

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – July 8, 2019

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, July 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, Councilmember Jan Dockery, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilman Ken Taylor, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Asst. City Manager Frank Menefee, Sgt. Travis Anderson, Officer Curtis Zwahr and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Neale Rabensburg, Mike Mabry, Sherrie Tolbert, Tom Hudson, Ralph Rosenberg, Larry Jackson, Barbara Brauner and others.

Mayor Moerbe called the meeting to order. Next were pledges to the US and Texas Flags. Councilman Ken Taylor then gave the invocation.

Under petitions, Ken Dernehl, Larry Jackson, A. Neale Rabensburg, and Tom Hudson spoke.

CONSENT AGENDA

Discuss and or Consider approval on Second Reading An Ordinance Amending Section 3.02.001, Article 3.02, Building Code, Chapter 3, Code Of Ordinances, City Of La Grange, Texas, By Replacing The 2003 Edition Of The International Building Code, Published By The International Code Council, Inc., With The International Building Code, 2018 Edition, As Amended And As In Force And Effect As Of The Date Of This Amendment To Section 3.02.001, As The Rules And Regulations To Govern And To Be Observed And Followed In The City Of La Grange, Texas; And Establishing An Effective Date.

Discuss and or Consider approval on Second Reading An Ordinance Amending Section 5.03.001, Article 5.03, Fire Code, Chapter 5, Fire Prevention And Protection, Code Of Ordinances, City Of La Grange, Texas, By Adopting The International Fire Code, 2018 Edition, As Amended And As In Force And Effect As Of The Date Of This Amendment To Section 5.03.001, As The Rules And Regulations To Govern And To Be Observed And Followed In The City Of La Grange, Texas And Establishing An Effective Date.

Discuss and or Consider approval on Second Reading An Ordinance Amending Section 3.04.031, Article 3.04, Plumbing, Division 2, Plumbing Code, Chapter 3, Building Regulations, Code Of Ordinances, City Of La Grange, Texas, By Adopting The International Plumbing Code, 2018 Edition, As Amended And As In Force And Effect As Of The Date Of This Amendment To Section 3.04.031, As The Rules And Regulations To Govern And To Be Observed And Followed In The City Of La Grange, Texas And Establishing An Effective Date.

Discuss and or Consider approval on Second Reading An Ordinance Amending Section 3.05.001, Article 3.05, Mechanical Code, Chapter 3, Building Regulations, Code Of Ordinances, City Of La Grange, Texas, By Adopting The International Mechanical Code, 2018 Edition, As Amended And As In Force And Effect As Of The Date Of This Amendment To Section 3.05.001, As The Rules And Regulations To Govern And To Be Observed And Followed In The City Of La Grange, Texas And Establishing An Effective Date.

Discuss and or Consider approval on Second Reading An Ordinance Amending Section 3.06.001, Article 3.06 Fuel Gas Code, Chapter 3, Building Regulations, Code Of Ordinances, City Of La Grange, Texas, By Adopting The International Fuel Gas Code, 2018 Edition, As Amended And As In Force And Effect As Of The Date Of This Amendment To Section 3.06.001, As The Rules And Regulations To Govern And To Be Observed And Followed In The City Of La Grange, Texas And Establishing An Effective Date.

Discuss and or Consider approval on Second Reading An Ordinance Amending Section 3.08.001, Article 3.08 Residential Code, Chapter 3, Building Regulations, Code Of Ordinances, City Of La Grange, Texas, By Adopting The International Residential Code, 2018 Edition, As Amended And As In Force And Effect As Of The Date Of This Amendment To Section 3.08.001, As The Rules And Regulations To Govern And To Be Observed And Followed In The City Of La Grange, Texas And Establishing An Effective Date.

Discuss and or Consider approval on Second Reading An Ordinance Amending Section 3.09.001, Article 3.09 Property Maintenance Code, Chapter 3, Building Regulations, Code Of Ordinances, City Of La Grange, Texas, By Adopting The International Property Maintenance Code, 2018 Edition, As Amended And As In Force And Effect As Of The Date Of This Amendment To Section 3.09.001, As The Rules And Regulations To Govern And To Be Observed And Followed In The City Of La Grange, Texas And Establishing An Effective Date.

Discuss and or Consider approval on Second Reading An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Code Of Ordinances, City Of La Grange, Texas, Building Regulations, By Adding A New Article, Article 3.16, To Be Named Existing Buildings Code, And Adopting The 2018 Edition Of The Existing Buildings Code Published By The International Code Council, Inc., As The Rules And Regulations To Govern And To Be Observed And Followed In The City Of La Grange, Texas; And Establishing An Effective Date.

Discuss and or Consider approval on Second Reading An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Code Of Ordinances, City Of La Grange, Texas, Building Regulations, By Adding A New Article, Article 3.17, To Be Named Swimming Pool And Spa Code, And Adopting The 2018 Edition Of The Swimming Pool And Spa Code Published By The International Code Council, Inc., As The Rules And Regulations To Govern And To Be Observed And Followed In The City Of La Grange, Texas; And Establishing An Effective Date.

Discuss and or Consider approval on Second Reading An Ordinance Amending Section 3.15.01, State Energy Code Adopted, Article 3.15 Energy Codes, Chapter 3, Building Regulations, Code Of Ordinances, City Of La Grange, Texas, By Adopting The International Energy Conservation Code, 2018 Edition, In Place Thereof As In Force And Effect As Of The Date Of This Amendment To Section 3.15.001, As The Rules And Regulations To Govern And To Be Observed And Followed In The City Of La Grange, Texas And Establishing An Effective Date.

Discuss and or Consider approval on Second Reading An Ordinance Amending Section 3.03.031, Article 3.03, Electricity, Division 2., Electrical Code, Code Of Ordinances, City Of La Grange, Texas, By Adopting The National Electrical Code, NFPA 70, 2017 Edition, As Amended And As In Force And Effect As Of The Date Of This Amendment To Section 3.03.031, As The Rules And Regulations To Govern And To Be Observed And Followed In The City Of La Grange, Texas And Establishing An Effective Date.

Discuss and or Consider approval of June 2019 minutes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Weishuhn and seconded by Councilman Janca to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Busch for, Mayor Pro tem Cernosek for, Councilmember Dockery for, Councilman Eilert for, Councilman Janca for, Councilman Taylor for, Councilmember Weishuhn for, Councilmember Zbrank for. Motion carried 8-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

A Public Hearing on Annexation of Hope Hill Development was opened at 6:24 PM. This was the first of two required public hearings. Many individuals in attendance as well as council members participated during the Public Hearing. The hearing was closed at 6:59 PM.

Discuss and or consider approval of allocation of funding to social services agencies. In the FY 2018-2019 budget council allocated \$26,000 to local social service agencies. In FY 2017-2018 the City of La Grange provided a total of \$26,000 to local social services agencies. The funds were 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 - \$5,000. Staff recommends the funds be allocated as follows: Capital Area Rural Transportation - \$5,500, Family Crisis Center - \$5,500, Combined Community Action - \$7,000, Court Appointed Special Advocates For Children - \$4,000, and The Children's Advocacy Center - \$5,000. All of these organizations provide needed and valuable services to the community. Motion Councilman Eilert, Second Councilmember Zbranek to fund these requests as recommended. Motion carried.

Discuss and or consider approval of updated Resolution authorizing submission of EDA Disaster Assistance grant and providing for grant matching funds. In April council authorized the submission of a grant application to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Disaster Assistance 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. Our grant application is being recommended for funding in the amount of \$1.5 million. The final approval is not expected until the end of August. The 71 West corridor was identified as a growth area in the city master plan. The cost estimate for the project is \$2,400,000 and would require a local match of \$800,000. The grant match is \$375,000 and the investment of \$525,000 in additional capital funds to complete the project as designed. Staff is proposing that the match funds be made available from an investment of \$400,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund and \$400,000 from the EDC paid out over 4 years. The EDC has included the initial payment of \$100,000 in the FY 2019-20 Budget. The extension of wastewater west is a long-term investment that will allow for future economic development in an established growth corridor. This project aligns with Goal 4.1 in the Comprehensive Plan in that we are encouraging prosperous commercial and industrial development o the City's periphery. Motion Councilmember Weishuhn, Second Councilmember Zbranek to approve the updated resolution and authorize the submission of the grant. Motion carried. Attachment #1

Chief of Police Update

Chief Gilbreath is at school and in his absence Sgt. Anderson provided an update. A burglary which occurred in the early morning hours of July 4th is being investigated by the department. Training continues with individual officers.

City Manager Update

Electric Sales and Water Sales are down. On the CDBG-DR monies, work continues with the county and the city. There will be a job fair held at the Historic Casino Hall on Tuesday with 25 businesses participating, which was the maximum number allowed. This is event is a combined effort with Workforce Solutions. The Summer Reading Club is going very well. This week the Fire Department will be their program at the library, and next week there will be a bicycle stunt team focusing on safety and this program will be at the Historic Casino Hall Parking lot. Bulk pickup will be on July 20th. Sign-up for the after-school program at the Recreation Center will be held on August 7th. Use of the Splash Pad continues to be in high demand. Staff is still in the process of gathering information for shade structure for the park.

At 7:14 pm a Motion was made by Councilman Taylor, Second by Councilman Eilert that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

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 \$1,875,000 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 \$375,000 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 8th day of July, 2019.



Janet Moerbe

Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Oltmann

City Secretary