

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – June 11, 2018

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, June 11, 2018 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 Ken Taylor, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief David Gilbreath, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Pastor J. Paul Bruhn and others.

Mayor Moerbe called the meeting to order. Pastor J. Paul Bruhn of First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider City Council Committee appointments. Mayor Moerbe recommended that the City Council Committee appointments be as follows: General Services Committee-Ken Taylor-Chair, Pat Janca, Violet Zbranek, and Bonnie Busch; Utility Enterprise Committee-John Eilert-Chair, Deborah Bradley, Kathy Weishuhn, and John Cernosek; Tourism Partnership Grant Committee-Bonnie Busch-Chair, Ken Taylor, and John Cernosek; Main Street Committee-Kathy Weishuhn; Library/Airport-John Cernosek; Beautification-Deborah Bradley. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Bradley to approve the appointments as recommended. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a Resolution authorizing and approving creation of Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation IV and approving Certificate of Formation and By-Laws therefor and appointing directors thereof. In an effort to expand the operation of the Texas Municipal Gas Program there is a need to create another public facility corporation. The new corporation will be created in the same manner as Tex Gas I, Tex Gas II, and Tex Gas III. Council considered a resolution creating the corporation and the by-laws and the articles of incorporation for Tex Gas IV. Part of the process to create the new public facility corporation the council will also need to appoint the initial four members to the board of directors. It is recommended that Janetta Morris, John J. Cernosek, Janet Moerbe, and Cliff Gage be appointed to the Tex Gas IV Board of Directors. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilman Janca to approve the resolution authorizing and approving the creation of Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation IV and approving Certificate of Formation and By-Laws and appointing directors thereof. Motion carried. **Insert #1.**

The next item was a report on the City Hall Remodel Project. The La Grange City Hall was constructed in 1965 and has had very few improvements since that time. In 2017, the city engaged the services of Cutright and Allen to assist in a Design Study for the renovation and expansion of City Hall. The key issues that we tried to address in the study include the following: Mechanical-The building does not cool or heat uniformly,

Systems are over 50 years old; Accessibility-Become compliant with ADA for customers and staff; Functional Improvements-Need to develop a unified front office to serve customers, Need to limit access to the utility back office by the public. Improve office security; Recognize Future staff growth-add 2-3 offices, Provide multi-purpose meeting room that can serve staff and council. The current City Hall is 7,905 square feet, and this proposal will add 4,450 square feet for a new total of 12,355 square feet.

The next item was to discuss and or consider cancelling the July 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council Meeting. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve this resolution. Motion carried. **Insert #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request from La Grange ISD to waive all fees associated with improvements related to the recent bond issue. City Manager Raborn has spoken with LGISD Supt. Bill Wagner and Mr. Wagner is agreeable to offset the permit amounts against any costs we incur with La Grange ISD for current and future transportation services. It is council's desire to have this agreement in writing in order for future superintendentss and city managers to have documentation. Mayor Moerbe expressed her gratitude to the school for working with the city on this matter. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Janca to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of May 2018 minutes. **MOTION** Councilman Taylor, **SECOND** Councilmember Busch to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

#### City Council Committee Reports

The Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the Month to Debbie Zigal at 809 S. Franklin.

#### Chief of Police Update

Chief Gilbreath recently met with Sacred Heart Catholic Church and School regarding school safety. Additional information was provided to the school as relates to school safety.

#### City Manager Update

City Manager Raborn reviewed the Active Project Report with council. It was noted that bids are due for the water line upgrade project for the CDGB grant which includes replacing water lines in the 500-700 blocks of North College are due by June 21<sup>st</sup>. Water Well E is in the process of having repair work done and this should take approximately 4 weeks to complete. Water consumption will be closely monitored to see if Phase I of water conservation plan should be enacted. This phase is voluntarily watering every 4<sup>th</sup> day only between 8PM and 10AM. The street seal coating project is complete. Work continues on the sanitary sewer issues on the south side of the square, additional easements are being gathered at this time. Work began today on the parking lot for the

Splash Pad project. City Manager Raborn commended City Attorney Angela Beck for all the work which has been done for the property acquisition as relates to this project. City Manager Raborn also noted that the first FEMA reimbursement has been received in the amount of \$169,000 for Emergency Protective measures. Continue to work on debris removal; this has been signed off on as well as work which was done on electric and water. Minor work continues at Kruschel Park and work was just completed on the electronics at Water Well Station D and this will be a supplemental claim submitted to our insurance company. CAPCOG will hold another public hearing this week as part of their process in determining how funding is distributed for the community development block grant.

The first Movie Night on the Square this summer will be this Friday. Also, the summer reading program at the Library has started.

Mayor Moerbe noted that the VA Clinic had its Grand Opening last week, they are located in the Medical Professional building adjacent to the hospital.

At 6:42 pm a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Zbranek 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 – June 25, 2018**

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, June 25, 2018 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 Ken Taylor, 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: Henry Buscher, Barbara Buscher, Harvey Busch, Cole Stork, Velrie Prause, Sarah Mabry, Cleo Wenske, Ralph Rosenberg, Grady McGuill, Roger Bippert and others.

Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek called the meeting to order. Pastor Dennis Hill of The Remnant Church gave the invocation.

A Public Hearing on awarding lease of city properties of Oil, Sulphur and Hydrocarbons was opened at 6:03 PM. There were no comments from the public. City Manager Raborn noted that this is in reference to lease 11 tracts of city property which contains 140.2441 acres. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:05 PM.

The next item was to discuss and or consider awarding lease of city properties of Oil, Sulphur, and Hydrocarbons to Polaris E&P, LLC. There was one bid received to lease 11 tracts of city owned property which contains 140.2441 acres. This bid was from Polaris E&P, LLC, the royalty is 1/5 for, the term is for 3 years, and a bonus net per acre of \$400.00. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilman Ken Taylor to award the lease to Polaris E&P LLC. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request to block off the 100 block of South Washington on Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM until 8 PM. A request was received from Kristen Denham at Bodega and Mindy Davis at the Prickly Pear to close the 100 block of South Washington Street on Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM for a benefit event. A local resident was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and she also lost her home from flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey. Despite facing not just one, but two devastating blows, she has kept an amazingly positive and inspirational attitude and the owners of Bodega and Prickly Pear want to help her family out. They have chosen Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM to have a benefit and are requesting that we block off the 100 block of South Washington for the event. **MOTION** Councilman Pat Janca, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider updating the agreement with La Grange ISD regarding School Resource Officer to include an additional School Resource Officer. Staff presented for council consideration the renewal of the agreement between La Grange ISD and the City of La Grange regarding the school resource officer position. The city and La Grange ISD have been partners in the program since 2007 and are very pleased with the role that the school resource officer plays in our community. Mr. Brian Adams is the current school resource officer and he provides a vital service to the department and La Grange ISD. La Grange ISD is proposing to add an additional school resource officer at the Hermes/Intermediate Campus. The new agreement reflects the additional officer. The financial impact in the FY 2018-2019 is estimated to be \$20,800 for the additional officer. The term of the agreement is for five years with a thirty day out clause. Costs are allocated 75% school and 25% city as the officer works for the city during the school breaks. **MOTION** Councilman Janca, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Motion carried. **Attachment #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider expressing opposition to the Capital Area Council of Governments Method of Distribution for Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program funds as it relates to the Local Infrastructure Program. The La Grange zip code 78945 has been identified by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a most impacted area and will receive direct allocation of funds under the Homeowner Assistance Program and the Local Buyout/Acquisition Program as proposed by the General Land Office (GLO). The GLO developed State Action did not include a direct allocation of funds to the 78945 zip code but made an allocation of \$4,305,474 and directed the COG to develop a method of distribution to allocate the funds. In the Method of Distribution (MOD) proposed by

CAPCOG no funds were allocated to the 78945 zip and only 22% of the available funds were allocated to that portion of Fayette County outside of the 78945 zip code. Staff requests council to oppose the proposed MOD and recommend that CAPCOG allocate the funds to the most impacted areas as defined by HUD. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Taylor to approve staffs request to oppose the propose MOD and recommend that CAPCOG allocate the funds to the most impacted areas as defined by HUD. Motion carried.

Chief of Police Update

There were a number of thefts and disturbances the past week. One officer has resigned this past week and we are actively seeking to have the position filled.

City Manager Update

Garbage and recycling services will run the normal schedule during the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Safari Greg will be at the Library on June 27<sup>th</sup> as part of the summer reading program.

The budget workshop was then held. Some of the proposed projects and areas of attention include administration working on FEMA funded projects and other Hurricane Harvey related projects and activities. Also to evaluate an upgrade to existing police vehicle camera systems, annual street reclaim project in Spring 2019, evaluate installation of Columbarium at the Cemetery, complete minor facility facelift-West Gym and Restrooms at the Randolph Recreation Center, continue planning process to renovate City Hall. Expand the grant programs with the Community and Economic Development Program to include Security Grants, complete installation of the Story Walk in the Park, look into advanced meter reading, repair/repaint/rehab various structures in the water department. The recycling program might need to be reevaluated due to the world wide concerns with the markets for recyclable materials.

Cole Stork then introduced himself to the council; he was in attendance as he is working on earning a badge for the scouts.

At 7:09 pm a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Bradley that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

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John J. Cernosek, Mayor Pro tem