



**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 30, 2018**

The Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Seagoville, Texas was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, at City Hall, 702 N. Hwy 175, Seagoville, Texas with a quorum present, to wit:

Dennis Childress	Mayor	
Jon Epps	Mayor Pro Tem	
Jose Hernandez	Councilmember	Absent
Rick Howard	Councilmember	
Harold Magill	Councilmember	
Mike Fruin	Councilmember	

The following staff members were also present: City Manager Patrick Stallings, Community Development Director Ladis Barr, City Attorney Samantha Gowan, Director of Administrative Services Cindy Brown, and City Secretary Kandi Jackson.

A. Discuss sign ordinance

City Manager Stallings stated the Sign Ordinance is a work in progress. He also stated there are some issues with the current Sign Ordinance that make it difficult for new businesses that want a pole sign.

Community Development Director Barr stated the current Sign Ordinance is antiquated and does not meet current standards. Staff submitted changes to the City of Seagoville's Sign Ordinance based on their review of neighboring City Ordinances. He asked for any questions or request for changes to be made to the Sign Ordinance.

After some discussion City Manager Stallings stated Staff used the Waxahachie Sign Ordinance and made necessary changes so that it would work for the City of Seagoville.

Councilmember Fruin stated there have been issues in the past concerning the size of signs. Community Development Director Barr explained the requirements on the size of signs that are allowed.

In response to a question by Councilmember Magill, Community Development Director Barr stated there are provisions for signs that overlap each other.

Community Development Director Barr explained the monument sign requirements.

City Attorney Gowan stated some of things referenced in the new Supreme Court Rulings are: the insert under Banners, #11, #12, and #14, specific regulations for special events and name of signs. She stated it would be recommended to be content neutral as possible. Community Development Director Barr asked City Attorney Gowan if she could send recommendations as to the content to be put in the Sign Ordinance for these areas. City Attorney Gowan stated she would send recommendations. She also stated to use the State Guidelines concerning Political Signs.

Mayor Pro Tem Epps asked if the Banner section could not be amended if it is sufficient. Community Development Director Barr stated he is asking for the City Attorney's recommendations concerning this section. City Attorney Gowan stated she would highlight the sections she feels may be a problem.

After some discussion, City Manager Stallings asked the City Attorney for recommendations concerning Political Signs. He stated it is his policy to stay away from Political Signs. City Attorney Gowan stated the state has guidelines to follow concerning Political Signs.

City Manager Stallings stated once the City Attorney provides recommendations the Sign Ordinance will be brought back to Council.

Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Dennis K. Childress

ATTEST:



Kandi Jackson, City Secretary