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City of Seguin

210 E. Gonzales Street
Seguin TX, 78155

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Public & Virtual

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Dodgen called the meeting to order at 5:34 P.M.

2. **Invocation - Chaplain Jeremy Roy, Advanced Hospice**

Rev. Ron Welborn, Walnut Springs United Methodist Church, gave the invocation in Chaplain Roy's absence.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance/Salute to the Texas Flag**

4. **Roll Call**

Present: 8 - Councilmember Joe Rea, Councilmember David Eveld, Councilmember Jim Lievens, Councilmember John Carlsson, Councilmember Paul Gaytan, Councilmember Monica Napier, Councilmember Bill Keller, and Councilmember Jason Biesenbach

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Donna Dodgen

a. **[26-226](#)**

Recognition of Romeo Rodriguez, Parks Service Worker II, for finishing 2nd place in the Zero Turn Mower Competition at the Texas Recreation and Parks Society State Maintenance Rodeo. - Donna Dodgen, Mayor

Mayor Dodgen recognized Romeo Rodriguez for finishing second place in the Zero Turn Mower Competition at the Texas Recreation and Parks Society State Maintenance Rodeo. Mr. Jones informed that Mr. Rodriguez was not initially second place and recognized Crew Leader Damian Ramirez for detecting that Rodriguez should have won and advocating for him.

5. **Hearing of Residents:**

Lynette Leanox, 2821 Hickory Forrest, spoke in opposition to Riverside Pride renting out the Seguin Coliseum. She asked City Council when the rights and demands of activist organization outweigh the rights of the families that have helped build this city. She said that protecting children, family values, and moral boundaries are not hate and that her actions are not motivated by hate but by love for children. She said that the increasing normalization of adult sexual things in public spaces where children can be present result in robbing the innocence of children way to early. She suggested that a City that loses its courage to protect the children loses its moral compass, and that doesn't happen over night, it happens on compromise at a time. She asked the City

Council not to choose comfort over courage. She said that other Texas communities have listened to what the citizens requested and asked that the City Council cancel the event, not out of hate but out of love for the children, families, and culture that Seguin was built and made on.

Whitney Masterson-Moyes, 12601 F.M. 20, spoke in support of the City hosting the Riverside Pride at the Seguin Coliseum. She suggested that people do not have to agree with pride to believe in freedom and if peaceful citizens want to gather and express themselves openly, that is their right. If one does not want to attend, they can stay home and live according to their own convictions. She declared that no one has the right to use the government to suppress the rights of others and when government starts to prohibit peaceful gathering, all constitutional rights are at risk.

Tamara Berger, 3329 Ridge Rover, spoke in opposition the Riverside Pride event at Seguin Coliseum. She said the event is hurtful, not helpful, and she is afraid of the long term consequences that it could cause. She questioned what Pride really meant to those that are interested in attending the event, and suggested that it is their desire to be validated or belong. She thanked legislators for SB 12 and for protecting the children and she asked City Council to protect the Seguin brand. She suggested that the City consider what they want to be known for, who they want to attract, and what the message is that we want to send out. She asked how Seguin benefits from events like this and said personally she finds it demoralizing and degrading and that it opens the door for gender confusion, self-harm, destructive thoughts, crime, abuse, and destroying families. She said that we should be fearing God, not man, and that evil prevails when good men do nothing.

Joyce Fox, 723 Kathy Dr, informed that she is a seven year resident of Seguin and spoke in support of the Riverside Pridefest. She said she has friends and family in the LGBTQ community and they are all good citizens and tax payers, and are wonderful people. She suggested that Seguin wants to be known as a welcoming community to all residents.

Ann Craig, 815 E. Humphreys St, informed that she has owned property in Seguin for thirty years and is a four year resident. She said that she is deeply excited about the kind of community that is surrounding her personally, she is loved and supported. She said that she was shocked to hear that New Braunfels kicked out a Pride event and she finds it concerning that Seguin is considering banning it as well. She said she came to Texas knowing that there would be places that she would be welcome, and places where work would need to be done. She said is looking to form alliances, to serve as a bridge and considers herself a church lady and believes in the liberating message of Jesus and follows it to the extent she is able to do so. She said that the Bible she read as a 16 year old condemned her for being different and someone had done spiritual harm to have her consider that she doesn't deserve to live because of it. She said she is looking forward to Seguin growing together. She believes that it is biology, not a lifestyle, and it is not immoral to be LGBTQ, but it is immoral to exclude them.

Jessica Henderson, 1302 Keller Lane, declared that the Bible is the living word of God and that it is finished. She said that she disagrees with the Riverside Pride supporters in love and said that she had to block some of them on social media because she got called every name in the book. She said that there will be consequences from the Lord when they use his word to justify sin and said not to twist the word of Jesus.

Kelly Novosad, 909 N River St, informed that her Jesus said to love thy neighbor, and

that is pretty foundational in her belief system. She said that she leads with love in everything that she does and that she tries to be understanding. She spoke in support of the Riverside Pride event and stated that she has set through other events at the Coliseum that she doesn't support but has never petitioned to cancel them.

Alisha Snavelly, 208 Wampum Way, explained that she has moved around a lot her whole life and is very familiar with a variety of lifestyles. She said that there were ugly words lobbed towards the people in support of the event, and the words are hurtful and far more damaging to someone who already does not feel accepted. She said that Seguin should not be drawing targets on the backs of people who are already marginalized. She said that she was thrilled to learn that there is a thriving LGBTQ community in Seguin. She encouraged those honestly interested in the mental health of the LGBTQ community to look into NAMI Guadalupe County, as they have so much information on how affirming care is important.

Rebecca Broughton, 2704 N Heideke, spoke in opposition of the Riverside Pride event being held in Seguin. She said that she understands that only adults will be allowed in the evening, but even though she has a lot of friends that are in the LGBTQ community, they do not try to push their beliefs onto her. She said she is respectful to them and they are respectful to her. She said her biggest issue is that she does not want children involved, adults can make their own choices. She said she is familiar with suicide as she almost took her own life, but God and thoughts of her son saved her. She said that everyone gets condemned for their sin, but it doesn't mean you have to throw it out into the community. She said God calls us to love thy neighbor and people on both sides of the argument are getting called names.

Megan Elliot, 526 E. College St, announced that she is the Pastor of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in Seguin, and is joined by Dr. Carla Cheatam with Faith United Church of Christ in New Braunfels, and Walnut Springs United Methodist Church Pastor Ron Welborn. She said she is also representing clergy members who could not attend the meeting; Father Stephen Shortess and Reverend Patricia Wiggins from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. Wes Cain, campus Pastor at TLU, and Director of Neighborhood Engagement at Southside Community Center in San Marcos Jessica Cain, Reverend Larry Gibson of Springs of Life Church in San Marcos, Reverend Keat Miles-Wallace of Technicolor Ministries, and Reverend Marcus Biggot of Emmanuel's Lutheran Church in Seguin. Mrs. Elliot declared their voice is the voice of inclusivity and that while they all have diverse beliefs, they agree that all persons deserve the right to be fully themselves. She opined that the struggle for equality is ongoing, and announced they will stand with those that face discrimination, and supports the right of that community. She said that they have the right to exist and live without fear of discrimination and prejudice. She declared support for the Riverside PrideFest and asked City Council to stand with all, not just some, of their constituents. She asked them to stand in unison and make the city a place where everyone can thrive.

Tiffany Sully, 745 Robert St, declared her support of the pride event. She said that gay people do not choose to be that way, it is just how they are. She commented that the president is in Epstein files, so people should be less concerned about the LGBTQ community being the ones not good for the children. She said that lots of kids get disowned for being gay and are left with no one to support them. She suggested that we show love to everybody, and that she believes the church and state should be separate. She said people who do not like it should just let them be. She says she has friends in that community and has never seen them touch a child inappropriately, but that people in office are guilty of it. She said it is important that kids feel accepted for who they are in their own town and told a story about how a friend of hers was

condemned by their mother and the word of god for being gay. Lastly, she commented that Indigenous People believe they people who are LGBTQ have two spirits and are just born that way.

Sam Butler, 661 Hickory Forrest Drive, informed that he was putting City Council on notice that he has 13 petitions circulating with over 3,000 signatures. He said he is not for or against this event, but that his petition is for decorum and for regulating what belongs on public property and what does not, what rights are extended to people in those public places. He said he has the right to be a father and the right to teach his child what he wants them to be taught. He said it is the City's obligation to protect his rights and he believes he has the right to keep his child from knowing about certain things until it is age appropriate. He said it is not appropriate for them to learn about it against his will. He said it would no longer be his choice on what my child sees. He asked City Council to protect his rights and his families right as citizens of this community. He said he was appalled at the initial communication that he received for Mayor, because he said she told him it didn't matter how many signatures he got or what he did, nothing would be done. He said he doesn't believe so and that he knows how to become a governments worse nightmare when it comes to bureaucracy. He said he recently reread the Constitution of the State of Texas and has developed AI and created algorithms that find government corruption. He said that people should be concerned and worried about what he is going to find out goes on in our community. He said people have the right to act how they want to in their private space, but not in a public space.

Mike Diaz, 461 Horizon Pointe, informed that he was not going to speak about denying the rental or stopping the event, but wanted to discuss a different issue; the safety plan the City has for hosting an event like this. He said he wants to ensure public safety for everyone, the people outside, protestors, drivers, bystanders, law enforcement officers, attendees, etc. He said at an event he worked in Queens New York, the security plan cost the department \$40,000 for one day and that burden was passed onto the tax payer. When choosing to hold controversial events, it should not be treated as a routine facility rental. He asked City Council to require a real security plan to protect people inside and outside and asked for them to put in extra safe guards for children.

Patrick Miller, 148 Marion Place, sang a song about love being justified and calling people to unite and raise their voices. He said he supports Riverside Pride. He was outted at age 16 and would like to bridge the gaps of understanding and community. He said the LGBTQ has the highest rate of suicide and the local rhetoric does not help. He would like to see commerce and compassion in Seguin.

Marcus Hasso, 1117 Belamarez St, informed that he attended Seguin ISD and would like a brighter future for his son. He wants to provide positive opportunities for youth and founded the Rise Up Youth Initiative to help at risk youth. He said that direct intervention and a strong support system is necessary to raise the standards. He asked Mayor Dodgen and Councilmember Carlsson for a meeting to discuss align efforts and be a part of the coalition to help Seguin youth. He said that the City has received \$2.3M in Federal funding to revitalize the Boys and Girls Club and he believes that is a critical first step to making the lives of Seguin youth better. He said that it needs not only a renovation, but purposeful programing. He wants to know how grassroots organizations, like his, can be involved in the process. He said after returning home from prison, he knew someone who was looking for someone to take him to church, and that same weekend that person committed murder. He declared that early intervention is important, and providing tools and support they needed for a

better future. He said he hopes that everyone come together for something greater than ourselves, that there is a lot of division in the community right now, but he wants to make a difference for our youth.

Hunter Bloodsoe, 734 Northern Lights Dr., spoke in support of the Riverside Pride event as he believes it is a fundamental dignity of every person in this city. He said that scripture is often used to condemn them, but asked City Council to remember that Jesus spoke about love and compassion, mercy and humility. He said that Jesus stood with people who are marginalized and taught compassion over cruelty. There was a time that the Bible was used to support slavery, and interracial marriage. But time and time again, community has proven that dignity matters more. He shared a story of a young man who went home and committed suicide after attending a pride week event in Oklahoma because of all the horrible things said about him. He said a healthy community should not single out a vulnerable community. He asked City Council to reject efforts of using religion to cancel the event.

Timothy Martinez, 208 Ireland, spoke in support of the Riverside Pride event. He thanked City Council for spending the time to listen because the community deserves to be heard. He thanked City Council for giving the forum to come and speak in difference and agreement. He said that civil rights have always been protected, and marginalized communities have the same rights as anyone else. They have the rights to peaceful gathering, and an event give them a proper place to do it. He informed that he is a 6th generation Texan and moved to Seguin five years ago. He said he wants to be active and productive in the community and wants his voice heard and to support the event.

Jake Issac, 103 Old Campbell Rd, stated that he appreciates what the gentleman said about the youth in Seguin. He said he knows City Council has other things to do tonight so he will make his comments brief. He commented that Mr. Diaz might have also wanted to say if extra security is needed for the event, the organizers of the event should be the ones to pay for that. He also said if you are not firmly rooted in a Christian faith, you could think there are two different Jesuses and said that Christians in America are a mess and apologized on their behalves. He said a prayer declaring that we all want to make Seguin better but have different ways to make it better. He prayed that City Council listen, but that God reaches out to them and lets them know what is right and best for Seguin. He prayed that they know who the real Jesus is and encouraged them to look back to founding fathers and the dreams that had for this country. They spoke a lot about what would make this country great and keep it together.

Chris Gaffney, 156 Plantation Dr., spoke in favor of the Riverside Pride event, stating he will stand shoulder to shoulder with the coalition of his neighbors in the inclusive movement to ensure liberty for all. He said that true unity does not mean that we all are the same, but a community that holds space for all of us. He opined that differences make us resilient. He said to those whom object on religious rights, their personal beliefs cannot suppress the rights of others and that public spaces don't just belong to the loudest voices, they belong to everyone.

Jacob Novosad, 909 N. River St, stated he didn't think there would be this much opposition to this event and he finds is sad that there is. He said that Riverside Pride was chased out of New Braunfels and one of the reasons they moved to Seguin is that it embraces everybody. He says there are other events at the Coliseum that he does not support, like gun shows, but he just doesn't attend them. He doesn't try to cancel the gun shows because he doesn't believe in it. He asked if Seguin does not host

them, where will they go? He declared that the gay community isn't going anywhere and part of the community embraces them. He suggested if they filled out all of the paperwork and are not breaking any laws, he can't find a reason legally for the event not to happen.

Jenny Maxwell, 363 Bridal Loop Path, spoke in support of the Riverside Pride event. She said if the event is cancelled, it will show to people, including her child, that they are not wanted in their own town. She said she wants her child to grow up in a place that he belongs and is loved. He has been loved so far, loved in school, and she would hate it for him to get a different idea of what he means to this community.

Russell Marranelle, Canyon Lake Texas, commented that Riverside Pride serves more than just Seguin. He said that every person has right to live life and pursue happiness. He said the event was shut down in New Braunfels, largely in part to four members of the local conservative group and Christian national groups with large social media presence who targeted specific members and deliberately put people in danger in a public forum. Some organizers even received death threats. He stated that Seguin has a chance to show Riverside Pride that people who are different have a right to exist and grow in a safe place. He informed that Riverside Pride is not asking for special treatment, and the public safety risk is something they are willing to negotiate. He shared a story about how specific religious attacks and rhetoric similar to what is being shared tonight, led to the events with Bosnians in Yugoslavia in the 1990's. He reiterated that rhetoric matters and if you allow it to stand today, it won't stop here.

Eaty Cassell, 700 F.M. 466, thanked City Council for their representation and allowing for advocacy of rights. She said she is not an activist, but a resident of Seguin. She said she respects neighbors who align and do not align with her personal beliefs. She mentioned that she is not opposed to event and she thinks that the organizers will work hard to follow state law. She hopes that they, and all people, feel welcomed here in Seguin.

Thomas Henderson, 1302 Keller Lane, stated that a lot has been said today for both sides of the argument. He reiterated that Jesus did teach of love, but he taught of love with truth and sin is sin and people cannot change that. He said that God and the word of God is living, and we cannot change what he wrote. He said that God loves us all so much that he sent his son Jesus to die for every person here. He also declared that actions have consequences, and sin leads to death. He testified that when he was saved at 23 years old, his sin was revealed to him and it hurt. He said that he is not trying to be hateful to anybody, but love them in truth and that he would pray for people from both sides after the meeting, even those with different views.

Councilmember Biesenbach thanked Public Works Director Adam Rossing and Parks and Recreation Director Jack Jones for taking care of an issue in District 7 today. He also announced that his son, Jaxon, is turning twelve in a couple of days and is looking forward to ice cream from Steve for being his best assistant.

Councilmember Carlsson recognized that Monday is Memorial Day and that twenty-two veterans commit suicide every day.

Councilmember Eveld said he just became aware of Riverside Pride event ten hours ago and proposed to place a topic on the next City Council agenda to have a presentation by the City Manager or City Attorney on what the City legally has to allow on public property. If the event does have to happen, the community deserves to know.

Councilmember Lievens said that he was disappointed in TxDOT as he requested a four-way stop at the intersection of FM 775 and i-10 frontage road because it is a dangerous intersection. He was told it would be completed in the next four years. He said that a sign is not as significant of an ask as a stop sign and was hoping that it would be able to be done sooner.

Mayor Dodgen announced that Utilities Director Tim Howe and Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Melissa Reynolds have been promoted to Assistant City Managers and congratulated them both. She also congratulated those graduating in Seguin and announced that the Seguin Wave Pool opens on Saturday, May 23rd.

Assistant City Manager Tim Howe thanked the City Council for allowing the Utility Department to participate in the Light Up Navajo event. He shared that lineworkers Freddy King, AJ Martinez, Eli Santos, Alex Duarte, and JR Cruz to the Navajo nation for two weeks to install nearly a mile of electric conductors and energize nine homes for families that have never experience having electricity in their homes. He thanked their guys families and the staff that stayed here in Seguin that kept things moving while they were gone. He said that the vendors and community donated refrigerators, microwaves, toasters, and other things for them to take with them and it really speaks to the benevolence of the community.

Mayor Dodgen thanked Tim Howe for making it all happen and Daniel Shogren for recording it all, and the rest of team Seguin for holding down the fort here. Also, Mayor Dodgen announced that 3rd Thursday is this Thursday and it is Margarita Madness. Lastly, she said that the City celebrated Public Service week last week and she thanked all the staff who made that possible.

Seguin Public Library Director Silvia Christy announced that this is the 10th anniversary of the Summer Reading Program, so they are going big this year! There will be performers every week and two bubble cannons and Kona Ice will give away 300 snowcones at the opening party. She informed that registration opened yesterday and asked that we all help them to beat numbers from last year. The theme this year is America's Story and Dinosaurs.

Mayor Dodgen announced that there are several Memorial Day events in Seguin and surrounding areas and encouraged people to attend them.

6. Presentation

- b. [26-218](#) Presentation regarding an update on Stormwater Operations and Maintenance activities. The presentation included an overview of current operations, recent accomplishments and success stories, ongoing maintenance efforts, and future goals and initiatives for the Stormwater program. - Adam Rossing, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Adam Rossing and MS4 Superintendent Dodson Renaud presented on why stormwater matters. Mr. Rossing explained that stormwater isn't just drainage, it is flood risk reduction, infrastructure protection, and water quality compliance as well. He said that the City currently operates two full-time street sweepers and it takes five weeks for them to make a dull cycle around the City. Mr. Renaud explained how the guys work to clean out the storm water system by starting at the outfall and working inwards. They look to identify erosion, inlets, storm pipes, and areas in need of cleaning. He detailed how they go into the channels to clean up

silt and regrade them, and reseed anything that has been disturbed and track problem areas in rain events.

Mr. Rossing informed that they pick up 25 trash carts of trash every week that would otherwise be going into the river -- that is 1,300 carts of trash each year. Also, the street sweeper collected debris that if stacked in a cubic yard for the year, would stack five times higher than the World Trade Center at 9,360 feet. He informed that there are two full time staff dedicated to Stormwater. He also thanked the IT/GIS team for providing the dashboard to track the stormwater system and he thanked Engineering and Capital Projects for using ARPA funds to capture where the stormwater assets are located.

Mr. Renaud explained that the areas of concern based on the July 5th flooding event are Baxter, Camp, River, and Burgess Street. Mr. Rossing reiterated how great it is to work with IT/GIS because when they find new stormwater assets, they are able to inventory it. There is currently 43 miles of pipe and it is growing. He said that his asks for the future would be for CCTV camera capabilities and additional crew members to prepare for the upcoming MS4 regulations that Seguin will have to comply with due to increased population.

Councilmember Rea suggested this is the first time that the stormwater system had been cleaned and Mr. Rossing confirmed that it likely is the first time.

Councilmember Carlsson thanked Mr. Rossing for addressing issues when they arise and for going out and engaging with the residents about it.

Councilmember Biesenbach asked how all the debris is disposed of and Mr. Rossing answered different ways. Some of it is put into a dry bin and hauled off and the street sweeping debris is put in roll offs and taken by Waste Connections three times a week.

Mayor Dodgen asked what rip rap was and Mr. Rossing answered it is the small rocks that help to stop erosion. She also thanked Mr. Rossing for their great Earth Day booth.

Assistant City Manager Tim Howe recognized Mr. Rossings team and said he knows the efforts that it takes. He commented that the stats reported in this presentation is incredible and is a matter of public health and safety. He thanked Adam and his team for their work.

City Manager Steve Parker thanked Mr. Rossing for his presentation and reminded that stormwater management was a major initiative with council when Mr. Parker was first hired. He said he brought Mr. Rossing into this roll because he knew that Mr. Rossing knew his stuff.

c. [26-227](#)

City of Seguin Financial Reports for the Six Months Ended March 31, 2026 - Susan Caddell, Director of Finance

Finance Director Susan Caddell presented the Financial Reports for the Six Months Ended March 31, 2026, highlighting that General Fund Revenues were 73.4% of budget and Expenditures were 51.1%. Property Tax Revenue was 97.4% of budget and Sales Tax is up \$1.7M. She also reported that HOT Revenue is down by \$55k, but is hoping that with the lakes full again rental activity will increase.

7. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Rea, seconded by Councilmember Biesenbach, that the following Consent Agenda Items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

- a. [26-229](#) Minutes of the May 5, 2026 City Council Meeting.
These Minutes were approved.
- b. [26-228](#) Check Report April 29, 2026 to May 13, 2026.
The Check Report was acknowledged.
- c. [26-211](#) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 8 with D&D Contractors, Inc. for the North Heideke Street Drainage Improvement Project (a GLO CDBG-MIT Grant Project); and declaring an effective date. - Jennifer R. Shortess, Assistant Director of Engineering & Capital Projects
This Resolution was approved.
- d. [26-212](#) Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application in response to the FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program seeking funding for an implementation project to conduct roadway safety improvements at the intersection of Nelda Street, Guadalupe Street, and South Austin Street. - Kate McCloud, Grants Administrator & Jennifer Shortess, Assistant Director of Engineering
This Resolution was approved.
- e. [26-215](#) Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas authorizing a contract amendment to the professional services contract with BGE, Inc. for the Mays Creek Drainage Improvements Project (a GLO-MIT Grant); authorizing the City Manager to execute contract amendments with providers; and declaring an effective date. - Jennifer R. Shortess, PE, Asst. Director of Engineering & Capital Projects
This Resolution was approved.
- f. [26-185](#) Ordinance on second reading amending the Seguin code of ordinances Chapter 42, Emergency Services, Mitigation Rate for Deployment of Emergency and Non- Emergency Services Appendix C, Fees, Chapter 42, Emergency Services Article III, Mitigation Rates. - Dale Skinner, Fire

Chief

This Ordinance was adopted.

- g. [26-203](#) Ordinance on second reading amending the Seguin Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Animals, adding a new Article VII, Organized Equine Trail Rides; providing for an effective date; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and authorizing City Staff to prepare this ordinance for submission as a supplement to the Code of Ordinances. - Jaime "Rusty" Suarez, Assistant Chief of Police

This Ordinance was adopted.

- h. [ZC 05-26 CC](#) Ordinance on second reading to consider a Zoning Change from Commercial (C) to Single-Family Residential (R-1) for the property located in the 200 block of E Weinert St., being the eastern portion of Property ID 23125, (ZC 05-26). - Pamela Centeno, Director of Planning and Codes.

This Zoning Ordinance was adopted.

- i. [ZC 04-26 CC](#) Ordinance on second reading to consider a Zoning Change from Agricultural Ranch (A-R) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the property located south of Beechcraft Lane and Rudeloff Rd., Property ID: 52966, (ZC 04-26). - Pamela Centeno, Director of Planning and Codes.

This Zoning Ordinance was adopted.

8. **Action Items - Discussion and Possible Motion to Approve**

- a. [26-214](#) Ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Seguin, Texas Tax Notes, Series 2026", levying an annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the obligations; and other matters incident and related thereto. - Susan Caddell, Finance Director

Finance Director Susan Caddell explained that this is the financing mechanism for the purchase of police vehicles that City Council approved a few months ago as they felt this was the most efficient way to finance them.

Duane Westerman, Bond Counsel with SAMCO, said that he researched and found that this is the best way to finance vehicles as it normally comes back more efficient and with a better interest rate. They received five bids from five banks and received a rate of 3.76 through Regions Bank. The City will receive the funds on June 11th and then move forward with the purchase of the vehicles.

A motion was made by Councilmember Napier, seconded by Councilmember Carlsson, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

b. [26-224](#)

Ordinance on first reading amending Chapter 106, Article III, Division 3, Section 106-151 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Seguin regarding Maximum Permissible Tow Fees for Police-Authorized Tows; providing for a penalty; providing a savings clause; providing for publication; and establishing an effective date. - Jaime "Rusty" Suarez, Assistant Chief of Police

Assistant Police Chief Rusty Suarez said that they have evaluated what is working and not working with the current tow contract and found that the best course of action would be to not adjust the overall fees, but to adjust the fuel surcharge from \$3 per mile to \$5 per mile. Additionally, the current agreement starts counting mileage at mile 4, the newly proposed agreement starts the mileage from 0, the starting point to the location. Another change in the proposed ordinance is that truck and trailers would count as separate units instead of a single unit. That change is consistent with what other entities are doing as well. Mr. Suarez informed that the last adjustment was in 2020.

Councilmember Carlsson asked what is the road side assistance rate for and Mr. Suarez responded that if a motorist needs assistance and the Police Department is unable to provide it, the tow company is able to provide it.

Mayor Dodgen recalled that the original four mile buffer was to provide a cushion so that all the tow companies, regardless of where they started from, had a more equal starting point.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Carlsson, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

c. [26-222](#)

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Martinez Architects, LP in an amount not to exceed \$791,000 for architectural and engineering services in connection with the design and construction of fire station 4. - Dale Skinner, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Dale Skinner said that he thought he wouldn't be here by the time Fire Station #4 became a reality. He reminded that they hired owners representation to help facilitate the design and construction process. He said the City received 24 proposals from architectural firms. After a review of the submittals, the review committee chose to interview the top three firms. After interviews, the committee unanimously agreed to award the contract to Martinez Architects in the amount of \$791,500 for the design of Fire Station #4.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eveld, seconded by Councilmember Lievens, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

d. [26-219](#)

Authorize the City Manager to execute a change order with Sullivan Contracting Services for Utility Billing Renovations at City Hall, as designed by Morkovsky Associates. - Randy Kell, Facilities

Facilities Director Randy Kell reminded that they have been working to renovate the Utility Billing area of City Hall. When the project started, the estimate was \$100,000 to complete the work. Since 2003, there has been a significant grow in service demands and another employee has been added to the department. Additionally, it was discovered that there is no secondary means of egress for that department, so they will add one during this renovation project. This change order is a result of needing the new door for the lobby, to abate asbestos in the floor, and provide some technology to the addition. Morkovsky Associates provided architectural services for this project, and all plans have been reviewed and approved by the Development Services Department. The change order request with Sullivan Contracting Services for Utility Billing Office Renovations at City Hall is for \$19,849.36, bringing their total contract amount to \$104,112.77. In addition, Mr. Kell said he will need approval to fund the asbestos abatement at \$8,000 and IT needs at \$12,000. Project total is estimated at \$124,112.77.

Councilmember Keller asked the timeline for renovation and Mr. Kell responded that it will probably be done in two phases, but they are estimating 6-8 weeks for construction.

A motion was made by Councilmember Napier, seconded by Councilmember Biesenbach, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

e. [26-186](#)

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Fuquay, Inc. for the Peach Street Utility Replacement Project; and declaring an effective date. - Terri Lynn Ruckstuhl, Senior Utilities Engineer

Utilities Engineer Terri Ruckstuhl informed that Peach Street is scheduled for improvements. The Utilities Department has executed numerous work orders on both the water and wastewater infrastructure, which is the basis for the decision to move forward with this infrastructure replacement project. Fuquay provided a proposal to install approximately 2,700 linear feet of 8-inch water main and pipe bursting approximately 2,500 linear feet of 6-inch sewer main and other appurtenances. It is recommended Fuquay, Inc. be awarded this proposal for \$1,633,288.28, plus \$97,711.72 in contingencies, for the total of \$1,725,000.00. Purchases using BuyBoard contracts comply with Texas Bidding requirements and Fuquay has completed similar projects to the satisfaction of the City.

Councilmember Biesenbach said that this project is extremely exciting because the infrastructure on this side of town is so old. After this project is complete, they can begin repair streets.

A motion was made by Councilmember Biesenbach, seconded by Councilmember Keller, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

f. [26-197](#)

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Fuquay, Inc. for the Woodland Drive Utility Replacement Project; and declaring an effective date. - Terri Lynn Ruckstuhl, Senior Utilities Engineer.

Utilities Engineer Terri Ruckstuhl explained that Woodland Drive is scheduled for improvements.

Woodland Dr scheduled for street improvements. Fuquay submitted a proposal to install approximately 1,500 linear feet of 8-inch water main and pipe bursting approximately 1,500 linear feet of 6-inch sewer main and other appurtenances. It is recommended that Fuquay, Inc. be awarded this proposal for \$963,795.12, plus \$36,204.88 in contingencies, for a total not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 using BuyBoard purchasing cooperative.

A motion was made by Councilmember Napier, seconded by Councilmember Biesenbach, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

g. [26-198](#)

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with TRC Engineers, Inc. for the West Booster Station Pump Expansion Project; and declaring an effective date. - Terri Lynn Ruckstuhl, Senior Utilities Engineer

Utilities Engineer Terri Ruckstuhl informed that the West Booster Pump Station Expansion Project includes construction of three new 1,200 gpm pumps in the available pump slots at the West Booster Pump Station. This project also includes replacing the two existing 600 gpm pumps and associating piping. This project provides increased pumping capacity to the upper pressure plane and is needed sooner than anticipated due to increased growth rates in the Springs Hill transfer area. TRC is on the approved prequalified list to provide professional services to the City on an as-needed basis. TRC provided the City's Utilities Department with a professional engineering services proposal in the amount of \$324,474.00 for project management, engineering design services, bidding phase, construction phase, and project close out services.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Biesenbach, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the

following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

- h. [26-200](#) Resolution approving an amendment for engineering services related to the 12-inch wastewater main replacement and 8-inch water main extension project; and declaring an effective date. - Terri Lynn Ruckstuhl, Senior Utilities Engineer

Utilities Director Terri Ruckstuhl explained that in anticipation of Rudeloff Phase 2, staff is requesting an amendment for an extension of approximately 750 LF of 12-inch wastewater main, to include encasement of existing water main under future Rudeloff Rd, and all necessary appurtenances. WGA provided the City's Utilities Department with an amendment proposal in the amount of \$94,053.00 and City Staff recommends approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eveld, seconded by Councilmember Lievens, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

- i. [26-221](#) Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the SEDC and the City of Seguin for the conveyance of approximately 5.963-acres of property located at SH-46 and Cordova Road, for the purposes of utility right-of-way. - Tim Howe, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Tim Howe explained that the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the SEDC and the City of Seguin is for the conveyance of approximately 5.963-acres of property located at SH-46 and Cordova Road, for the purposes of utility right-of-way, to provide a water storage tank site and access to the storage tank. He said that the Utility Department did agree to maintain the TSTC logo on the new water tower.

A motion was made by Councilmember Napier, seconded by Councilmember Rea, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

- j. [26-216](#) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc. for the Nelda Street Drainage Improvements Project; and declaring an effective date. -

Jennifer R. Shortess, PE, CFM, Assistant Director of Engineering & Capital Projects

Assistant Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Jennifer Shortess stated that Seguin released a request for qualifications to provide the engineering services required for the Nelda Street Drainage Improvements Project to reduce flood risk. The engineering firm selected will provide planning, engineering, surveying, geotechnical, bidding and construction phase services. Fifty-one residential structures can be effected in a 25 year storm, as witnessed in the July 5th flood event. There were 16 statement of qualifications submitted. Staff recommends that the professional services agreement be executed with Pape-Dawson Engineers in the amount of \$699,700. Mrs. Shortess explained that they need the design plan completed this year because the project is up for FEMA pre-mitigation disaster assistance, so that the construction can be funded through a grant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gaytan, seconded by Councilmember Napier, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

- k. [26-225](#) Resolution granting a five year franchise agreement to Alamo Disposal, Republic Services, Waste Management, Texas Disposal Systems, Waste Connection, and Tiger Sanitation for the operation of Commercial Solid Waste and Recycle Collection Services within the corporate limits of the City of Seguin; and providing for an effective date. - Kristin Mueller, City Secretary

Mayor Dodgen announced this item has been pulled from the agenda.

9. **Adjournment**

Mayor Dodgen adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Donna Dodgen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristin Mueller, City Secretary