



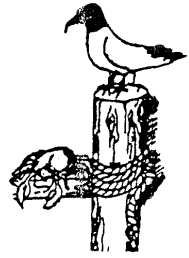
CITY OF SEADRIFT

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MAY 7, 2024 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 May 7, 2024, at the City Hall Council Chamber located at 501 S. Main St., Seadrift, TX 77983.

PRESENT

Elmer DeForest, *Mayor*

Ranier Brigham, *Mayor Pro-Tem*

Tracey Johnson, *Aldersperson*

Kenneth Reese, *Aldersperson*

Eldon Gaines, *Aldersperson*

Geoffrey Hunt, *Aldersperson*

WORK SESSION

Mayor DeForest called the Work Session to order at 6:45 p.m. Works Session closed at 6:59 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor DeForest called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Becky Gray gave the invocation and Mayor DeForest led the pledges to the US and Texas flags.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Aldersperson Johnson made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Aldersperson Brigham seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

3. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

a. POLICE

Police Chief Marie Carisalez read the Police Report for April 2024 with 58 calls for service, 58 traffic stops, 24 citations, 34 warnings, 4 reports written, and 2 arrests. Chief Carisalez commented that there will be zero tolerance for speeding in a school zone.

b. MUNICIPAL COURT

Marilyn Dufner, Municipal Court Clerk, read the Municipal Court report for April 2024 with 27 new cases, 20 closed cases, 108 current cases, and \$1,929 total fines collected for the month.

c. PUBLIC SAFETY

Aldersperson Brigham did not have a report for Public Safety for April 2024.

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d. PERMITS

Mayor DeForest read the Permit Report for April 2024 with a gross property valuation increase of \$218,300.

e. CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor DeForest read the Code Enforcement Report for April 2024 with 1 letter sent out for the month.

f. HARBOR

Alderson Hunt commented that the EDA Grant Project was still ongoing, but that the City is working on getting the project scope to include dredging in the harbor slips. Alderson Hunt stated that they hope to hear something soon regarding this.

g. PARKS AND RECREATION

Alderson Johnson stated that she found out more information regarding the Texas Parks and Wildlife Division's grant projects that will help purchase playground equipment for the Bayfront. Alderson Johnson asked if anyone knew about grants to reach out.

h. STREETS AND DRAINAGE

Alderson Brigham stated that the Citywide Drainage Grant Project was still ongoing. Alderson Brigham commented that he observed them replacing culverts and asked that residents avoid those streets if possible.

i. UTILITIES

Alderson Reese read the Utility Report for April 2024 with no taps installed inside the City limits and no taps installed at Swan Point Landing.

j. SOLID WASTE

Alderson Gaines did not have a report for Solid Waste for April 2024.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Tracey Johnson thanked the Seadrift Service Club for holding a luncheon for City employees.
- Elmer DeForest stated that this would be his last City Council meeting as Mayor. He commented that he has served as City Mayor for 16 years. Elmer thanked the City Council and City staff for their years of service. Elmer noted that the Election Canvas will be held on May 15, 2024.

5. GRANTS & PROJECTS

5.a. SEAWALL RESTORATION PROJECT PW 4450

5.a.i. Pay Application #11

MOTION: Alderson Reese made the motion to approve payment of SR Trident Pay Application 11 for \$475,344.19 when funds are available. Alderson Johnson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

5.a.ii. Change Order #4

Scott Mason, engineer for the Seawall Restoration Project, was in attendance to discuss Change Order #4 and 5. Scott stated that Change Order # 4 has to do with electrical work. The original bid did not capture re-hooking up the lights at the existing fishing pier and other necessary electrical work. Scott submitted a Justification letter for Change Order #4 to City Council. In the Justification Letter, two options were given to the City regarding the lights. The two options are:

1. Reusing the existing six fixtures. The cost associated with this and all the necessary work such as new foundations, and new bases, would exceed \$35,000.
2. Placing three new light poles with double-headed fixtures. This option would make up for the six singles the city has existing. The cost associated with this would be \$33,575.

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Both options would have a net increase in the construction contract price, but Scott Mason recommended option 2.

MOTION: Alderperson Johnson made the motion to approve Change Order #4, option #2 for the Seawall Restoration Project. Alderperson Gaines seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Approved Change Order #4 attached.

5.a.iii. Change Order #5

Change Order #5 would focus on the grass at the bayfront. Scott stated that after discussions with the Public Works Director, hydro-mulch seedling was settled as the better option for the City. The cost associated would be a reduction to the original contraction contract price of \$54,007.

MOTION: Alderperson Reese made the motion to approve Change Order #5 for the Seawall Restoration Project.

Alderperson Gaines asked Scott Mason if a hurricane were to come and the Bayfront were to be washed down with salt water, would the contractors replace the hydro-mulch. Scott stated that there is inherent risk of course, but the contractor would have to time the placement of the hydro-mulch when no bad weather is forecasted.

Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Approved Change Order #5 attached.

5.a.iv. Line of Credit Request

MOTION: Alderperson Reese made the motion to approve the City to borrow \$114,083.93 from the line of credit with First National Bank to pay Application 10. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

5.b. CDV21-00330 TDA CDBG SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

MOTION: Alderperson Reese made the motion to approve payment for Pay Application #1 for T Construction when funds are received. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

6. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN DRAFT

MOTION: Alderperson Brigham made the motion to approve and adopt the updated Calhoun County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and approve that the adopted plan be submitted to the GLO, TDEM, and FEMA for final review and approval. Alderperson Reese seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan attached.

7. SALE OF CITY ROW

MOTION: Alderperson Reese made the motion to approve the sale a City ROW by 207 N. 15th St. (Block 157, Lot 9) to Herman Adair. Alderperson Brigham seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Map of City ROW on W. Toledo attached.

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8. 2024-2026 BANK DEPOSITORY

Mayor DeForest stated that the bank depository bid was advertised in the Port Lavaca Wave for a two-year contract period to begin July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026. The City received two bids from the following financial institutions: First National Bank in Port Lavaca and Prosperity Bank. Laura King with Prosperity Bank was in attendance to answer any questions from the City Council. Alderperson Johnson asked if Prosperity Bank would be willing to match some of the things First National Bank is offering. Laura King stated that she would have to check but would find out. Mayor DeForest asked when a decision would need to be made, and City Secretary Gabriela Torres answered that the current contract with First National Bank would be expiring on June 30, 2024. Mayor DeForest commented that the City has a line of credit with First National Bank, but Laura King stated that they would look into getting that done with Prosperity as well. Alderperson Johnson commented that the only downfall would be deposits since the employees would have to go to Port Lavaca. Mayor DeForest suggested that the City Council wait until the June meeting to decide so that they can investigate and do more research before making a selection.

MOTION: Alderperson Hunt made the motion to table item #8 until the June Regular Meeting. Alderperson Brigham seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

*Bank Depository Bids received from First National Bank in Port Lavaca attached.
Bank Depository Bids received from Prosperity Bank attached.*

9. CIVICPLUS MUNICODE

MOTION: Alderperson Johnson made the motion to table item #9. Alderperson Gaines seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

At 8:11 P.M., Mayor Elmer DeForest stated that the City Council would be going into an Executive Session under Section 551.071 Attorney Consultation to discuss item 10.a.

The meeting closed for an Executive Session at 8:15 P.M.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Section 551.071 Attorney Consultation

The meeting returned to an open session at 9:00 P.M.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.a. Attorney Consultation under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, regarding personnel matters in the Police Department.

MOTION: No action was taken.

11. ADJOURN

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

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

Gabriela Torres, City Secretary

Jesse Hubbell, Mayor

Date Approved: _____