



COUNCIL AGENDA
 City Hall Council Chambers
 210 E. Gonzales
 Seguin, Texas 78155

The City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Monday January 23, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 E. Gonzales Street in the City of Seguin with Mayor Betty Ann Matthies presiding.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

ATTENDANCE

Councilmember	District	Present	Absent
1. Don Keil	7	Present	
2. Manuel Cevallos	1		Absent
3. Mary Louise Gonzales	2	Present	
4. Carlos Medrano	5	Present	
5. Bob Pees	8	Present	
6. Tomas Castellon(Mayor Pro Tem)	4	Present	
7. Nick Carrillo	3	Present	
8. Steve Tschoepe	6	Present	
9. Mayor Betty Ann Matthies		Present	

3. Action Items-Discussion and Possible Motion to Approve

- a. Confirmation of bid award on the Geronimo Creek Sanitary Sewer Project-Phase V to Salinas Construction Technologies-Joe Ramos, City Engineer

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Name: Skip Skonnard

Address: 135 Lone Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

He had concerns about the council trying to defend a bad decision. He stated that the council favored their references rather than those of the citizens. He was grateful for the inspector that the city will hire to monitor the work on Phase V-Geronimo Creek Sanitary Sewer Project. He asked that the council think about this on a more personal level.

Name: Doug Mannel

Address: 132 Spanish Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

He shared his concern about the \$157,966.63 deduct change order and what was being cut out and how it would impact OVN.

Name: Steve Boehm

Address: 217 Lone Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

He stated that the events of Phase IV was awarded to a low bidder and that now the city was leaning towards the low bidder for Phase V. He further stated that the council had a duty to act with financial responsibility and he applauded the efforts of the council for wanting to do the work affordably. However, he went on to say that the disaster of Phase IV illustrated the old saying that the pain of low quality far outlasts the pleasure of low price. He asked the council to think carefully of the short and long term implications.

Name: Garry Taylor

Address: 428 Twin Oak Rd.

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

He stated that he did not have anything to share.

Name: Todd Wells

Address: 110 Twin Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

He stated that he did not have anything to share.

Name: Clem Howe

Address: 249 Lone Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

He stated that the city took the lowest bidder for Phase 3 and 4 and asked them how the projects turned out. He shared his concern about the city selecting another low bidder for Phase V. In conjunction with this project he had concerns about the underground streams, the trees and access points.

Name: Karen Ploetz

Address: 255 Twin Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

She asked the council to give extra thought to this project and asked the council to act responsibly.

Name: Forrest Mims

Address: 433 Twin Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

He stated that he has only the best interests in the City of Seguin and the citizens. He shared his concern over Solo Construction who was going to do the sewer portion of the project because of the problems left behind by Solo employees at the Seguin Outdoor Learning Center during Phase 3. (He shared photos) He continued to share concerns about Phase 4. He asked that the council provide a properly planned, safe and fully operational sewer system which would bring pride to the community.

Name: Diane Lippe

Address: 211 Twin Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

She urged the council to consider this vote and to investigate and do the right thing.

Name: Genevieve Moore

Address: 410 Twin Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

She stated that she did support her neighbors in OVN and does not want this contractor to do this job.

Name: Sherrie Powers

Address: 225 Lone Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

She was concerned

She thanked the council for doing the research that they had done but asked the council to do more investigation. (especially relating to sewer jobs that Salinas Construction had done) She wanted to make sure that they had the experience necessary in laying a sewer line. She questioned who the subcontractors would be working with Salinas Construction Technologies.

Name: Mary Keith Albert

Address: 309 Twin Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

She asked the council to do further study so that they would not have to pay for problems down the way.

Name: Gale Minton

Address: 120 Spanish Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

She had concerns about the bad recommendations that were brought to the attention of the council by Forrest Mims regarding Salinas Construction Technologies at the last council meeting.

She expressed concerns over the Phase 3 problems and the Phase 4 “mess” and the problem the City has had with past contractors. She stated that there was a pattern in using low bidders.

She asked that the council to value the citizens of Oak Village North. (OVN) She requested a roll call vote.

Name: Debra A. Jordan

Address: 171 Red Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

She expressed that she wanted the council to understand that the issue was not a political one but rather one that dealt with people. (OVN residents invested in their homes just like members of the council) She asked the council to show due diligence in their decision.

Name: Cara Nell Decker

Address: 218 Twin Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

She stated that the council was making a big mistake by approving Salinas Construction Technologies and reminded the council about the problems in Agua Dulce and Salinas Construction.

She asked that when the city staff did a background check on this company whether or not they found that this contractor had experience in doing major sanitary sewer construction. She further stated that it appeared that the sewer construction was going to be subcontracted out for Phase 5 construction. She also asked what qualification standards were set by the city for the contractors for the Phase 5 bid.

Name: Bob Elliott

Address: 259 Twin Oak

City of Seguin: Seguin, Texas

He expressed his disappointment in that the City Council had shown little interest in OVN and rather decided to bulldoze ahead. He stated that Salinas Construction Technology advertises as a street and paving construction and not a sanitary sewer company and asked if they will subcontract out the laying of the sewer line. He shared a concern about the impact of this work and would OVN be stuck with worse roads and a sanitary sewer line that would not work. Due diligence is needed he went on to say.

He was disappointed in the unanimous vote by the city council last week.

Name: Alexa Beavers

Address: 153 Red Oak

City: Seguin, Texas

She stated that she was enthusiastic about the project and wanted to due her own due diligence. She shared her experience with a licensed plumber (as she was preparing in advance of the sanitary sewer system) but due to the difficulty he chose not to bid on it. She said they then contacted a second plumber and he was expressing to her that due to the difficulty, the depth, the lay of the land and the slopes that it was a difficult project and he would need to partner with someone who had the right equipment and the expertise in the digging. A lot of it would depend on what the city will do and how it will impact what the residents will need to do to make it all work.

Name: Glenn Thompson

Address: 135 Spanish Oak

City: Seguin, Texas

He pointed out that they were all in this together and that the residents and the city were all good people.

Name: Bill Miers

Address: 421 Twin Oak

City: Seguin, Texas

He asked for the hours that the new city inspector will be working.

Councilmember	District	Aye	Nay
1. Don Keil	7	Aye	
2. Manuel Cevallos	1		ABSENT

3. Mary Louise Gonzales	2		NAY
4. Carlos Medrano	5		NAY
5. Bob Pees	8	Aye	
6. Tomas Castellon(Mayor Pro Tem)	4		NAY
7. Nick Carrillo	3	Aye	
8. Steve Tschoepe	6	Aye	
9. Mayor Betty Ann Matthies			

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Council member Bob Pees made a motion to approve the [resolution \(continuous and close oversight\)](#) and council member Nick Carrillo seconded the motion. The motion carried with four (4) council members voting “aye” and three (3) voting “nay.”

- b. Resolution authorizing a Deduct Change Order in the amount of \$157,966.63 to Salinas Construction Technologies for the Geronimo Creek Sanitary Sewer Project-Joe Ramos, City Engineer

Councilmember	District	Aye	Nay
1. Don Keil	7	Aye	
2. Manuel Cevallos	1		ABSENT
3. Mary Louise Gonzales	2		NAY
4. Carlos Medrano	5		NAY
5. Bob Pees	8	Aye	
6. Tomas Castellon(Mayor Pro Tem)	4		NAY
7. Nick Carrillo	3	Aye	
8. Steve Tschoepe	6	Aye	
9. Mayor Betty Ann Matthies			

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Council member Steve Tschoepe made a motion to approve the [resolution](#) and council member Don Keil seconded the motion. The motion carried with all council members voting “aye” and none voting “nay.”

4. **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the council the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor Betty Ann Matthies

City Secretary, Thalia Patlán Stautzenberger

