



# City of Seguin

210 E. Gonzales Street  
Seguin TX, 78155

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Tuesday, September 15, 2020

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### 1. Call to Order

*The City Council met in a Virtual and Public REGULAR Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 East Gonzales in City of Seguin, with Mayor Don Keil presiding.*

#### 2. Invocation - Council Member Jeannette Crabb

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

#### 4. Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Council Member Mark Herbold, Council Member Fonda Mathis, Council Member Ernest Leal, Council Member Jeannette Crabb, Council Member Chris Rangel, Council Member Jeremy Roy, Council Member Penny Wallace, and Council Member Chris Aviles

**Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Don Keil

#### 5. Hearing of Residents:

Invitation to hear citizens and council members in advance of regular business on items other than what is on the agenda, which shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Discussion of any item not on the agenda shall be limited to  
1) Statements of specific factual information given in response to any inquiry;  
2) A recitation of existing policy in response to an inquiry; 3) A proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting; 4) For the record,  
please state your name and address before speaking.

*Julian Leal  
849 Prexy  
Seguin, Texas*

*It is planting time. Wanted to remind the city about the trees that need to be planted at Manuel Castillo Park. There are some trees that were planted before and they have died.*

*Francisco Herrera  
2436 N. Austin St  
Seguin, Texas*

*Introduced himself to the Council and let them know he is seeking election as a Mayoral candidate in the November 3, 2020 election.*

*Rev. Jimmy Flakes  
623 S Guadalupe St  
Seguin, Texas*

*Requested the city look to see if sidewalks can be considered on Guadalupe Street as it has become dangerous to walk due to the speeding traffic.*

*Council Member Jeremy Roy stated that sidewalks or alternative routes are being looked at with different scenarios.*

*Deputy City Manager Rick Cortes said as part of the Walnut Branch Trail Extension Project they will have walking trails that would extend to the Seguin Coliseum/Events Complex, so one possibility would be the addition of sidewalks on Guadalupe Street.*

*Council Member Ernest Leal stated that on September 21, 2020 Community Council of South Central Texas will be handing out back packs to school age children.*

## **6. Presentation**

### **a. [20-324](#)**

Police Department on Community Coalition Efforts - Terry Nichols, Chief of Police

#### **Indexes:**

*Councilman Jeremy Roy provided the background of how the Coalition started. It came to fruition when the Black Lives Matter movement began. Council members, City Management, Police Officers, Pastors from various churches met and talked with the community about different instances with involvement with a police officer during their life. There was such a camaraderie with the different individuals they decided to continue meeting as an organization.*

*Police Chief Nichols provided a power point with the statistics for a 5-year period, 2015-2019. Department demographics are that we have 59 sworn officers, which breaks down to 54% Hispanics, 41% Whites, and 5% Black. On the Civilian staff we have 22 people, which breaks down to 55% Hispanics, 41% Whites, and 4% Black. Chief Nichols provided a comparison of the arrests and suspects by race for 2015-2019. He also discussed Field Generated Arrests Vs Community Generated Calls for Services, which indicates that 55% of the calls are Community Generated.*

*Chief Nichols said that the Seguin Police Department has been awarded the Best Practices Recognition Program since 2013 and he is proud of the men and women who make up the Seguin Police Department.*

*Council Member Jet Crabb encouraged all council members and citizens to participate in the Seguin Citizens Police Academy to learn the procedures, policies, and hardships the officers encounter while on duty.*

## **7. Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Council Member Aviles, seconded by Council Member Crabb, that the minutes and ordinances be approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:****Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Keil**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Herbold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Leal, Council Member Crabb, Council Member Rangel, Council Member Roy, Council Member Wallace, and Council Member Aviles**a.** [20-295](#)

City Council Minutes of September 1, 2020

**Indexes:****The Minutes of September 1, 2020 was approved****b.** [ZC 10-20 CC](#)

Ordinance on second and final reading to consider a Zoning Change from Commercial (C) to Single Family Residential (R-1) for property located at 1064 Tabernacle, Property ID 38457 (ZC 10-20)

**Indexes:****This Zoning Ordinance was adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 2020-051

**c.** [ZC 12-20 CC](#)

Ordinance on second and final reading to consider a Zoning Change from Commercial (C) to Single Family Residential (R-1) for property located at 107 N. Cherry St., Property ID 18865 (ZC 12-20)

**Indexes:****This Zoning Ordinance was adopted**

Enactment No: ORD 2020-052

**8. Action Items - Discussion and Possible Motion to Approve****a.** [20-297](#)

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the Guadalupe Regional Medical Center, Guadalupe County and the City of Seguin for the provision of Indigent Healthcare; and declaring an effective date - Elizabeth McCown, GRMC Director of Risk &amp; Legal Affairs

**Indexes:****A motion was made by Council Member Mathis, seconded by Council Member Herbold, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:****Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Keil**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Herbold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Leal, Council Member Crabb, Council Member Rangel, Council Member Roy, and Council Member Aviles

**Abstain:** 1 - Council Member Wallace

Enactment No: RES 2020-094

**b.** [20-298](#)

Ordinance on first reading levying a tax rate of \$0.5412 per \$100 valuation for the City of Seguin for the Tax Year 2020; providing for the effective date of this ordinance; and providing for the publication of this ordinance - Susan Caddell, Director of Finance

**Indexes:**

Joe Rea  
1177 Spruce  
Seguin, Texas

*Mr. Rea inquired if there would be adjustable rates for installation of solar panels.  
Mayor Keil stated that the issue was setting a tax rate not abatements for solar panels.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Crabb, seconded by Council Member Wallace, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.5412 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a .82 percent increase in the tax rate and that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Keil

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Herbold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Leal, Council Member Crabb, Council Member Rangel, Council Member Roy, Council Member Wallace, and Council Member Aviles

Enactment No: ORD 2020-053

**c.** [20-299](#)

Ordinance on first reading adopting the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget and making appropriation in accordance with said budget for the period beginning the first day of October 2020 and ending the last day of September 2021; appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the City's indebtedness; fixing the authorized number of employees; providing for the effective date of this ordinance; and providing for the publication of this ordinance - Susan Caddell, Director of Finance

**Indexes:**

**A motion was made by Council Member Wallace, seconded by Council Member Mathis, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Keil

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Herbold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Leal, Council Member Crabb, Council Member Rangel, Council Member Roy, Council Member Wallace, and Council Member Aviles

Enactment No: ORD 2020-054

**d.** [20-300](#)

Ordinance on first reading adopting the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Debt Service Fund Budget and making appropriation in accordance with said budget for the period beginning the first day of October 2020 and ending the last day of September 2021; appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the City's indebtedness; providing for the effective date of this ordinance; and providing for the publication of this ordinance - Susan Caddell, Director of Finance

**Indexes:**

**A motion was made by Council Member Crabb, seconded by Council Member Leal, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Keil

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Herbold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Leal, Council Member Crabb, Council Member Rangel, Council Member Roy, Council Member Wallace, and Council Member Aviles

Enactment No: ORD 2020-055

**e. [20-301](#)**

Ordinance on first reading adopting the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Special Revenue and Fiduciary Funds Budget and making appropriation in accordance with said budget for the period beginning the first day of October 2020 and ending the last day of September 2021; fixing the authorized number of employees; providing for the effective date of this ordinance; and providing for the publication of this ordinance - Susan Caddell, Director of Finance

**Indexes:**

**A motion was made by Council Member Mathis, seconded by Council Member Rangel, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Keil

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Herbold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Leal, Council Member Crabb, Council Member Rangel, Council Member Roy, Council Member Wallace, and Council Member Aviles

Enactment No: ORD 2020-056

**f. [20-302](#)**

Ordinance on first reading adopting the 2020-2021 Year Utility Fund Budget and making appropriation in accordance with said budget for the period beginning the first day of October 2020 and ending the last day of September 2021; appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the City's indebtedness; fixing the authorized number of employees; providing for the effective date of this ordinance; and providing for the publication of this ordinance - Susan Caddell, Director of Finance

**Indexes:**

**A motion was made by Council Member Rangel that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Keil

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Herbold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Leal, Council Member Crabb, Council Member Rangel, Council Member Roy, Council Member Wallace, and Council Member Aviles

Enactment No: ORD 2020-057

**g.** [20-323](#)

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an engagement letter for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020 financial audit with Armstrong, Vaughan, and Associates, P.C. - Susan Caddell, Director of Finance

**Indexes:**

**A motion was made by Council Member Wallace, seconded by Council Member Rangel, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Keil

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Herbold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Leal, Council Member Crabb, Council Member Rangel, Council Member Roy, Council Member Wallace, and Council Member Aviles

Enactment No: RES 2020-095

**h.** [20-325](#)

Resolution of the City Council for the City of Seguin, Texas to adopt the Alamo Area Council of Governments Local Hazard Mitigation Plan from the effective date of this Resolution until December 31, 2021 - Greg Dreiss, Fire Marshal

**Indexes:**

**A motion was made by Council Member Crabb, seconded by Council Member Aviles, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Keil

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Herbold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Leal, Council Member Crabb, Council Member Rangel, Council Member Roy, Council Member Wallace, and Council Member Aviles

Enactment No: RES 2020-096

**i.** [20-316](#)

Resolution of the City Council for the City of Seguin, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation Project application to the General Land Office; and Authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Community Development & Revitalization Program - Kathy Wood, Grants Administrator

**Indexes:**

**A motion was made by Council Member Herbold, seconded by Council**

**Member Leal, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Keil

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Herbold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Leal, Council Member Crabb, Council Member Rangel, Council Member Roy, Council Member Wallace, and Council Member Aviles

Enactment No: RES 2020-097

j. [20-326](#)

Resolution of the City Council for the City of Seguin, Texas, to adopt a Citizens Participation Plan to address citizen participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in accordance with Section 104(a) of the Housing Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended. - Kathy Wood, Grant Administrator

**Indexes:**

**A motion was made by Council Member Herbold, seconded by Council Member Rangel, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Keil

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Herbold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Leal, Council Member Crabb, Council Member Rangel, Council Member Roy, Council Member Wallace, and Council Member Aviles

Enactment No: RES 2020-098

k. [20-327](#)

Resolution of the City Council of Seguin, Texas approving the expenditure of \$59,050.00 out of the Federal CARES Act Funds received by the City for use by the Seguin Independent School District as matching funds for the bulk purchase of laptop computers and hot spots for student use - Kathy Wood, Grant Administrator

**Indexes:**

**A motion was made by Council Member Wallace, seconded by Council Member Leal, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Keil

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Herbold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Leal, Council Member Crabb, Council Member Rangel, Council Member Roy, Council Member Wallace, and Council Member Aviles

Enactment No: RES 2020-099

9. **Acknowledgment of Bills**

*The bills were acknowledged*

a. [20-296](#)

Check Report: August 31, 2020 through September 11, 2020

Indexes:

10. **Executive Session**

*The regular meeting was recessed and the council went into Executive Session at 6:50 pm. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:12 pm.*

a. [13-053](#)

Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations in accordance with Section 551.071 and 551.087 - Steve Parker, City Manager

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11. **Adjournment**

*There being no further business before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.*

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**Don Keil, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Naomi Manski, City Secretary**