

AGENDA
SILSBEE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023, AT 6:30 P.M.
LOCATION: 1220 HWY 327 EAST, SILSBEE, TEXAS
CITY HALL/COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.
- II. PLEDGE AND INVOCATION.
- III. HEARING OF VISITORS.
- IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2023, MEETING. (City Manager)
- V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023. (City Manager)
- VI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.
 1. Update on new potential grant award for CDBG-2023 Community Development Program from Texas Department of Agriculture.
- VII. PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR'S REPORT.
 1. Updates on Street, Lift Station, Generator, Sewer Line replace.
 2. Update Via Rail Engineering.
 3. Update – Meeting Texas Dept. of Transportation.
 4. Workshop about Water and Sewer upgrades.
- VIII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.
 1. Discussion and Possible Action on using funds from Water & Sewer Reserve Fund for Invoice from LEAD Engineering in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Hwy 96 Sanitary Sewer Repair Project.
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 3. Discussion and Possible Action on using funds from Water & Sewer Reserve Fund for Invoice from LEAD Engineering in the amount of \$11,500.00 for the Hwy 96 Sanitary Sewer Repair Project.
 4. Discussion and Possible Action on using ARPA Grant Funds for Invoice from T. Johnson Industries in the amount of \$190,800.00 for the work completed on the Fresenius Road Lift Station.
 5. Discussion and Possible Action on using ARPA Grant Funds for Invoice from LJA Engineering in the amount of \$17,673.00 for the ARPA Road Improvement Project.
 6. Discussion and Possible Action on using ARPA Grant Funds for Invoice from LJA Engineering in the amount of \$5,073.00 for the ARPA Road Improvement Project.
 7. Discussion and Possible Action on using ARPA Grant Funds for Invoice from LJA Engineering in the amount of \$12,600.00 for the ARPA Road Improvement Project.

IX. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED.

1. Discussion and Possible action on request from Silsbee Chamber of Commerce for Road Closure of North 3rd Street (including the Y) in front of Rudisale Pavilion to North 3rd on side of Silsbee Farm & Ranch from 8 am to 10pm for the Ice-Skating Event. (Melissa Smart, Chamber Director).
2. Discussion and Possible Action on request from Silsbee Library for Road Closure of Ernest Ave. from 5th Street to 3rd Street. Then 4th Street from Earnest Ave. to Ave. G. Then Ave. H from Library Street to 3rd Street on December 1, 2023, from 5 p.m. to December 2, 2023, until 5 p.m. for the Christmas in the Big Thicket Festival. (Librarian, Cathy Johnson)
3. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance regulating open fires. (Council Member Roy Gravis)
4. Discussion and Possible Action on recommendation of Award of the GLO/ARPA Valinda Estates Road Rehabilitation Project to Apek Construction, LLC in the amount of \$298,008.73. (Trey Gaspard, LJA Engineering).
5. Discussion and Possible Action on using funds from General Fund Reserve of Contingencies Fund for Invoice from Broom's Paint & Body in the amount of \$4,036.88 for replacement of air bags in 2016 Ford F-250. (City Manager)
6. Discussion and Possible Action on Approving the FY 23-24 Annual Street Project. (Public Works Director, Roger Martin)
7. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 23-10
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED ON STATE MAINTAINED HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY OF SILSBEE, HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS, PROVIDING A PENALTY AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH. (City Attorney)
(SECOND READING)
8. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 23-11
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SILSBEE, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL NINETY (90) DAYS BEYOND THE EFFECTIVE DATE PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT IN CONNECTION WITH ITS STATEMENT OF INTENT TO INCREASE RATES IN THE TEXAS DIVISION, FILED ON OCTOBER 30, 2023; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LAWYERS AND RATE EXPERTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW AT THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (City Attorney)
9. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution No. 23-38
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SILSBEE TEXAS, APPROVING THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SILSBEE, TEXAS, AND THE SILSBEE POLICE ASSOCIATION 2023-2024. (City Attorney)

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution No. 23-39
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SILSBEE,
TEXAS CASTING ITS VOTES AT THE ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS FOR THE HARDIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT.
(City Manager)

X. DISCUSSION ABOUT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA,
SPECIFICALLY LIMITED TO PROPOSALS THAT A SUBJECT BE
PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A SUBSEQUENT MEETING.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

- a. Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sect. 551.074(a)(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duty, discipline, or dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee.
- b. Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sect. 551.071(1)(A) to consult with City Attorney on pending or contemplated litigation
- c. Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sect. 551.071(2) to consult with City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the Governmental Body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.
- d. Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sect. 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

XII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN
EXECUTIVE SESSION.

XIII. ADJOURN.

Notes to the Agenda.

- a. The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this Agenda.
- b. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact Brooke Steel, Assistant City Secretary, at (409) 385-2863, at least the working day prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

This is to certify that I, Brooke Steel, Assistant City Secretary, posted this Agenda on the Official Bulletin Board of the City of Silsbee, and in an Outdoor Bulletin Board, which is accessible to the Public 24 hours per day, at 4:15 p.m. on the 17th day of November 2023.

SIGNED:


Brooke Steel, Assistant City Secretary