

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – April 8, 2019

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, April 8, 2019 in the City Hall Council Chambers at 155 E. Colorado St. with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Ken Taylor, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief David Gilbreath, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Marilyn Descours, Mike Mabry, Arnold Romberg, Sarah Barksdale, Valarie Bernard, Jan Dockery, Shirley Hudson, Harvey E. Busch, Ken & Rita Dernehl, Tom Hudson, Martha Langford, Dusty Littrell, and others.

Mayor Moerbe called the meeting to order. Pastor Martha Langford of First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

Under petitions Arnold Romberg, and Sharelle Wright addressed the council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Discuss and or consider approval of March 2019 minutes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Zbranek and seconded by Councilman Janca to approve the Consent Agenda Item as presented. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

The first item was a presentation of the City of La Grange Annual Audit Report. Mr. Greg Trlicek, auditor for the City of La Grange presented the results of the 2017-2018 annual audit report. We are currently in the second year of a three year agreement for audit services with Mr. Trlicek. We will go out for audit proposals in the summer of 2020 for the development of the 2020-21 annual audit. Mr. Trlicek reported that the city is in good financial standing.

The next item was to discuss and or consider acceptance of City of La Grange Annual Audit Report. Motion Councilmember Weishuhn, Second Councilmember Zbranek to accept the audit report. Motion carried.

The next item was a report on Randolph Recreation Center and Summer Programs. Janet Rangel, Recreation Director was scheduled to appear before the council to give a report on the activities taking place at the Randolph Recreation Center and summer programs. Due to illness Mrs. Rangel was unable to attend.

The next item was to discuss and or consider acceptance of Election Services Contract with Fayette County. Fayette County Elections Administrator, Terri Hefner has agreed to contract with the City of La Grange once again for election services for the City Officers election. Motion Councilman Janca, Second Councilman Taylor to approve the contract. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing staff to proceed with the bid phase of the restroom addition at White Rock Park. City Manager Raborn reviewed with council the proposed restroom addition at White Rock Park. Staff has been in contact with La Grange Little League regarding the proposed design. The project was included in the FY 2018-19 Budget and will be funded by capital improvement and EDC funds. The project is estimated to cost \$225,000 and should be ready for the 2020 baseball season. Staff is requesting council approval to proceed to the bid phase of the project. Motion Councilman Eilert, Second Councilmember Weishuhn to authorize staff to proceed with this project. Motion carried.

The next item was the Active Project Report. The breakers have been ordered for the breaker replacement project at the substation. TTHM-Water samples have been taken and we are waiting on the results. Modification are being made to the bid opening for the waste water line replacement to the plant, this has been moved back to April 25th. Bob Schmidt with Strand Engineering indicated that they are seeing a tightness in the bid market and wanted to give bidders adequate time. Hope to present this to council on May 13th. An outstanding item related to the playscape and restrooms at the Randolph Recreation Center are the door petitions for the restrooms. Painting was done at White Rock Park as part of the LCRA Steps Forward Project. Colorado Valley has fiber to the Library and we are also completing the fiber connection to the Police Station. There is a meeting scheduled for this Friday with the state regarding the CDBG-DR money with the city and the county. The deadline has now been extended until June 30th. Hope Hill Subdivision-BEFCO Engineering has indicated they will have document this week. There are 4 short term housing units in Country Way Village.

The Eater Egg Hunt which was scheduled for this past weekend was not held due to the rain. This is being rescheduled, hopefully it can be held this Saturday. The bike-a-thon is three weeks out and preparation work continues for the event. The quarterly bulk pickup and the Shred It event will take place this coming Saturday.

At 6:40 PM a Motion was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a Second by Councilmember Zbranek that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – April 22, 2019

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, April 22, 2019 in the City Hall Council Chambers at 155 E. Colorado St. with the following members present: Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Ken Taylor, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Mayor Moerbe was absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Officer Bret Meinardus,

and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Marilyn Descours, Bill Bishop, Sarah Mabry, Shirley Hudson, Linda Rawlingson, Julie Ardery, Neale Rabensburg, Dusty Littrell, Tom Hudson, Ralph Rosenberg, Janet Rangel, Lance Zandonatti, Phil Oestreich, Bob Heath, Cheryl Holt, J. Paul Bruhn, Rita Dernehl, Ken Dernehl, Larry Jackson, Billy Beth Baker, Mary Ann Powell, Harvey E. Busch, and others.

Mayor Pro tem Cernosek called the meeting to order. Pastor J. Paul Bruhn of First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

Under petitions Julie Ardery, Sarah Mabry, Mike Mabry, Neale Rabensburg, Ken Dernehl, Larry Jackson and Tom Hudson addressed the council.

CONSENT AGENDA

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The first item was a report on Recreation Center and Summer Programs. Recreation Director Janet Rangel reported on activities taking place at the Randolph Recreation Center and summer programs. Some of the activities include an Easter Egg Hunt, after school program which now includes choir, voice, drum, piano, and guitar lessons. Summer Day Camp, Spring-Break Camp, Winter Camp, and Open Court. There is also a gymnastics program available. The facility is also a meeting place for many organizations some of which include Cattlemen's Association, Square Dancers and Round Dancers. LGISD has hosted debate tournaments there for the past two years, 4-H workshops, and Agri-life trainings are also held there. The Randolph Alumni holds their reunion there and a Juneteenth celebration is also held at the center. The newly completed Splash-Pad and Playgrounds are being used. Mrs. Rangel expressed her thanks for the work which was done at the White Rock Park as part of the LCRA Step Forward Day.

The next item was to discuss and or consider establishing rental policy for splash pad. With the recent opening of the Splash Pad, staff has had a number of inquiries about renting the facility for private parties. Ms. Rangel has developed a rental policy that is similar to the one we utilize for the pool. Staff is requesting council approval to rent the splash pad and adjacent playscape for private parties from 7-9 pm on specific dates which will not conflict with bookings at the Randolph Recreation Center. Motion Councilman Eilert, Second Councilmember Zbranek that we accept the proposed. Motion carried

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of final plat of the Hope Hill Subdivision being a 22.95-acre property owned by the La Grange Area Disaster Recovery Team located at 808 Horton. Staff brought back for council consideration the final plat of the Hope Hill Subdivision located at 808 Horton Street. The council gave preliminary approval of the subdivision on February 25, 2019. The final plat was received from BEFCO Engineering who developed the final plat for the owner of the Hope Hill Subdivision located at 808 Horton Street. The new subdivision is located with both the city limits and the ETJ of the city of La Grange and is governed by our subdivision ordinance. The development consists of 58 single-family residential lots, 1 multi-family lot and 2 common amenities. The plat is in conformance with the City of La Grange subdivision ordinance and is being submitted to council for final consideration. Supporting documents included in the council

packet was the final plat of the Hope Hill Subdivision, aerial of the subdivision, final platting requirements, Escrow Agreement-Draft, Subdivision Development Agreement-Draft, Subdivision Performance Bond Instrument-Draft, Dedication and Ownership Certificate, Hope Hill Deed Restrictions, Indemnity Statement, Tax Certification, and Plat Application Waiver. It was noted that the City does not approve or enforce the deed restrictions. This is for the plat only, construction documents are submitted separately. The construction documents have been submitted but they have not been reviewed. Motion Councilmember Busch, Second Councilman Janca, To have access to review the construction plans before council votes on the plat. Those in favor – Councilmember Busch, Councilman Janca, Councilmember Zbranek; opposed-Councilman Eilert, Councilmember Weishuhn, Councilman Kuehn and Councilman Taylor. Motion failed 3-4. Motion Councilman Eilert, Second Councilmember Weishuhn to approve this plat as listed. Those in favor-Councilman Eilert, Councilmember Weishuhn, Councilman Taylor, Councilman Janca; opposed-Councilmember Busch, Councilmember Zbranek, Councilman Kuehn. Motion carried 4-3.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of a Resolution authorizing submission of EDA Disaster Assistance grant and providing for grant matching funds. Staff is requesting council authorization to submit an Economic Development Administration (EDA) Disaster Assistance grant application to extend waste water service out Highway 71 West approximately 3 miles. The EDA grant would pay for 80% of the cost to extend service to the area. The extension of wastewater service to this area will allow for future business expansion. Staff is working on obtaining letters of support from businesses in the area that support the extension of wastewater service. The 71 west corridor was identified as a growth area in the city master plan. The preliminary cost estimate for the project is \$3,500,000 and would require a local match of \$700,000. Staff is proposing that the match funds be made available from the Capital Improvement Fund and a future request to the EDC if the grant is approved. The extension of wastewater west is a long-term investment that will allow for future economic development in an established growth corridor. Notice of grant approval should be received by the end of the year and the project would take approximately 2 years to be completed. The submission date for this grant is Wednesday. Updated cost information was received and an updated resolution was presented to council reflecting these changes, the grant application will be just under \$2,500,000. Motion Councilmember Weishuhn, Second Councilman Taylor to approve the resolution. Motion carried. Insert #1

The next item was to discuss and or consider request from CenterPoint Energy Entex on proposed rate increase. A request was received from CenterPoint Energy Entex to increase the current base residential rate. Entex is proposing to increase the base residential gas rate by \$2.04 per month effective May 27, 2019. Entex is framing the issue as a gas reliability infrastructure program (“GRIP”) adjustment and not as a rate increase. The end result is that the customer bill will increase from the current rate of \$19.00 to \$21.04. The city has the opportunity to suspend the rate increase for 45 days and staff will bring back this item for formal action at the May 13th council meeting.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of seismic lease agreement with Seitel Data. Staff presented for council consideration an agreement to allow Seitel Data to conduct seismic surveying of city owned property and city streets. The agreement proposes a fee of \$30 per acre and covers 215.08 acres for a total payment of \$6,452.40. The

agreement under consideration is the same agreement utilized in 2014. Staff is asking for streets to be added to the agreement and is asking for structural approval of the agreement with Seitel to lease city properties for Seismic survey. Motion Councilman Janca, Second Councilmember Weishuhn to approve. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of a resolution changing date of May 27th City council meeting. Resolution was presented to move the meeting to Tuesday, May 28th as Monday, May 27th is the Memorial Day Holiday. Motion Councilmember Zbranek, Second Councilman Janca to approve. Motion carried. Insert #2

Chief of Police Update

Chief Gilbreath was unable to attend the meeting. City Manager Raborn noted that during the Shred It event 3.5 tons of paper had been collected.

City Manager Update

Sales Tax is up by 34%. The Trihalomethanes testing for the first quarter of 2019 is complete and the rolling average is now below the required action stage. The bike-a-thon will be held this weekend. There were over 250 brush piles picked up and 4 roll off containers used for the spring clean up.

At 7:13 PM a Motion was made by Councilman Janca, with a Second by Councilmember Weishuhn that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

John J. Cernosek, Mayor Pro tem.

RESOLUTION R- __

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE CITY OF LAGRANGE SUBMISSION OF AN EDA-HURRICANE HARVEY DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER LINE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration, in response to Federal Emergency Declaration DR-4332 has allocated grant funds to assist with economic recovery in the federal disaster declaration area;

WHEREAS, the City of La Grange an incorporated town within Fayette County was included in the Federal Disaster Declaration (DR-4332) and is eligible to apply for allocated grant funds;

WHEREAS, the impact of Hurricane Harvey resulted in a 54' out of bank event for the Colorado River within the City of LaGrange and caused extensive property loss and flooding; WHEREAS, the City of LaGrange is submitting a grant application for \$2,498,220 to facilitate the construction of a wastewater line along West State Highway 71 from intersection of West SH 71 Bypass and 71 Business to 5680 West State Hwy 71; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the project is identified in the City's long range Capital Improvement Plan;

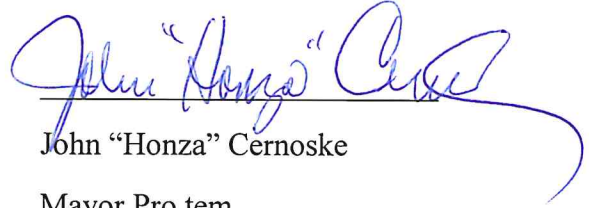
WHEREAS, this project is deemed critical to the City's infrastructure plan and is critical to the long term recovery and economic prosperity of the City of LaGrange; and

WHEREAS the City is set provide a \$499,644 local match as part of the grant application, which is available, unencumbered and committed to this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, TEXAS:

- Section 1.** The City Council of the City of LaGrange supports the submission of an EDA Disaster Recovery grant; and
- Section 2.** The City Council of the City of LaGrange authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documentation regarding this grant; and
- Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is duly resolved.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of La Grange this 22nd day of April, 2019.



John "Honza" Cernoske

Mayor Pro tem

ATTEST:



Lisa Oltmann

City Secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Grange has two Council meetings each month; and

WHEREAS, these Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, the fourth Monday of May is the Memorial Day Holiday which is a holiday observed by the City of La Grange, and would result in both citizens and staff being unable to attend.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Grange that the regular meeting set for Monday, May 27, 2019 be cancelled and that a Special Council meeting be called for Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 22nd day of April, 2019.

John Cernosek, Mayor Pro tem

ATTEST:

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary