

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – November 9, 2020

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, November 9, 2020, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 155 E. Colorado St. with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek, Councilmember(s) Bonnie Busch, Councilmember Jan Dockery, Councilmember Quenten Gonzalez, Councilmember Pat Janca, Councilmember Ken Taylor, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police David Gilbreath, and City Secretary Janet Bayer. Visitors: John Menges, Candy O'Meara, and Nancy Applebe.

Mayor Moerbe called the meeting to order. Next were pledges to the US and Texas Flags. Pastor Candy O'Meara with St. Paul Lutheran Church gave the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Discuss and or Consider approval of October minutes.

A **Motion** was made by Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, **Second** Councilmember Taylor to approve the Consent Agenda item as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

Discuss and or Consider Preliminary Plat of property located at the North East corner of U.S. Highway 77 North and FM 2145, in the ETJ of the City of La Grange. The City received the Preliminary Plat from Craig Carney, P.E. of Carney Engineering, who is representing the owner of the property located at the North East corner of U.S. Hwy 77 and FM 2145. The site is the location of the new 72-unit La Grange Springs multi-family development. The new development is within the ETJ of the City of La Grange and is governed by our Subdivision Ordinance. The development consists of one 8-acre tract. The approval of the Preliminary Plat does not guarantee approval of the Final Plat, but authorizes the property owner to proceed to the development of the Final Plat. Construction on the new development is slated to begin the first part of January 2021. **Motion** Councilmember Janca, **Second** Councilmember Taylor to approve the Preliminary Plat of property located at the North East corner of U.S. Hwy 77 North and FM 2145 known as La Grange Springs. Motion carried 8-0.

Discuss and or Consider request to close streets for Schmeckenfest. The Advisory Board of La Grange Main Street is requesting permission for the closing of streets in downtown La Grange for the safety of the public to accommodate Schmeckenfest to be held Thursday, December 3rd. Councilmember and Main Street Committee Member Weishuhn stated that social distancing protocols will be followed along with a mask requirement. Booths will issue disposable tastings cups with lids this year, so nothing will be reused. The decision to move forward with this event following COVID-19 protocols was to bring back one event since so many have been cancelled. City Manager Shawn Raborn will get a more detailed list of all protocols being implemented to present to Council at the next meeting. **Motion** Councilmember Weishuhn, **Second** Councilmember Janca to approve closing streets for Schmeckenfest. Motion carried 7-1 with Councilmember Gonzalez voting against.

At 6:10 PM as pursuant to Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney, Council went into Closed Executive Session.

At 6:41 PM Council went into Open Session. No action was taken.

Review Active Project Report

City Manager Shawn Raborn went over various active projects. New electric poles and lines have been installed in response to the new river bridge on Hwy 71. The new river bridge drilling construction has

begun with the steel delivery anticipated in July of 2021. The overall timeline from TxDOT is expected to be 18 months. After the construction of the new bridge, the repair of the old bridge will begin. Supak Construction submitted the low bid for the upgrade of the water line between Well Station D and B in the amount of \$949,728.75. Construction should begin in January of 2021. Staff is working with BEFCO on the engineering of the wastewater line to the La Grange Springs project site at Hwy 77 North and FM 2145. We are working to have construction completed by fall of 2021. The replacement of traffic signals at 3 major intersections in town is on the December TxDOT letting schedule with signal replacements anticipated in January or February of 2021. The drainage portion of the Cedar Street storm drain project is complete. The shade structure, the butterfly garden, and the rain collection system at the Fayette Public Library park are all complete. The grant application for the development of a new park in the Hope Hill subdivision has been submitted with funding notification in March of 2021. The request for reimbursement for the balance of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) grant was submitted in October.

City Council Committee Reports

Mayor Pro tem Cernosek stated the Library Board recently met. Library Director Allison Mackenzie talked about the grant the Fayette Public Library received in partnership with the Seattle Public Library and the DC Public Library. The Seattle Public Library will lead the partnership with both the Fayette Public Library and the DC Public Library helping out. There will be no open house at the Library for Christmas this year. They are hoping to create a take-away goodie bag in response to COVID restrictions.

Chief of Police Update

Chief of Police Gilbreath stated La Grange PD received 401 calls in October. There were 23 accidents and 60 animal control calls. 102 Business checks were performed along with 6 trespassing calls. 4 calls for family violence were received in October.

City Manager Update

The end of year for the Recreation Center, the Historic Casino Hall, and the Fayette Public Library are looking very different as so many holiday party rentals have been canceled. The end of year Awards Banquet for City Staff will also look different. We will still issue service awards during a small ceremony then provide a to-go lunch with staff being given the afternoon off on Friday, December 18th. The General Services Committee is finalizing their review of the City Charter and will also be looking at City Council policies currently in place. The new fire truck should arrive in the next week or two. A purchase order was submitted for a new street sweeper last week. Upon its arrival, the old street sweeper would be placed on an online auction.

At 7:03 PM a **Motion** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **Second** by Councilmember Taylor that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Janet Bayer, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – November 23, 2020

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, November 23, 2020, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 155 E. Colorado St. with the following members present: Mayor Janet

Moerbe, Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek, Councilmember(s) Bonnie Busch, Councilmember Jan Dockery, Councilmember Quenten Gonzalez, Councilmember Ken Taylor, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Councilmember Pat Janca was absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police William Anderson, and Assistant City Secretary Mary Goerig. Visitors: Robbye Meyer and Candy O'Meara.

Mayor Moerbe called the meeting to order. Next were pledges to the US and Texas Flags. Pastor Candy O'Meara with St. Paul Lutheran Church gave the invocation.

REGULAR AGENDA

Discuss and or Consider Approval of the Final Plat of property located at the North East corner of U.S. Highway 77 North and FM 2145, in the ETJ of the City of La Grange. The City received the Final Plat from Craig Carney, P.E. of Carney Engineering, who is representing the owner of the property located at the North East corner of U.S. Hwy 77 and FM 2145. The site is the location of the new 72-unit La Grange Springs multi-family development. The new development is within the ETJ of the City of La Grange and is governed by our Subdivision Ordinance. The development consists of one 8-acre tract. Construction on the new development is slated to begin the first part of January 2021. **Motion** Councilmember Zbranek, **Second** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve the Final Plat of property located at the North East corner of U.S. Hwy 77 North and FM 2145 known as La Grange Springs. Motion carried 7-0.

Discuss and or Consider the reappointment of Glen Pape and Diana Stevens as Directors of TexGas I for an additional term to expire on August 15, 2027. **Motion** Councilmember Cernosek, **Second** Councilmember Taylor. Motion carried 7-0.

Discuss and or Consider the reappointment of Violet Zbranek as Director of MuniGas an additional term to expire on June 15, 2027. **Motion** Councilmember Taylor, **Second** Councilmember Dockery. Motion carried 7-0.

Review Active Project Report

City Manager Shawn Raborn went over various active projects.

City Council Committee Reports

No reports.

Chief of Police Update

Officer Anderson said everything is good.

Tour of New Fire Engine at the Fire Station given by Representatives of the LaGrange Volunteer Fire Department on what the new engine will be used for structural firefighting.

At 6:35 PM a **Motion** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **Second** by Councilmember Taylor that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Mary Goerig, Assistant City Secretary
These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor