

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
1025 CAMPBELL ROAD, HOUSTON, TEXAS**

1. CALL THE ROLL AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Regular Meeting of the Spring Valley Village City Council was called to order by Mayor Vajdos at 6:01 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Marcus Vajdos

Mayor Pro Tem Allen Carpenter (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)

Council Member David Dominy

Council Member John Lisenby

Members Absent:

Council Member Joy McCormack

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2.1 American Flag

2.2 Texas Flag

During the Regular City Council Meeting, Mayor Vajdos led the City Council, City staff, and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

John McDonald, City Administrator

Jasmin Torres, City Secretary

Kristina Watson, Public Works Director

Loren Smith, City Attorney

Mark Schulze, Police Chief

4. PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SWEARING-IN

4.1 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Accreditation Program Award

Chief Gott of the Hedwig Village Police Department gave a brief background of the award and presented the Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Accreditation Program Award to the Spring Valley Village Police Department.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, any person with City-related business may speak to the Council. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council may not deliberate. **Comments from the public should be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per individual speaker.**

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- 5.1.1 Barry Lee, who lives at 8328 Burkhart Circle, addressed the Council regarding his concerns and opposition to the Bingle Road Diet.
- 5.1.2 Larry Dannemiller, who lives at 8609 Burkhart Road, addressed the Council regarding the Burkhart Road project that the City recently completed. Mr. Dannemiller wanted to make the Council aware of the issues, like flooding in his front yard that he is experiencing due to the changes from the completed project.
- 5.1.3 Nadereh Ahly, who lives at 8705 Burkhart Road, addressed the Council regarding issues with the street lights on her street. Ms. Ahly called CenterPoint and was then referred to Reliant but was told that the City needed to call in the repair.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under consent agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

- 6.1 Minutes for Regular Called City Council Meeting on October 24, 2023
- 6.2 Resolution No. 23-18 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 6.3 Resolution No. 23-20 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, 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.

- 6.4 Resolution No. 23-19 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, CASTING ITS BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF A PERSON TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HARRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Dominy made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, and Council Member Bass seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

7. **UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION CONCERNING:** October 2023 Police Department Staff Report (Chief Schulze):

Lieutenant Menchaca provided the Police Department Staff Report to the Council.

1. Number of Calls for Service – 3,660
2. Number of Traffic Violations – 895

8. **UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION CONCERNING:** Activities of the Village Fire Department Commissioners Meeting on October 25, 2023, and Any Special Meetings That May Have Occurred since October 25, 2023. (Mayor Pro-Tem Carpenter / Council Member Lisenby)

Council Member Lisenby spoke to the October 25, 2023, Village Fire Department Commissioners Meeting. He informed the Council that the new roof is being installed and the actions needed to finalize the installation and approval were all approved. Council Member Carpenter spoke to the Council regarding the November 7, 2023, Special Village Fire Department Commissioners Meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to speak about and approve a budget amendment that exceeds \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) and requires an approved amendment according to the interlocal agreement and to true up the budget.

9. **UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION CONCERNING:** Briefing by City Staff:

1. Update on current status of the Bingle Road Diet project

Public Works Director Kristina Watson informed the Council that the Public Works staff for the City of Houston has communicated that they are planning to have a meeting the first week of December. Ms. Watson asked the City of Houston for details of this meeting to be invited.

2. Status of Cedarspur (West of Bingle) and Burkhart (East of Bingle) Paving & Utility Improvements Project

Public Works Director Kristina Watson informed the Council that on November 3, 2023,

5 (five) bids were received and opened for this project. Those bids are currently under review and evaluation by Gessner Engineering. Ms. Watson hopes to have a recommendation for the Council at the December Regular Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

10. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Approval of Villages Mutual Insurance Group Recommended Insurance Carriers for Plan Year 2024 Being United Health Care for Medical, Dental, and Vision and Hartford for Group Life/AD&D, Supplemental Life and Long-Term Disability For The City of Spring Valley Village's Employee Benefits

Council Member Dominy made a motion to approve the Villages Mutual Insurance Group's recommended insurance carriers for Plan Year 2024 being United Healthcare for Medical, Dental, and Vision, and Hartford for Group Life/AD&D, Supplemental Life, and Long-Term Disability for the City of Spring Valley Village's employee benefits, and Council Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Carpenter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m., and Council Member Lisenby seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Signed: _____

Marcus Vajdos
Mayor

Attest: _____

Jasmin Torres
City Secretary

