

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – October 12, 2015

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, October 12, 2015 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Councilmember Deborah Bradley, Mayor Pro tem John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Councilman Arnold Romberg and Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn were absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, City Secretary Lisa Oltmann and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. There were no visitors present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Councilman John Eilert gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider authorizing staff to proceed with the development of a memorial dedication to Mr. Sherman Griffin at Northside Park. This item was brought back for council consideration to direct staff to proceed with the development of a memorial dedication to Sherman Griffin at Northside Park. Mr. Griffin was working at Northside Park and was attacked by a swarm of bees and passed away as a result of the attack on June 30, 2007. **MOTION** Councilman Eilert, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek for staff to proceed with the development of a memorial dedication. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a resolution making an appointment to the Fayette County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Mayor Moerbe is recommending to the council that Mr. Arnold Romberg be appointed to the Fayette County Tax Appraisal District as the representative of the City of La Grange for an additional two-year term ending December 31, 2017. **MOTION** Councilman Pat Janca, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek to approve a resolution appointing Mr. Romberg to the Fayette County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion carried. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider final replat of 1143 E. Fannin St. owned by Brandon Diggs. The City Council awarded preliminary approval to replat 1143 E. Fannin Street which is owned by Brandon Diggs on July 13, 2015. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Janca to approve this final replat request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider preliminary replat of property owned by Cheri Herbrich and Sandi Pennington located at 553 W. La Fayette Street and W. Colorado Street into 2 tracts. The City of La Grange received a request to divide the Herbrich/Pennington Property located at 553 W. La Fayette Street and West Colorado Street into 2 tracts. Each individual tract would meet or exceed the required lot dimensions. All property owners within a 200' radius of this location were asked if they

were in favor of or opposed to granting this request. There were twenty-six letters sent out with 9 in favor of the replat request; 1 not in favor of the replat request, and 16 owners did not reply. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve this preliminary replat request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of the September 2015 minutes. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilmember Deborah Bradley to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Mayor Moerbe then expressed her thanks and appreciation to all councilmembers who attended the various National Night Out Parties on October 6th.

City Council Committee Reports

The Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the Month to Mandy Anders at 237 E. Pecan Street.

Chief of Police Report

The burglary which was previously reported at Break Away has been solved along with the Sonic Drive In burglary. Chief Skelton followed up with Northwest Texas in regards to the infant skull which was sent there earlier this year for additional information; the skull is still waiting to be examined.

City Manager Report

This Saturday, October 17th will be the “Secure Document Shred day” Day to assist citizens in shredding documents which might have confidential information on them. Saturday has also been designated as Residential Bulk Curbside Pick-Up Day for hard to dispose of bulky items. Fall Cleanup will be October 19-24, 2015. The City will pick up one free load of brush during this week. Roll off containers will also be available to residential utility customers for hard to dispose of items at this time.

The Street Seal Coating project was finished last week.

The first pour for the Weikel-Schiller ditch project has been completed. There are three more pours required for this project.

Seitel Inc will begin “thumping” shortly to gather seismic data. This process should take approximately 4 days.

At 6:35 PM as pursuant to Section 551.072 Real Property, council went into closed executive session to discuss and or consider acquisition of real property.

At 6:50 PM Council went into Open Session.

MOTION Councilman Janca, **SECOND** Councilmember Bonnie Busch to authorize staff to proceed with the steps necessary to purchase of property. Motion carried.

At 6:52 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Zbranek, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Bradley that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – October 26, 2015

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, October 26, 2015 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Councilmember Deborah Bradley, Mayor Pro tem John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, City Secretary Lisa Oltmann and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Jeff Wick, Marcia Kifer, and Dick Wentzel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Pastor Marcia Kifer of Shared Lutheran Ministries gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider final replat of property owned by Cheri Herbrich and Sandi Pennington located at 553 W. LaFayette Street and W. Colorado Street into 2 tracts. The City Council awarded preliminary approval to this replat request on October 12, 2015. This item is now being brought back for final approval. There were no changes to the plan since it was originally submitted. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider the Mural Assistance Program. Staff brought this item back for council consideration. The Main Street staff intends to have the Mural Program utilize the same approval mechanisms already in place for our current grant programs-Sign & Paint and Façade. The process involves working directly with the Texas Historical Commission to facilitate the recommendations of appropriate color choice and content. We then, utilize the services of the design committee members to approve the recommendations and to make sure the proposed work is an appropriate fit for La Grange. The purpose of the Mural Grant Program is to provide financial and

design assistance to applicants to paint murals in the community. We do not currently have any requests for funding but wanted to develop a program that would encourage the future installations of murals in the community. After discussion, **MOTION** Councilman Arnold Romberg, **SECOND** Councilmember Bonnie Busch to table this item to allow staff to farther review the Mural Assistance Program. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request from La Grange ISD to waive permit fees on the stadium improvements. A request was received from La Grange ISD requesting that the City of La Grange waive the permit fees associated with the construction of the new Leopard Stadium. The building permit fee associated with the improvements is \$1,720 based on an estimated construction budget of \$1,000,000. The mechanical, electrical and plumbing permits are estimated to total \$1,500. The fee waiver request is estimated to total \$3,220. **MOTION** Councilman Romberg, **SECOND** Councilman Janca to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss implementation of a Parade Permit. This item was for discussion purposes only at this time. City Manager Raborn reviewed with council the development of a formal parade permit application. The draft permit application was reviewed. Historically the parade route has crossed the railroad tracks on N. Main Street, the railroad has previously stopped railroad traffic during the parade. This city was informed that the railroad will no longer stop railroad traffic during parades. The crossing on N. Main has at times created issues with some entries in the parade. This has led to the city looking into establishing a Parade Permit Application and also possibly establishing preferred parade routes. This item will be brought back to council at a later date.

The next item was to review annexation issues and options. City Manager Raborn reviewed the annexation process with the council.

City Council Committee Reports

Main Street will host Trick or Treat on the square on Friday, October 30th. They are also working on plans for Schmeckenfest.

City Manager Report

During the fall clean up week last week, the chipper broke and as a result the city has extended the fall clean up for a portion of this week.

During the “Shred It” Day held as part of the fall clean up, there was approximately 3500 pounds of paper collected and shredded.

The asbestos removal has begun at the old Ag Building on N. Jefferson Street which will be removed for the new parking lot for the Casino Hall.

At 6:40 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Zbranek that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

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Janet Moerbe, Mayor