

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – January 9, 2017

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, January 9, 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, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief David Gilbreath, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Jeff Wick, Paul Parker, Dick Wentzel, Carol Bigott, Linda Rawlinson, Shirley Hudson, Robin Hudson, Tom Hudson, Jesse McDaniel, Randy Fleming, Leah Fleming, David Dinoff, Rhonda Hill and others.

Mayor Janet Moerbe called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas was recited and Pastor Alex Stehn, from Germany, who is participating in the “Pastoral Exchange” Program with First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider amending the Equipment Fund Budget to purchase a vehicle for the Water Department. Staff is requesting council approval to amend the FY 2016-2017 Equipment Fund Budget in the amount of \$35,000 for the purchase of a new vehicle for the Water Department. The unit that we will replace this year is a 2003 Ford F-350 with 85,096 miles. The current balance in the Equipment Fund is \$621,113. **Motion** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **Second** Councilman Arnold Romberg to approve staff’s request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the 2017-2018 TxCDBG Community Development Fund competition. The City of La Grange is currently in the process of developing a grant application to submit to the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs for funds under the Texas Community Development Program. Staff is proposing to submit a grant application to upgrade water lines in the area bounded by North Jefferson, Roitsch, Guadalupe and North Jackson. This project will assist in improving water service and fire protection to this area of town. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$345,000 with \$200,000 being provided by grant funds and a local match of \$45,000. The local match funds are proposed to be provided by \$45,000 included in the FY 2016-2017 capital improvement fund budget. If we are successful in receiving the grant the local funds will not need to be available until the fall of 2017. The city should receive notification of funding award by June. **Motion** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **Second** Councilman Pat Janca to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the 2017-2018 TxCDBG Community Development Fund competition. Motion carried. Attachment 1

The next item was to discuss and or consider a preliminary replat request from Glenn & Dorothy Koether to subdivide their property located within the 600 block of E. Colorado Street. A request was received from Glenn & Dorothy Koether to replat their property located within the 600 block of E. Colorado Street into 2 lots. 'Reserve A' will be approximately 2.367 Acres and 'Lot 1' will be approximately 118' X 184'. Staff is in the process of acquiring information from the property owners within 200' of this location to see if they are in favor of or opposed to this replat. **Motion** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, **Second** Councilmember Bradley to approve this preliminary replat request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a preliminary replat from Grand Central Texas Development to subdivide their property located at 997 E. Colorado St. A request was received from Grand Central Texas Development Corporation to subdivide their property at 997 E. Colorado Street into 2 lots. Lot 1 would be approximately 133.2' X 114.3'. Lot 2 would be approximately 106.3' X 114.0' with both driveways exiting on Horton Street. There were 21 letters sent to the property owners within a 200' radius of this address asking if the owners are in favor of or opposed to the subdivision request. There were six (6) letters returned in favor of granting the request, four (4) letters that were opposed to granting this request, and eleven (11) letters were not returned. **Motion** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, **Second** Councilmember Zbranek to approve this preliminary replat request from Grand Central Texas Development. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of December 2016 minutes. **Motion** Councilman Romberg, **Second** Councilman Janca to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider allocation of Tourism Grant Funds. Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, Chair of the Tourism Grant Committee, reviewed with council the 5 requests which had been submitted for funding and were considered earlier at the Tourism Grant Committee Meeting. Funding requests had been received from 1) La Grange Road Runners Square Dancers in the amount of \$1,500 for advertising their upcoming event. 2) Bugle Boy Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for operating support. 3) Texas Quilt Museum \$2,500 to advertise the Celebration of Quilts event to be held February 24-25, 2017. 4) Faison Preservation Society, Inc. for Historic Preservation in the amount of \$1,500 for funds to purchase and install historical period window shades on 8 windows in the two main rooms on the front of the 1880 wing of the house. 5) The Fayette County Sheriff's Posse in the amount of \$10,000 for advertising and promotion of their Bull Riding and Rodeo event which had been held on August 11-14, 2016. After discussion and consideration for each of these requests, it is the recommendation of the Tourism Grant Committee that council fund the requests as follows. 1) La Grange Roadrunners Square Dancers in the amount of \$1,500 for advertising. 2) Bugle Boy Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for operating support. 3) Texas Quilt Museum in

the amount of \$2,500 for advertising. 4) Faison Preservation Society, Inc. for Historic Preservation in the amount of \$1,500. 5) Fayette County Sheriff's Posse in the amount of \$5,000 for advertising. **Motion** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, **Second** Councilmember Busch to grant funding as recommended by the Tourism Grant Committee. Motion carried.

City Council Committee Reports

The Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the Month to Kimberly Young at 950 Mode Lane.

Librarian Carol Jenkins has retired, her last day was on January 6th.

Chief of Police Update

Chief David Gilbreath reported that during 2016 the department received 2,184 calls, they made 181 arrests, they received 184 accidents called in and they work 111 of these accidents with the remaining 73 receiving a Blue Form. They are currently working on a burglary of a motor vehicle and a forgery case involving multiple checks.

City Manager Update

The City had submitted two requests as part of the LCRA Steps Forward Grant. Word was received that both projects will be granted by LCRA. This Steps Forward Grant program involves workers volunteering/assisting on various projects as part of the 'Community Volunteer Day'. The two projects in La Grange include work being done at White Rock Park as well as the Pauper Cemetery on Mode Lane. The ditch along Hanacek Lane has been cleaned out along both side of the road going to the river. As a result of the smoke testing which was recently done the city is in the process of spray lining 16 manholes to alleviate rainwater inflow. Water Well B project has the well developed and pumpage is up compared to what had been pumped prior to the well going down. Bob Schmidt will be at an upcoming meeting to discuss the TTHM removal project on the water system. The tank at Water Well C has been removed so the replacement tank can be installed. The Parks department has painted the inside of the VFW Hall. The Fayette County Community Theater will have 2 performances of *The Importance Of Being Earnest* in February. 'Mornings with Main Street' will begin on Thursday the 19th at 8:30. Live Air is in receivership and is in the process of being acquired by South Central Tower.

At 6:20 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 – January 23, 2017

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, January 23, 2017 in the City Hall Council Chambers at 155 E. Colorado St. with the following members present: Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Councilmember Deborah Bradley, Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Mayor Janet Moerbe was absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief David Gilbreath, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Jeff Wick, Allyson Davis, Emily Bellue Lopez, Keith Lund, Terry Belger, Bobbie Nash, J. Paul Bruhn, Jason McBroom, Holly McBroom, Robert Ruckert, Tom Hudson, Robin Hudson, Carol Bigott, Janis Donegan, Shirley Hudson, Julie Ardery, Jim Austin, Bob Rutledge, Kimberly Rutledge, Par Corb, Bill Bishop and others.

Mayor Pro tem Cernosek called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas was recited and Father Matthew Kinney, of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, gave the invocation.

Under petitions the following individuals spoke: Terry Belger, Tom Hudson, Julie Ardery, Don Jones, Jim Austin, Janis Donegan, J Paul Bruhn, Emily Bellue-Lopez, Allyson Davis, Bobbie Nash, Keith Lund, Robin Hudson, Holly McBroom, Kimberly Rutledge, and Paul Parker.

Councilman Romberg then briefly addressed the council with some information regarding signage.

The first item was an update on TTHM aeration removal test project. Mr. Bob Schmidt with O'Malley Strand Associates gave a report on the aeration project, which the city recently undertook to determine the effectiveness of the process to reduce the TTHM levels in the water system. Mr. Schmidt mentioned that the City had been cited for exceeding the four quarter running average of 0.08 mg/l at the 3011 Cedar Creek Drive test location the last four quarters. As a result of this, it is the recommendation of Strand Associated to install aeration equipment in the ground storage tank at the Horton Street Pump Station as Phase 1 of the TTHM control project to achieve compliance in the upper pressure plane. The Horton Street Pump Station will also require the installation of a chlorination system to boost the chlorine after the anticipated loss of chlorine resulting from aeration. The second TTHM test location at 1040 E. Eblin has exceeded the four quarter running average limit twice in the last four quarters, but has not exceeded it in the last two quarters. Due to this information, Strand Associates recommends that Phase 2-A of the TTHM reduction project consist of installation of aeration equipment in the ground storage tank at either Pump Station H or Pump Station G in the middle pressure plane to

lower the TTHM levels at the 1040 Eblin street test site. Due to the fact that there are multiple wells and pump stations supplying the middle pressure plane Strand Associates is proposing to do more evaluation during the final design of Phase 2-A to determine the optimum location for aeration equipment. Also, as multiple wells and pump stations supply the middle pressure plane a second aeration system (Phase 2-B) may be needed in this pressure plane.

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing staff to proceed with TTHM removal project. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve staff's request to proceed with the recommendation to install equipment at the Horton Street Pump Station. Motion Carried.

The next item was report and discussion on the General Service Committee Sign review process. Staff and members of the General Services Committee reviewed with council the activities the committee has undertaken the past several months regarding the regulation of signs in our community. This item is being presented for discussion only at this time and will be brought back in February for formal consideration. The committee has met several times over the past months in trying to obtain community input regarding the regulation of signs. The initial scope of the discussion was to review all signage and after considerable work it was decided to focus the issue on a few key points: electronic message signs; general sign provisions regulations focusing on number of signs; sign maintenance standards; and which type of signs should be prohibited in our community. The committee is seeking input from council regarding the sign regulation issue, specifically the regulation of electronic messaging signs, the placement of the electronic messaging signs if allowed, and the length of time a message must appear before it can be changed. During the public petition part of the meeting council heard comments from individuals regarding this issue.

The next item was to discuss and or consider Order Calling for Election of City Officers. Discutir y/o considerer la autorizacion para La Orden de Eleccion de Representantes del Consejo Municipal. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Bonnie Busch to approve the Order Calling for Election of City Officers. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider final replat request from Glenn & Dorothy Koether to subdivide property located within the 600 Block of E. Colorado St. A request was received from Glenn & Dorothy Koether to replat their property located within the 600 Block of E. Colorado St., 'Reserve A' will be approximately 2.367 Acres and 'Lot 1' will be approximately 118' X 184'. There were 27 letters sent to all property owners within a 200' radius of this address asking if they are in favor of or opposed to this replat request. There were nine (9) letters returned in favor of granting this request, one (1) letter returned with no vote marked, and seventeen (17) letters not returned.

MOTION Councilman Romberg, **SECOND** Councilmember Busch to approve this replat request. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

None

City Manager Update

The quarterly bulk pickup will be held on February 4th.
Main Street will host another ‘Mornings with Main Street’ in April.
‘Community Volunteer Day’ will be held on March 31, 2017.

Chief of Police Report

LGISD has hired a new school resource officer.

At 7:37 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **SECOND** by Councilman Eilert that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

John J. Cernosek, Mayor Pro tem