bill Tindall and W. Toledo. Alderperson Johnson stated that one of the concerns was that they did not own both sides of the right-of-way and could not be vacated and sold. Alderperson Reese stated that it was a bad idea to vacate the 14<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way due to sewer and water lines running to the school bordering the property.

**MOTION:** Alderperson Reese made the motion to deny request to vacate the 14<sup>th</sup> Street right-ofway between Bill Tindall and W. Toledo. Alderperson Hunt seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

## 7. SEADRIFT POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### 7a. PINNING CEREMONY – JAMES EASLEY

Police Chief Marie Carisalez swore in James Easley into the Seadrift Police Department and conducted the pinning ceremony.

**MOTION:** No action taken.

# 7b. SOUTHERN SOFTWARE

Police Chief Marie Carisalez stated that the Seadrift Police Department and Point Comfort Police Department are the only agencies in Calhoun County that are not on Southern Software. This means that they are not on the same system and cannot communicate with the Sherriff's dispatchers. This is a safety concern since they don't know the location of the Seadrift Police officers. Police Chief Carisalez recommended that the Seadrift Police Department switch over to Southern Software to have better communication with other agencies and dispatch. Paul Gonzales asked if the City was borrowing from themselves, why were they paying back the money with a 3% interest fee. Mr. Gonzales asked the City Council to answer this question and if they understood what they were acting on. Attorney John Griffin stated that Council can discuss agenda items they don't understand amongst themselves in front of the public. Alderperson Johnson stated that she did not know why but would be happy to pass a motion after the City Secretary Gabriela Torres explained the 3% interest. Gabriela Torres explained that it was a practice the City has always done when borrowing from themselves to put additional money back into accounts. She continued by stating that the Contingency Fund acts sort of like a savings account, and having additional money put aside is a good practice.

**MOTION:** Alderperson Johonson made the motion to approve purchase of new police software, Southern Software, to replace old Copsync system for \$22,874 and borrowing the funds from the General Fund's Contingency Fund and to be paid back monthly at a 3% interest rate.

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

#### 8. CENTERPOINT ENERGY - RESOLUTION 20231107-02

**MOTION:** Alderperson Johnson made the motion to approve Resolution 20231107-02 to suspend the effective date of CenterPoint's proposed rate increase. Alderperson Gaines seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Copy of Resolution 20231107-02 attached.

#### 9. CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney John Griffin stated that he would be retiring at the end of the 2023 calendar year.

**MOTION:** Alderperson Johnson made the motion to authorize requests for professional services qualifications for City Attorney pending retirement of current City Attorney. Alderperson Reese seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

#### 10. CALHOUN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - RESOLUTION 20231107-03

The City of Seadrift is entitled to vote in the election for the Board of Directors for the Calhoun County Appraisal District for January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025. The City is allotted 40 votes out of 5000 to distribute to selected candidates.

**MOTION:** Alderperson Johnson made the motion to distribute votes evenly amongst the candidates and pass Resolution 20231107-03. Alderperson Gaines seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

#### Copy of Resolution 20231107-03 and ballot attached.

#### **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was called.

MOTION: No action taken.

#### 12. ADJOURN

**MOTION:** Alderperson Reese made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Gabriela Torres, City Secretary

Ranier Brigham, Mayor Pro-Tem Approved: 12 - 05-2023

	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & REVITALIZATION The Texas General Land Office Construction Change Order Request			
Contract Price with All	\$ 6,541,169.21	Contract Time with	h All Approved Change Orders in Days	: 320
Approved Change Orders:				
Cumulative Percent	272			
Change in Contract Price	2,12		Subrecipient Contract End Date	:
	F/1E/2022			3/30/2024
Construction Contract Start Date:	5/15/2023		Construction Contract End Date	:
Start Batter	Reimbursements of costs	included in this change order are	subject to review by GLO-CDR.	
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Subrecipient Signature Engineer Signature			Contractor Signature	
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Subrecipient Signature Engineer Signature			Contractor Signature	
Justification for Change Order			Increase	Jecrease No Change
1. Will this change order increase or decrease the number of beneficiaries? Increase Decrease Decrease No Change				
If there is a change how	w many beneficiaries will be affec	ted? Total	N/A	LMI N/A
If there is a change, how many beneficiaries will be affected? Total 2. Effect of this change on the scope of work:			Increase	Jecrease No Change
3. Effect on operation and maintenance costs:			Increase	Jecrease No Change
4. Are all prices in the change order dependent upon unit prices found in the original bid?			Yes	No
SOME CONDITIONS WERE NOT KNOWN AT TIME OF DESIGN AND THESE ITEMS SPECIFICALLY HAVE OCCURRED SINCE DESIGN AND BID.				
THESE ITEMS SPECIFICALLY HAVE OCCURRED SINCE DESIGN AND BID.				
5. Has the change created new circumstances or environmental conditions which may Yes No				
affect the project's impact, such as concealed or unexpected conditions discovered during				
actual construction?				
If "ves", is an environmental assessment required?				

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November 2, 2023

City of Seadrift Attn: Elmer DeForest, Mayor PO Box 159 Seadrift, TX 77983-0159 e.deforest@seadrifttx.org

Re: RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD City of Seadrift Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project (TxCDBG No. CDV21-0030)

Dear Mayor DeForest:

On November 1, 2023, bids were received for the above referenced project. A total of two (2) bids were received, with the low bid being submitted by T Construction, LLC with a base bid amount of \$164,335.00 and an Additive Alternate amount of \$61,269.00 for a total of \$225,604.00. Based on their low bid and their qualifications to perform the work, I recommend award of the above referenced contract to T Construction, LLC. For your reference, I have attached the Bid Tabulation.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you.



# JDM/lm

Cc: Gabriela Torres, City Secretary, g.torres@seadrifttx.org Julianna Greenberg, GrantWorks, julianna.greenberg@grantworks.net

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Lynn Engineering dba John D. Mercer & Associates Texas Registered Engineering Firm F-324 CITY OF SEADRIFT - NOVEMBER 7, 2023 REGULAR MEETING RPL Surveyor Firm PAGE 7 OF 13



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# **RESOLUTION NO. 20231107-02**

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF SEADRIFT, TEXAS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CITIES SERVED BY **CENTERPOINT GAS (CITIES) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING** THE INTEREST OF THE CITY AND ITS CITIZENS WITH RESPECT TO CENTERPOINT MATTERS; FURTHER SUSPENDING THE DECEMBER 4, 2023 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE STATEMENT OF INTENT OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A **CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY** TEXAS GAS TO CHANGE RATES IN THE TEXAS DIVISION; TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S **REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY** THE COMPANY; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY CENTERPOINT GAS; HIRING LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; 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.

WHEREAS, on or about October 30, 2023, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas (CenterPoint or Company) filed with the City of Seadrift (City) and the other affected Texas municipalities a Statement of Intent seeking to change rates within the Texas division to be effective December 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City is a regulatory authority with an interest in the rates and charges of CenterPoint; and

WHEREAS, the Cities Served by CenterPoint Gas (Cities) is a coalition of similarly situated cities served by CenterPoint that have joined together to efficiently and cost effectively review and respond to gas issues affecting rates charged in CenterPoint's service area; and

WHEREAS, the Cities Served by CenterPoint Gas (Cities) has hired outside consultants to review the Company's filing, negotiate with the Company, make recommendations regarding reasonable rates and to direct any necessary administrative proceedings or court litigation associated with an appeal of city action; and **WHEREAS**, the Gas Utility Regulatory Act § 104.107 grants local regulatory authorities the right to suspend the effective date of proposed rate changes for ninety (90) days; and

**WHEREAS**, the City retains its rights as a city with original jurisdiction including the right to suspend the application; and

WHEREAS, the City's consultants and attorneys recommend that the City suspend the application for further review.

WHEREAS, CenterPoint has filed an application with the Railroad Commission that could become the docket into which appeals of city action on the CenterPoint filing are consolidated;

**WHEREAS,** the Gas Utility Regulatory Act § 103.022 provides that costs incurred by Cities in ratemaking activities are to be reimbursed by the regulated utility.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEADRIFT, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1.** That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble of this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

**SECTION 2.** That the December 4, 2023, effective date of the request to increase rates submitted by CenterPoint on or about October 30, 2023, be suspended for the maximum period allowed by law to permit adequate time to review the proposed changes and to establish reasonable rates.

**SECTION 3.** That the City is a member of the Cities Served by CenterPoint Gas (Cities) municipalities in this proceeding and, subject to the right to terminate employment at any time, hereby authorizes the hiring of Jamie L. Mauldin of the law firm of Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle and Townsend, P.C. ,Karl J. Nalepa of the consulting firm of ReSolved Energy Consulting, L.L.C., and Lane Kollen of J. Kennedy & Associates, Inc., as well as any additional consultants deemed necessary, to review the Company's filing, negotiate with the Company, make recommendations regarding reasonable rates and to direct any necessary administrative proceedings or court litigation associated with an appeal of city action.

**SECTION 4.** That the City shall work with Cities in the review and evaluation of whether the proposed rates are appropriate, fair, just, and reasonable; and intervene as a necessary party in the Railroad Commission of Texas' consideration of the CenterPoint rate filing as it affects the customers in the unincorporated areas of CenterPoint's Texas Division.

**SECTION 5.** That the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed in full by CenterPoint.

**SECTION 6.** That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law and the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

**SECTION 7.** That a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Keith L. Wall, CenterPoint Energy, at P.O. Box 2628, Houston, Texas 77252-2628, and to Jamie L. Mauldin at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701.

**SECTION 8.** That this Resolution shall be and become effective from and after its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

<u>/s/ John W. Griffin, Jr.</u> CITY ATTORNEY

I, Gabriela Torres, City Secretary of the City Council of the City of Seadrift, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Seadrift, Texas, at its regular meeting held of the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, as the same appears in the records of this office.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Seadrift this 7th day of November 2023.



Secretary for the City Council of the City of Seadrift, Texas



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# RESOLUTION 20231107-03 2024-2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEADRIFT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CALHOUN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

**WHEREAS,** this election is for the Board of Directors of the Calhoun County Appraisal District; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Directors consists of five members who serve two-year terms, the next term being January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** the **CITY OF SEADRIFT** is a taxing unit entitled to vote in the election for the Board of Directors for the Calhoun County Appraisal District, if so desired.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF CITY OF SEADRIFT THAT:** The following number of ballots are cast and submitted as exhibited on the attached official ballot in the election for the Calhoun County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the CITY OF SEADRIFT on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

ATTEST:

GABRIELA TORRES, CITY SECRETARY

RANIER BRIGHAM.

MAYOR PRO-TEM



# OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CALHOUN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2024-2025 TERM

VOTING UNIT	TOTAL VOTES AVAILABLE*		
CITY OF SEADRIFT	40		
CANDIDATES	NUMBER OF VOTES CAST		
BAUER, W. H. JR.	8		
BOONE, BENJAMIN	8		
HILL, KEVIN	8		
LYSSY, VERN	8		
RODRIGUEZ, JESSIE	8		
	TOTAL: 40		

\*You may cast all your votes for one candidate or you may split your votes among any of the candidates.

This ballot must be returned with the resolution or order approving the vote no later than December 14,2023.