

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – February 8, 2016

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, February 8, 2016 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Councilmember Deborah Bradley, Mayor Pro tem John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilman Arnold Romberg, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn was absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police Jackie Skelton, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Tom & Robin Hudson with Subway, and Randy Gardiner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Randy Gardiner of the Second Baptist Church gave the invocation.

The first item was a presentation of Racial Profiling data by the La Grange Police Department as required by Article 2.132 Texas Code of Criminal Procedures. Chief Jackie Skelton presented the report to council. In 2015 the police department issued 1297 citations. Of these the ethnicity breakdown is Caucasion-727; African-205; Hispanic-280; Asian-33; and Other-52. There were 60 searches conducted with 11 being consent searches and 49 being probably cause searches.

The next item was a report on the 2016 Street Paving/Reclaiming Program. This year the city will be reclaiming a portion of a number of streets in place of the annual street paving/seal coating. The total investment this year in street repair and maintenance is estimated to be right at \$225,000. The funding for this project was included in the FY 2015-2016 Capital Improvement Fund Budget. This item was presented for discussion purposes only. There will be sections reclaimed on E. Milam from Vail to Lester; E. Walnut from Vail to Lester; E. Pecan from Vail to College; E. Eblin from Vail to HWY 71E; S. Vail from Travis to Eblin; S. College from Travis to the end; S. Lester from Travis to Eblin; the Lane off Lester/College by the VA Clinic; E. Cynthia from College to Mode; E. Florence from Reynolds to 71E; E. Salm from Reynolds to 71E; E. Morris from Reynolds to 71E; Cindy Lane from 71E to the end; S. Reynolds from Travis to Eblin; S. Reynolds from Eblin to the end; S. Miller from Morris to Eblin; Koenig Lane from Eblin to Mode; S. Lynnwood from Eblin to the end; College Circle from College to the end; and White Rock Park Road from Mode to the end.

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing staff to auction items that are no longer needed or obsolete. Staff is requesting council authorization to dispose of various obsolete items. The items will be added to either GovDeals, our on-line auction site or be a part of a future local Duncan auction. The items include 2-2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cars, 1989 Hyster Forklift, #H60-XL-MIL, 6000#, and a 1999 JCB 214 Backhoe/Loader. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider on second reading An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 Of The Code Of Ordinances, Health And Sanitation Of The City Of La Grange So As To Add Article 6.04 Mass Gatherings And Establishing Permit Requirements For Mass Gathering, An Application Process For Such Gatherings, And Regulating Noise Levels From Such Events, Declaring A Public Purpose, Establishing A Penalty of \$1,000.00 For Violation Thereof, And Setting An Effective Date. This Ordinance received council approval on first reading at the January 25, 2016 meeting. **MOTION** Councilman Janca, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve this ordinance on second and final reading. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Busch in favor, Councilmember Bradley in favor, Mayor Pro tem Cernosek in favor, Councilman Eilert in favor, Councilman Janca in favor, Councilman Romberg in favor, Councilmember Weishuhn absent, Councilmember Zbranek in favor. Motion carried 7-0. **Attachment #1**

The next item was a report on active projects. City Manager Raborn informed that Water Well B, N. Main, is back in service. Work continues with an adjacent property owner to obtain a sanitary control easement. Previously a variance was requested and granted for a sanitary control easement and there is a possibility that one might be requested again at this time. The curb painting in the 100 block of W. Colorado is complete. The Weikel-Schiller Ditch Improvement project should be completed this week. A grant application has been submitted to the LCRA Community Partnership Program to assist in the installation of a new accessible play structure at White Rock Park. Staff continues to obtain bids for the new play structure at Kruschel Park. The parking lot by Kruschel Park has been installed and is usable, also lighting has been installed. Staff continues to evaluate the body camera issue and is in the process of determining which system best integrates into our existing video recording system.

City Manager Raborn also reviewed the Utility usage report and noted that the KWH sales were down slightly and that the water sales were flat.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of January 2016 minutes. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek; **SECOND** Councilmember Deborah Bradley to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

City Council Committee Reports

Main Street will host Uncorked on March 19, and have their Merchants Meeting on April 21st.

The Beautification Committee awarded Yard Of The Month to Bo & Vicki Reeves at 198 Lee St.

The Appraisal Board has added Mary Gunn as a new county representative.

At 6:25 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Zbranek, with a **SECOND** by Councilman Romberg that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – February 22, 2016

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, February 22, 2016 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Councilmember Deborah Bradley, Mayor Pro tem John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police Jackie Skelton, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. There were no visitors present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States, and to Texas was recited and Father Eric Hungerford of St. James Episcopal Church gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider the Mural Assistance Program. Staff brought back for council consideration the proposed Mural Assistance Grant Program. The Main Street staff intents are to have the Mural program utilize the same approval mechanisms already in place for the current grant programs-Sign & Paint and Façade. The process involves working directly with the Texas Historical Commission to facilitate the recommendations of appropriate color choice and content. Following consultation with the Historical Commission we will then utilize the services of the Main Street Design Committee to review and consider the project to make sure the proposed work is an appropriate fit for the community. The process has been modified to include the concerns of the council related to commercial zoned only property and a requirement that the committee obtain public input into the design decision. The purpose of the Mural Grant Program is to provide financial and design assistance to applicants to paint murals in the community. We do not currently have any requests for funding but wanted to develop a program that would encourage the future installations of murals in the community. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Deborah Bradley to approve the Mural Assistance Program. **Motion Carried.**

Attachment #1

The next item was to discuss and or consider the Casino Hall Rental Agreement. Staff brought back for council consideration an updated Historic Casino Hall Rental Agreement. The Historic Casino Hall Association has made the modifications to the agreement that were identified by the council back in January and is resubmitting them for consideration. The agreement has been approved by the Historic Casino Hall Association for content and by the City Attorney as to form. After discussion **Motion** Councilman Arnold Romberg, **SECOND** Councilmember Bonnie Busch to approve the agreement as amended, change the “Facility Cleaning Fee Included” from charts listing what is included in the rental fees to reflect the \$300 refundable deposit which is required; change the word of “served” to “consumed” in the agreement in reference to liquor liability insurance regarding alcohol being present at the event. **Motion Carried.**
Attachment #2

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing the City Manager to begin the process to make modifications to the Randolph Recreation Center. Staff is requesting council authorization to begin the process to expand the exercise room at the Randolph Recreation Center. We continue to see increased utilization of the exercise room and with a few modifications can increase the space by approximately 200 square feet. The initial plan is to remove the wall between the exercise room and the reading room. The reading room is not used very often and the space would better serve the facility as part of the exercise room. The funds for the improvements would come out of the budget Capital Improvement Fund allocated facility improvements. **MOTION** Pat Janca, **SECOND** Councilman Romberg to approve staffs’ request. **Motion carried.**

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing the City Manager to begin the process to formulate a plan to make improvements to La Grange City Hall. Staff is requesting council authorization to begin the process to identify and formulate a plan to make functional improvements to City Hall. The La Grange City Hall was constructed in 1965 and has had only minor improvements since that time. While some of the improvements that will be addressed will be cosmetic in nature most of the improvements will be related to mechanical, accessibility and functional improvements. The plan will take several months to complete and funding for the final plan will be included in the FY 2016-17 Annual Budget. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Romberg to approve staffs’ request. **Motion carried.**

The next item was to discuss and or consider an agreement with the Fayette County Elections Administrator. Staff is requesting council authorization to enter into an agreement/contract with the Fayette County Elections Administrator for the May 7, 2016 City Officers General Election. The city has contracted with the Fayette County Elections Administrator for the past several elections. The proposed contract is the same as the previous year. Early voting will continue to be held at city hall with city staff conducting the early voting. Election Day activities will be conducted under the supervision of the Fayette County Elections Administrator. **MOTION** Councilmember

Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Janca to approve staffs' request. **Motion carried.**
Attachment #3

City Council Committee Reports

Main Street recently held the "Count the Hearts" contest in honor of their 20th Anniversary. The will host the event "Uncorked" on March 19th.

Chief Of Police Report

During the night hours of February 18/19 The Bugle Boy was a target of on arson attempt. The building received minor damage from this. During the early morning hours of February 20th, there was a break in at the convenience store located at 1505 N. Jefferson and their cash register was stolen. The register did not have any money in it. It has also been reported to the police department that there has been some counterfeit money being passed around town it appears that the bills were in the denomination of \$50 bills and \$100 bills.

City Manager Report

Sales tax was down by 6.7%.

At 6:40 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **SECOND** by Councilman John Eilert that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor