

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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 6:02 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Marcus Vajdos
Mayor Pro Tem Allen Carpenter
Council Member David Dominy
Council Member John Lisenby
Council Member Joy McCormack

Members Absent:

Council Member Steve Bass

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 2.1 American Flag
- 2.2 Texas Flag

Scouts of Troop 642 led the City Council, City staff, and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance during the Regular City Council Meeting.

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 Municipal Court Week

Mayor Vajdos read the proclamation aloud and declared November 6 – November 10, 2023, Municipal Court Week in Spring Valley Village.

- 4.2 Administer Oaths of Office

Mayor Marcus Vajdos administered the oath of office to Council Member Dominy.

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 Jason Griffin, scout merit badge counselor with Troop 642, was in attendance with scouts Vinnay Rayma, Landon Wilburn, Charlie Zach, and Aiden Chang.

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 Special Called City Council Meeting on August 22, 2023

6.2 Approval of Pay Estimate No. 3 - Final Pay Estimate for Krist Outfall Reconstruction Project to On Par Civil Services, LLC in the amount of \$25,190.00.

Council Member Dominy 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:** September 2023 Police Department Staff Report (Chief Schulze):

1. Number of Calls for Service – 4,048
2. Number of Traffic Violations – 1,234
3. On October 2nd, the Police Department responded to a house fire on the nine-thousand (9000) block of Bace. The scene was controlled, there were no injuries, and traffic was controlled as well.
4. Axon body cameras have all been issued and are currently working with the WatchGuard system. The Axon in-car cameras have not arrived but are scheduled to be received in about forty-five (45) days.
5. The two new patrol vehicles were delivered this past week and have been issued to officers.

At this time, Council Member Carpenter made a motion to take Agenda Item 8 out of order to be moved as the last item discussed, and Council Member McCormack seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

9. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING:** Regarding reestablishing the Civic Activities Board.

Mayor Vajdos opened the discussion to see how the Council felt about restarting the Civic Activities Board as well as other commissions the City previously had. It was the consensus

of the Council that they would want to move forward with establishing a board that supported the City's parks and greenspace needs as well as opening up the City to community activities again.

NEW BUSINESS

- 10. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING:** Quarterly Investment Report For Period Ending September 30, 2023.

City Administrator John McDonald and Assistant City Treasurer Susan Thornhill presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending September 30, 2023.

- 11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Resolution Number 23-XX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS DESIGNATING A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2024 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Mayor Vajdos read the Resolution by caption only. Council Member McCormack made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-18 appointing Council Member Steve Bass as the Representative and Mayor Marcus Vajdos as the Alternate Representative of the City of Spring Valley Village to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2024 General Assembly, and Council Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Resolution Number 23-XX - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE BINGLE ROAD DIET BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS AND LONE STAR PAVEMENT SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SUCH AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Vajdos read the Resolution by caption only. Council Member Dominy made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-17 appointing the terms and conditions of the Bingle Road Diet with Lone Star Pavement Services, and Council Member Lisenby seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 8. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION CONCERNING:** Activities of the Village Fire Department Commissioners Meeting on September 27, 2023, and Any Special Meetings That May Have Occurred since September 27, 2023. (Mayor Pro-Tem Carpenter / Council Member Lisenby)

At this time, Council Member Carpenter and Council Member Lisenby gave a brief report to the Council regarding the Village Fire Department.

1. Incidents – There was a major fire incident on Bace as Chief Schulze mentioned during his report as well. The fire was sprinkled and contained in the garage.
2. Certifications – The Fire Department will maintain its ISO grade of level one (1).
3. Projects – The replacement and coloring for the metal roof have been approved. The project is slated to begin on October 30th. The annex roof is still being discussed.
4. Commission Meeting Updates – At the last Village Fire Department meeting, there was

much discussion surrounding insurance for replacement costs on fire department equipment.

5. Staffing – The Village Fire Department has hired three (3) full-time paramedics. There were six (6) in total and there was overtime for the additional three (3) personnel on the shift. All of the reviews and testing have been completed and offers have been extended to the candidates.
6. Fire Chief Recruitment Committee – The cities of Spring Valley Village, Hedwig, Piney Point, and Chief Langenburg are the new fire chief recruitment representatives. At this time, the committee is working on the description for the position. The City of Piney Point will be posting the job posting to TML (Texas Municipal League) and Chief Langeburg will be looking at posting it to other firefighter employment nationwide.

At this time, Chief Miller arrived and continued the Village Fire Department report to the Council.

There is one firefighter who is currently injured and will require surgery. The ladder truck was in a minor wreck and is in the shop for repairs. SVV (Spring Valley Village) had 38 total incidents, 19 of which were fire, 16 EMS (Emergency Medical Services), 3 non-emergency service calls, and a total response time of four (4) minutes and twenty-one (21) seconds.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Dominy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m., and Council Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Signed: _____

Marcus Vajdos
Mayor

Attest: _____

Jasmin Torres
City Secretary

