

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – February 13, 2017

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, February 13, 2017 in the City Hall Council Chambers at 155 E. Colorado St. with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Councilmember Deborah Bradley, Mayor Pro tem John J. 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 David Gilbreath, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Jeff Wick, Ken Taylor, Tom Hudson, Robin Hudson, Shirley Hudson, Candy O’Meara, J. Kubecka, Jesse McDaniel, Carol Bigott, Tex Parker, Cindy Smith, Jesi Lindell, Larry Jackson and others.

Mayor Janet Moerbe called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas was recited and Pastor Dennis Hill of The Remnant Church gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider signage issue. Discussion was held with each councilmember participating.

The next item was to discuss and or consider directing staff to proceed with an ordinance related to signage. **Motion** Councilmember Busch that the City continue to uphold the current sign ordinance prohibiting electronic message signs throughout the city, but have staff clean up some of the language in the current ordinance which addresses issues such as the maintenance of existing signs, derelict signs, and also some more reader friendly or user friendly language in the current ordinance. **Second** Councilmember Bradley. After discussion a vote was taken regarding the motion with Councilmember Busch, Councilmember Bradley, Councilman Pat Janca, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek voting in favor of the motion and Councilman Arnold Romberg, Mayor Pro tem John Cernosek, and Councilman John Eilert opposing the motion. Motion carried 4-3.

The next item was a presentation of the Racial Profiling data by La Grange Police Department as required by Article 2.132 Texas Code of Criminal Procedures. Chief David Gilbreath presented the Racial Profiling report to the city council. The City of La Grange does not have a problem regarding racial profiling. In 2016 there were 814 citations issued and there were 16 traffic arrests made. Out of the 814 citations, 577 were Caucasian, 85 were African, 131 were Hispanic, 17 were Asian, and 4 were other. These numbers coincide with the demographics of La Grange. There were 13 consent searches and 50 probable cause searches.

The next item was to discuss and or consider appointment to the Fireman’s Pension Board. Included on the Fireman’s Pension Board is one member from the city

council. This appointment is for a two year term. Current council representative is Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Councilmember Zbranek is willing to continue to serve as council representative. **Motion** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, **Second** Councilman Romberg to reappoint Councilmember Zbranek as council representative to the Fireman's Pension Board. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss modifications to the Casino Hall Rental Agreement. The city has operated the Casino Hall for 10 months and has rented the facility numerous times, but the rental market has been primarily non-profit organizations and Christmas parties. While staff is very pleased with the utilization of the facility, staff also believes the current pricing structure may limit the utilization of the facility for small personal rentals. Staff is looking at reducing the pricing structure to make sure that the broader community has access to the facility. At this time, staff wants to see if council would be receptive of modifying the agreement. Council asked for staff to provide them with information listing all city properties available for rental along with the various prices. Council is receptive to staff begin working on modifying the rental agreement.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of January 2017 minutes. **Motion** Councilmember Zbranek, **Second** Councilman Janca to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The next item was the Active Projects Report. City Manager Raborn reviewed this report with council. The city is waiting on the start date from the contractor to complete sections 2A and 1A which is the final phase of the Lynnwood Underground upgrade project. Well Station C-ground storage tank replacement project is anticipated for completion by the end of March. The Walnut Street water replacement project will have two more blocks replaced this year. Permits have been submitted to Union Pacific Railroad to replace the water and waste water lines located in their right-of-way on La Fayette Street from Madison St. to Jefferson St. There will be an open house at the Historic Casino Hall on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The remodel project on the restrooms at the library began today. Work also is being done on the roof at the police station.

#### City Manager Report

Sales tax was down slightly but continues to track along the 2013-2014 time frame. Electric and water sales are normal.

*Preservation Monthly* is scheduled to include information on the Historic Casino Hall. The bulk item pick up which was held recently was successful. The provider came back to La Grange last week to pick up items which had been skipped during the pickup which was held the previous weekend.

A Private Club application has been submitted for 969 E. Guadalupe. The application process for a Private Club license issued from TABC is drastically different from their other licenses. The police department, city manager, and city attorney have all voiced opposition to this private club application.

Tree trimming will continue in La Grange. Since this project began several years earlier, the number of electrical outages has drastically decreased. Prior notification will continue to be given to customers within the work areas.

At 6:44 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Eilert, with a **SECOND** by Councilman Janca that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

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Janet Moerbe, Mayor

### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – February 27, 2017**

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, February 27, 2017 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, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Councilmember Deborah Bradley and Councilman Arnold Romberg was absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police David Gilbreath, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Tom Hudson, Ken Taylor, Jason McBroom and Andy Behlen.

Mayor Moerbe called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas was recited and Councilmember Bonnie Busch gave the invocation.

There were no petitions presented.

The first item was a report on Main Street and Tourism Activities. Stacey Norris and Kim Newton with the La Grange Main Street & Visitor Bureau department gave the presentation which was an overview of the department including many of their activities, tasks, and programs. **Attachment #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider blocking off the square for La Grange Uncorked. The La Grange Uncorked event will be held on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. A request was received from the Advisory Board of La Grange Main Street to close the inner parking area by the north entrance of the courthouse to allow a tent to be set up in this vicinity for registration, food and music during the Uncorked event. The board

would like to begin blocking off this area at 5:00 pm on Friday, March 17, 2017. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider blocking off the square for Movie Nights on the Square. A request was received from the Advisory Board of La Grange Main Street to close the inner parking area by the north entrance of the courthouse for Movie Night on the Square. This area would then be utilized for the movie screen and equipment for the various movie nights. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Bonnie Busch to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of Certificate of Unopposed Candidates. Discutier y/o considerer la aprobacion del Certificado de Candidatos Sin Oposicion. The filing deadline has passed to file for a place on the ballot as well as the deadline to declare candidacy as a write-in candidate. Individuals who have filed and are unopposed are Janet Moerbe-Mayor; Ken Taylor-Councilmember Ward 1; John J. "Honza" Cernosek-Councilmember Ward 2; Bonnie B Busch-Councilmember Ward 3; Pat Janca-Councilmember Ward 4. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve the Certification of unopposed candidates, aprobar la Certificación De Candidatos Unicios. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider order canceling the May 6, 2017 City Officers Election. Discutir y/o considerer Orden Cancelando Elección del 6 de mayo de 2017 Para Oficiales Municipales. **MOTION** Councilman Pat Janca, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to cancel the May 6, 2017 City Officers Election, cancelar del 6 de mayo de 2017 elección de oficiales de la ciudad. Motion carried.

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 GovDeals our on-line auction site or as part of a future local Duncan auction. Items include two 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police cars, 1998 Ford F-150 Brush Truck, and miscellaneous exercise equipment and miscellaneous Police equipment. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

#### Chief of Police Update

The department should acquire the 2 new vehicles at the end of March. New/updated uniforms for the department have been shipped.

#### City Manager Update

The final phase of the Lynnwood underground project began today. Completion is anticipated to be in three weeks. Staff is waiting to hear back from the railroad regarding the water line project on La Fayette St.

At 6:30 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Busch that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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