



# City Of Seagraves

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## Regular Session

### Seagraves City Council

**Monday June 18th, 2018 – 7:00 P.M**

**Guest:** LaWanda Houston, Ruben Valles, Charlotte Roberson, Larry Carlisle, Marcia Mason, Brent Grundstrom, Renee Goodger, Calvin Sellers, Hilda Nichols, Carmen Davila, Christy Valles, Tommy Durham, Sandy Ellerd, Seth Barron, Zach Holbrook, Adam Davilla, Gracy Davila, Juan Perez, Amber Reed.

- 1) Call to Order-Announce Quorum: 07:00PM
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance: Debra Middleton
- 3) Invocation: Ruben Valles
- 4) Roll Call: Cindy Durham, Kendra Sellers, Shannon Wadzeck, Debra Middleton, Ruben Valles
- 5) a ) Approve Minutes Regular Session 05-14-18: Motion to Accept - Cindy Durham, Second- Kendra Sellers, Motion passed.  
b ) Approve Minutes of Special Session 05-29-2018: Corrections noted; Guests, Remove the name Theodore Wadzeck and replace it with the name Mike Middleton Motion to Accept with corrections by Kendra Sellers, Second by Ruben Valles. Motion passed.
- 6) **Public Comment:** Adam Davila Inquired about the RO system. And why it was not yet online.(see item 13); Gracy Davila remarked about a Zoning issue stating that the recent implementation of the 2015 Zoning Ordinance had caused closure of a snow cone stand that had existed prior to the passage of the ordinance.; Juan Perez spoke on the Zoning ordinance as well.; Carmen Davila asked what would be needed to get a permit or license to conduct the Big Brother Bar B Que this season.
- 7) Presentation by Amber Reed of Reed's Ranch: Ms. Reed began by saying that numerous animals have been rescued and placed for adoption from Seagraves and commended Sandy Ellerd for the outstanding job she has done. She proposed that the Council draft and adopt an Ordinance to limit the number of animals that one household could keep at one time. She said that the volume of animals picked up in Seagraves was overwhelming her no kill operation and said the ordinance could help to mitigate the problem. She suggested a 4 animal per household or property limit be set by the proposed ordinance. She said that 90% of the animals taken in from Seagraves were not spayed or neutered and that the same were infested by fleas and ticks. She reminded the Council that State Law limited the chain or tether of dogs to a maximum of 3 hours per day but that many dogs in Seagraves spent their entire lives on short chains, many of them in full sun. She also pointed to the fact that trolley runs were allowed under state law. This may be an alternative to families with dogs that were unable to afford fencing. She asked that if an ordinance were adopted that it extend the hold time from 3 days, which she said was too short to

place animals in foster care, to and impound period of 5 days for animals with tags and collars and registered with the city but a 3 day impound for animals without any tag or collar will be sufficient. She also asked that an additional 4 days be allowed to try to place the animal after the Owner or Stray hold had expired. She continued that she had only 1 adoption of an animal from Seagraves so far this year and that the animal was picked up again after the "Adopt and Sterilization Contract" had been paid the animal was returned. She recommended microchipping the animals as a part of the adoption process and make microchipping available to residents that want to have them.

Cindy Durham reported on the progress of the animal shelter to be constructed by the Economic Development Board – B. The project is on track and will have 10 kennels (2 quarantine kennels), heat and air conditioning, drive through off load and a dog dip station. Debra Middleton expressed appreciation for the effort.

- 8) Pass an Ordinance Affirming the Term of Office for ALL Elected Officials in the City of Seagraves: The City Secretary read the ordinance to those present. Debra Middleton explained the need to pass the ordinance. Motion to pass by Shannon Wadzeck, Second by Ruben Valles. Motion Passed.
- 9) The Council retired to Executive Session at 07:41PM. At 09:30PM the Open Session resumed.
- 10) Debra Middleton announced that the City Council would appoint a Mayor to serve until the General Election to be held in May 2019.

Cindy Durham Motioned to appoint Charles Evans as Mayor and then asked to explain her reasons to those present. She pointed to bank balance statements dated 05-31-2017 and 05-31-2018 which showed a difference in the financial position of the city of \$299,129.12 as opposed to a balance of \$873.15 a year ago. She also reminded those present that Charles Evans received the second highest vote count in the election held last month. Shannon Wadzeck Second the motion. Motion Passed.

Debra Middleton Declared Charles Evans as Mayor.

- 11) Municipal Court Report: Calvin Sellers asked if the Council had any questions not addressed in the monthly report. None were asked. Ruben Valles Motion to accept. Second by Kendra Sellers. Motion Passed.
- 12) Police Report: Chief Grundstrom reported on his recent training at Chief School in Huntsville. He also stated that he planned to attend Code Enforcement training sometime this summer. He stated that the issue of the Racial Profiling Report has presented problems that the City may face if not corrected. He advised that the City retain the services of an Auditor to analyze the reporting done by the Department now and on an annual basis going forward. Debra Middleton asked if had found such an Auditor and the Chief replied that the instructor in the course concerning Racial Profiling was also an Auditor and that the City could retain his services.

Debra Middleton Authorized the Auditor and also the renovations to be made to the Police Building which were described in an earlier session.

Kendra Sellers Motion to accept the report, Second by Cindy Durham. Motion Passed.

- 13) Public Works Report: Cindy Durham asked for more information about the Jet Hose Repair Item on the report. Ms. Goodger responded that the hose was badly worn and in a dangerous state and should be replaced as soon as possible. Renee Goodger responded to the public comment question about the status of the RO system. She said that a technician has spent the past three days working on it and experimenting with the chemical mix and the heating and cleaning elements in the unit but that TCEQ had not yet signed off on the Cuff System. Debra Middleton that this RO system was a One of a Kind system to filter arsenic and fluoride from a ground water source. Renee Goodger stated that one of the

advantages of this System will be a loss of only 3% waste water as opposed to a loss of between 15 and 20% common in other large volume RO systems. Debra Middleton also stated to those present that the City did have an Ordinance which addressed foodstuff vending in the City. The City Secretary informed the Council that the City also had an Ordinance concerning Itinerant Vendors which will coincide with the parking and zoning issues addressed in the Zoning Ordinance.

Kendra Sellers Motion to accept the report, Second by Cindy Durham. Motion Passed.

14) Administrative Report: No questions were asked regarding the financial statements supplied by the City Secretary.

Motion to accept by Cindy Durham, Second by Ruben Valles. Motion Passed.

15) The date of the next regular session will be July 09, 2018 at 07:00PM at the Seagraves Community Building 514 14<sup>th</sup> St.

16) Motion to Adjourn by Ruben Valles, Second by Shannon Wadzeck. Meeting Adjourned 10:18PM



**Charles Evans, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**City Secretary (Dan Grife)**