

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – July 11, 2016

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, July 11, 2016 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Mayor Pro tem John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilman Arnold Romberg and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Councilmember Deborah Bradley and Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn were absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief Jackie Skelton, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Tom Hudson, Donald Galow, and Jeff Wick

Mayor Janet Moerbe called the meeting to order. Mayor Moerbe, on behalf of the city council expressed condolences to Councilman Pat Janca upon the death of his mother. Mayor Moerbe also asked all to remember the police department in Dallas after the attack on their department which resulted in the death of 5 policemen and the injury of several others this past week.

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

The first item was to discuss and or consider awarding the bid for the 2016 Street Reclaiming and Seal Coating project to H&C Construction. Staff is recommending that the 2016 seal coating and reclaiming project be awarded to H & C Construction in the amount of \$156,740.50. Additional information was provided by Mr. Gary Skalka, Purchasing Agent for the city of La Grange. The funding for this project was included in the FY 2015-16 Capital Improvement Fund Budget. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider allocation of funding to social service agencies. In the FY 2015-2016 budget council allocated \$24,500 to local social service agencies. In FY 2014-2015 the City of La Grange provided a total of \$24,500 to local social services agencies. The funds were allocated as follows; Combined Community Action - \$6,000; Capital Area Rural Transportation - \$6,000; Family Crisis Center - \$5,000; Court Appointed Special Advocates - \$4,000; The Children's Advocacy Center - \$3,500. All of the organizations that have requested funding provide needed and valuable services to the community. Staff recommends the funds be allocated as follows: Capital Area Rural Transportation - \$6,000; Family Crisis Center - \$5,000; Combined Community Action - \$6,000; Court Appointed Special Advocates - \$4,000; and the Children's Advocacy Center - \$3,500. **MOTION** Councilmember Arnold Romberg, **SECOND** Councilmember Bonnie Busch to allocate funding for the social services agencies as per staff's recommendation. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider review of sign ordinance. Staff is bringing back for discussion the establishment of a committee to review the sign ordinance. The council discussed sending the sign ordinance to committee for additional discussion. Staff would recommend that the council utilize the existing General Services Committee to review the sign ordinance instead of establishing a separate committee. The committee would obtain input from interested parties and the community in reviewing the sign ordinance. **MOTION** Councilman Romberg, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider the reappointment of Mary Voss as a Director of Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation 1 for an additional term to expire on August 15, 2022.

The next item was to discuss and or consider the reappointment of Glen Pape as a Director of Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation II for an additional term to expire on August 15, 2022. **MOTIOIN** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to approve the reappointment of Mary Voss as Director of Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation I, and the reappointment of Glen Pape as Director of Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation II with the term to expire on August 15, 2022 on both reappointments. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of June 2016 minutes. **MOTION** Councilman Janca, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

#### Chief Of Police

Please keep Dallas in your thoughts and prayers after the recent tragedy there. DNA was still able to be obtained from the skull which was discovered in January 2015. This case has been solved thru DNA. There is a suspect in custody from cases which involved the "TMI Gang" this group was responsible for the Guadalajara Restaurant burglary along with several cases involving cars being keyed, and others.

#### City Manager

The summer reading program continues to have a great turn out for the weekly programs. Main Street will host the final movie night on the square this Friday. Information will be going out to the public regarding water conservation. With one well being out of operation, staff is trying to educate the public prior to restrictions being necessary. Sign up for the after school program at the Randolph Recreation center will be in early August. Staff is working thru transportation concerns with La Grange ISD. Sales Tax was up by almost 8% this last month.

Utility usage was flat for the prior month.  
Staff continues to work with Strand Engineering to formulate a plan to assist with the trihalomethane concerns.

At 6:28 PM as pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel Matters, council went into closed executive session to discuss the Chief of Police selection and hiring process.

At 6:52 PM Council went into Open Session. There was no action required.

At 6:53 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