

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024 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 6:03 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Marcus Vajdos
Mayor Pro Tem Allen Carpenter
Council Member Steve Bass
Council Member John Lisenby
Council Member Joy McCormack

Members Absent:

Council Member David Dominy

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 2.1 American Flag
- 2.2 Texas Flag

During the Regular City Council Meeting, Luke Frisbee of Troop 478 City Council, City staff, and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

John McDonald, City Administrator
Loren Smith, City Attorney
Jasmin Torres, City Secretary
Brent Walker, City Treasurer
Susan Thornhill, Assistant City Treasurer
Kristina Watson, Public Works Director
Jose Gomez, Development Services Manager
Mark Schulze, Chief of Police
David Dixon, Police Commissioner
Justin Lane, Police Captain
Carlos Menchaca, Lieutenant

4. PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SWEARING-IN

None.

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.

None.

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 February 27, 2024

6.3 Resolution 24-05 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS FOR THE FAILURE TO APPEAR PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BY THE MAYOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

OLD BUSINESS

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

Captain Lane provided the Police Department Staff Report to the Council.

1. Number of Calls for Service – 3,587
2. Number of Traffic Violations – 1,198

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

1. Status of Brighton Place Pavement & Utility Improvement

Public Works Director Kristina Watson informed the Council that City staff, CobbFendley, and Conrad Construction held a pre-construction meeting today. It is anticipated that the notice to proceed will be issued April 29, 2024. Based on previous issues with streetlights in other projects, City staff is working on a proposal with CenterPoint to coordinate street light removal and reinstallation in the project area and hope to have this to Council in the April meeting.

2. Status of Cedarspur (West of Bingle) and Burkhart (East of Bingle) Pavement & Utility Improvement

Public Works Director Kristina Watson informed the Council that the notice to proceed was issued March 6, 2024. On Par Civil Services has begun mobilization and preparation of the Right-Of-Way for construction.

At this time, Council Member Carpenter requested for Agenda Item 9 to be taken up at a later part of the meeting so that Chief Miller could be present to give his report. Council Member Bass made a motion to take Agenda Item 9 out of order and later in the meeting, and Council Member McCormack seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- 10. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING:** Tract 1: Lot 8, in Bloc 2 of Spring Valley Addition, Section 2, a subdivision in Harris County, Texas, according to the Map or Plat thereof, record in Volume 57, Page 34 of the Map Records of Harris County, Texas, and Tract 2: Being a portion of Lot 5 in the C.H. Bingle Subdivision in the A.H. Osborne Survey, Abstract No. 610 in Harris County, Texas, according to the Map or Plat thereof recorded in Volume 998, Page 223 of the Deed Records of Harris County, Texas.

Mayor Vajdos opened the Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m.

A. Presentation of Replat

City Administrator John McDonald gave the City Council a brief presentation, historical background, and general information about the replat request.

B. Those in Favor

Charles White of 3307 Wildridge Drive spoke in favor of the presented replat request.

C. Those Opposed

Alyssa Anderson of 5111 Spring Forest spoke against the presented replat request.

D. Adjourn Public Hearing

Mayor Vajdos adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m.

- 11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Tract 1: Lot 8, in Bloc 2 of Spring Valley Addition, Section 2, a subdivision in Harris County, Texas, according to the Map or Plat thereof, record in Volume 57, Page 34 of the Map Records of Harris County, Texas, and Tract 2: Being a portion of Lot 5 in the C.H. Bingle Subdivision in the A.H. Osborne Survey, Abstract No. 610 in Harris County, Texas, according to the Map or Plat thereof recorded in Volume 998, Page 223 of the Deed Records of Harris County, Texas.

Council Member Carpenter made a motion to approve the proposal for the replat request, Council Member Bass seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 9. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION CONCERNING:** Activities of the Village Fire Department Commissioners Meeting on February 28, 2024, and Any Special Meetings That May Have Occurred since February 28, 2024. (Mayor Pro-Tem Carpenter / Council Member Lisenby)

At this time, Interim Chief Miller presented his monthly update and report to the City Council regarding the Village Fire Department. Chief Miller has been officially named the Fire Chief for the Village Fire Department. Regarding staffing, Captain Nepal is working light duty. Jeremy Rosyter has surgery on his knee. New hire process is underway and the deadline for applications was extended for more applicants. For apparatus and equipment, engine one (1) is currently in the shop and the ladder one (1) had a flat tire that has been replaced. There were no major events for Spring Valley Village in the month of February. In January, Spring Valley Village had a total of thirty-seven (37) incidents. Of which, twelve (12) were fire-related, twenty-four (24) were EMS and one (1) were non-emergency with a total response time of four (4) minutes and twenty-four (24) seconds.

12. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: A Complaint Filed By The City Administrator Regarding A Substandard Structure At 1109 Loeser Drive Owned By Mr. Clement R. Valigura

Mayor Vajdos opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.

A. Presentation of Substandard Structure at 1109 Loeser Drive

City Administrator John McDonald informed the Council about the issues of the substandard structure at 1109 Loeser Drive and that they declare it so, so that the structure be demolished and condemned.

B. Those in Favor

None.

C. Those Opposed

None.

D. Adjourn Public Hearing

Mayor Vajdos adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Council Member Carpenter made a motion to declare 1109 Loeser Drive a substandard structure that is not repairable and will be demolished in thirty (30) days, Council Member Bass seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Resolution Number 24-06 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE APRIL 10, 2024 EFFECTIVE DATE OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC’S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH THE GULF COAST COALITION OF CITIES; HIRING LLOYD GOSSELINK ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF

CITIES' RATE CASE EXPENSES; 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 FOR THE GULF COAST COALITION OF CITIES

Mayor Vajdos read the Resolution by caption only. Council Member Lisenby made a motion to suspend the CenterPoint rate increase, Council Member Bass seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Resolution Number 24-XX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING REVIEW SERVICES FOR DRAINAGE PLAN REVIEWS BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS AND COBB, FENDLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC.; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Vajdos read the Ordinance by caption only. No action.

- 15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Ordinance No. 2024-XX – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE 8.400, POLICE DEPARTMENT, SECTION 8.404, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT, TO REQUIRE THE POLICE CHIEF TO REPORT TO THE CITY ADMINISTATOR RELATED TO ALL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS NOT RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; AND PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

Mayor Vajdos read the Ordinance by caption only. No action.

- 16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Ordinance No. 2024-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, BY DELETING ARTICLE 1.1800, RULES AND REGULATIONS OF PUBLIC PARKS, ARTICLE 1.1900, CITY PARK FUND, AND ARTICLE 1.2100, RULES AND REGULATIONS OF GREENSPACE, IN THEIR ENTIRETY; AND CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 14, PARKS AND GREENSPACE, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR EACH VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION HEREOF.

Mayor Vajdos read the Ordinance by caption only. Council Member Carpenter made a motion to approve creating a parks and greenspace, and Council Member Lisenby seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 17. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The City Council Will Now Hold A Closed Executive Meeting Pursuant To The Provision Of Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, In Accordance With The Authority Contained In:

17.1 Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters to deliberate the evaluations and duties of the City Administrator.

18. RECONVENE

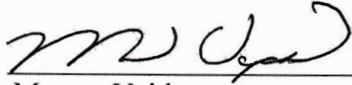
The City Council meeting reconvened at 8:56 p.m.

19. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Matters Discussed in Executive Session.

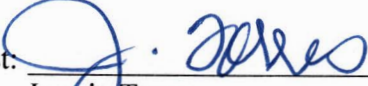
No action.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member McCormack motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m., and Council Member Bass seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Signed: 

Marcus Vajdos
Mayor

Attest: 

Jasmin Torres
City Secretary

