

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – May 14, 2018

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The purpose of this meeting was to canvass election returns from the May 5, 2018 General Election. Escrutinio de votos de la elección general del 5 de mayo de 2018. There were a total of 61 votes counted with Jackie Skelton receiving 18 and Violet “Patsy” Zbranek receiving 43. Insert #1. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert; **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve the canvass. Motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

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Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – May 14, 2018

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Mayor Moerbe called the meeting to order. Pastor Marcia Kiefer of Shared Lutheran Ministries gave the invocation.

Under petitions, Leon Mueller addressed the council with questions about the Hope Hill project.

The first item was to discuss and or consider blocking off the square for summer movie nights. The Advisory Board of La Grange Main Street is requesting permission

for the closing of the following parking section to accommodate Move Nights on the Square (Friday, June 15, 2018, Friday, June 29, 2018 and Friday, July 20, 2018) for the safety of the public. 1. The inner parking area by the north entrance of the courthouse which will be utilized for the movie screen and equipment. The Advisory Board would like to begin blocking off the proposed streets at 5:00 pm for each Movie Night evening. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a Resolution Authorizing The Mayor Of The City Of La Grange, Texas, To Cause Notice Of Intention Of The City Of La Grange, Texas, To Lease Eleven (11) Tracts Of Land Consisting Of 140.24411 Acres Of Land Situated In The William H. Carson Survey, A-28, Survey 21, The John H Moore ½ League, A-71, And Fayette County School Land 1263 Acres Survey, A-183, Owned By The City Of La Grange, Fayette County, Texas, For Oil, Gas, Sulphur And Hydrocarbons Found In Suspension With Oil And Gas To Be Published; Providing For A Hearing On Such Notice For The Purpose Of Receiving And Opening Bids And Awarding Lease, Or Rejecting Any And All Bids, And In The Event Of Rejection Of All Bids, Authorizing The Mayor Of The City Of La Grange, Texas To Proceed A New For Lease Of Such Eleven (11) Tracts Of Land Owned By The City Of La Grange, Texas For Oil, Gas, Sulphur And Hydrocarbons Found In Suspension With Oil And Gas. The City was approached by a local land man regarding the leasing of city property for oil, gas, sulphur and hydrocarbons. The process we are following is the same as was done in 2000 and 1996 when the city leased a number of properties. As part of the process we are requiring in the public notice that the successful bidder pay for all costs associated with the publishing of the required legal notices. Staff recommends going out for bid to lease the tracts owned by the City of La Grange. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Taylor to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried.
Insert #1

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request from the Juneteenth Committee to close a portion of the square for the Juneteenth Celebration on June 9th. A request was received from the La Grange Juneteenth Committee to block off the inside loop of the square for the Juneteenth Celebration from 4:00 pm until 10:00 pm on Saturday, June 9th. In addition, the Juneteenth Parade will take place on the square at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 9th. Staff recommends approval of this request. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbrank, **SECOND** Councilman Janca to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss the 2018 Budget Schedule. City Manager Raborn will start meeting with department heads to discuss budget objectives in May. Second reading of the budget and the tax rate will be in September.

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

The next item was to discuss and or consider allocation of Tourism Funds. Councilmember Zbranek reported that the Tourism Grant Committee had met and reviewed two funding requests. One request was from the Juneteenth On The Square Committee in the amount of \$3,000 to advertise their event which will be held on June 9, 2018. One request was from the Juneteenth Committee in the amount of \$3,500 to be used to advertise their event which will be held on June 8 & 9, 2018. The committee recommends funding these requests as follows: Juneteenth On The Square in the amount of up to \$2,000 for advertising, and Juneteenth Committee in the amount of up to \$1,500 for advertising their event. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve funding as recommended by the committee. Motion carried.

City Council Committee Reports

The Beautification Committee awarded Yard Of The Month For May to Victor & Beverly Anders at 121 Northpointe Ave.

Chief Of Police Update

It is anticipated that the 2 new patrol cars should be out on patrol by next week. Chief Gilbreath and Mayor Moerbe recently attended a LCRA lower flood basin meeting. The police department has increased foot patrols at local hotels and motels. They continue to work on speeding on various city streets.

City Manager Update

The paving project continues in La Grange, at this time the reclaiming on the south side is complete. City Manager Raborn commended Mike Urban and his crew for all of the work they had done for the spring cleanup. At the Shred-It event which was recently held, there was 4.5 tons of paper/documents shredded. There were 18 weed letters sent out this past week to individuals with property in need of mowing.

At 6:23 pm a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Zbranek, with a **SECOND** by Councilman Taylor that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – May 29, 2018

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Mayor Moerbe called the meeting to order. Councilmember Deborah Bradley gave the invocation.

Under Petitions, Dr. Mike Mabry addressed the council requesting information on Hope Hill. He was informed that the project is in the design phase. Mr. Couch with FCDRT noted that there will be a Hope Hill Community Input meeting on June 4, 2018 at which time they are hoping to receive comment/input from individuals and encouraged people to attend.

The first item was to administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected city officers: Kathy Weishuhn-Councilmember Ward 1, Violet “Patsy” Zbranek-Councilmember Ward 2, Deborah Bradley – Councilmember Ward 3, John Eilert-Councilmember Ward 4.

The next item was to discuss and or consider selection of Mayor Pro tem. The Mayor Pro tem serves at the pleasure of the City Council, and in the absence or inability of the Mayor to perform the duties of office, the Mayor Pro tem performs the duties of the office and is vested with all of the powers conferred on the Mayor. **MOTION** Councilman Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to appoint John Cernosek as Mayor Pro tem. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a resolution recognizing the support, recognition and dedication as a Sister City by White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilman Eilert to approve the Resolution. Motion carried. Attachment #1

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request to block off the 700 block of East Colorado Street for a Back 2 School Festival on August 4th. The city received a request from the Annual Back 2 School Festival group to close the 700 block of East Colorado Street on Saturday, August 4th from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm for the first annual back 2 school festival. Staff recommends approval of this request. Tejas Health Clinic along with the United Methodist Church, Hermes Intermediate PTO and the La Grange Chamber of Commerce are working together to host this festival. **MOTION**

Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Bradley to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried.

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. A request was received from La Grange ISD requesting that the city waive the permit fees associated with the construction of all projects associated with the 2017 Bond Issue. The building permit fee associated with the improvements in \$18,000 based on an estimated construction budget of \$32,000,000. The mechanical, electrical and plumbing permits are estimated to total \$15,000. The fee waiver request is estimated to total \$33,000. This is only an estimate due to the fact that we have not yet been presented building plans for the new facilities. Staff, while supportive of the request, would like for the city to receive an offset for the value of the permit and fees that are being forgiven to be used against any costs we incur with La Grange ISD for current and future transportation services. Following discussion, **MOTION** Councilman Taylor, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to authorize City Manager to negotiate the fees and the city cost with La Grange ISD. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider amending the FY 2017-18 Equipment Fund Budget to purchase Police Vehicle. Staff is requesting council approval to amend the Equipment Fund Budget in the amount of \$35,000 for the purchase of a vehicle for the Police Department. The new vehicle will replace the 2016 Ford Explorer that was totaled due to a tree falling on the vehicle. We are currently working with our insurance carrier on the claim. The claim proceeds will offset a portion of the cost of the new vehicle. The current balance in the Equipment fund is \$640,027. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Busch to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider award of bid for Splash Pad. Staff is requesting approval of the improvements and additions to the Randolph Recreation Center. A layout of the improvements was reviewed by council. It is being recommended that the low bid in the amount of \$284,210 submitted by Watt's Pools be approved. Funds for this project were included in the FY 2017-18 Capital Fund Budget. Staff reviewed both a flow through system and a recirculation water system for the splash pad. While the flow-through system has a lower upfront cost the difference in cost will be offset in the long term by lower water consumption. The specs for the play structure are being finalized and will be obtained under a Buy Board contracted price. A layout and rendering of the proposed play scape were reviewed with council. The current estimate for the play structure is \$95,000. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Taylor to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried.

Chief of Police Update

Chief Gilbreath noted that the police vehicle which was totaled was a result of a tree falling on the parked vehicle. Investigator Stevens recently attended a Leadership Program in Huntsville. This was hosted by Law Enforcement Management of Texas. This is to bring up training in the ranks. The April monthly report was reviewed with council, it was noted that during April, the department worked 6 assaults, 18 disturbances, 12 civil matters, 25 suspicious activity calls, 17 thefts, 4 agency assists, and 4 CPS investigations. There were 15 Drivers License citations issued, they worked a total of 9 accidents, there were 43 animal control calls, 126 business checks, and 2 citizen assists.

City Manager Update

The city pool will open this Saturday. There will be a budget workshop on June 25.

At 6:34 PM as pursuant to Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney, council went into Executive Session for consultation with City Attorney regarding Tom Hudson, Individually and Jator, Inc. vs City of La Grange, TX No. 2017V-053.

At 6:45 PM Council went into Open Session. There was no action required at this time.

At 6:46 pm a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Eilert, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Zbranek that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

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