

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – July 10, 2015

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, July 10, 2015 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Deborah Bradley, Mayor Pro tem John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Councilman Romberg, Councilmember Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief Jackie Skelton, and Assistant City Secretary Mary Goerig. Visitors: A Neale Rabensburg, Joan Lovell, Jason McBroom and Sharon Muzny.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Councilmember Deborah Bradley gave the invocation.

Under Public Petitions, Ms. Joan Lovell spoke on the delay in my reimbursement from the city. Mayor Moerbe said she would look into the matter. Mr. Neale Rabensburg also spoke about a Residential zoning ordinances verses variance requests. Mayor Moerbe said the variance had not come to council at this time but would check into the ordinances if the request is presented to council.

The first item was to discuss and or consider discuss and or consider Temporary Use Permit from Fayette County to replace the existing manufactured home at 740 E Camp Street with a new manufactured home. Letters were sent out to property owners within 200 feet of the proposed lot; one (1) letter was returned not in favor of special permit and one (1) in favor. The City of La Grange also has a vote since it owns property adjacent to 740 E Camp St. Therefore, the council also has a vote as an adjacent property owner to take into consideration when discussing and/or considering this request. As in the previous Temporary Special Use Permit considered by city council, staff once again recommends that the time period for this request not exceed 24 months. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider preliminary replat of 1143 E. Fannin St. owned by Brandon Diggs to sub-divide his property into 2 separate lots. Mr. Diggs has indicated that his intention to sell the house and lot located at the corner of E Fannin St & Horton St and remaining portion would be left an empty lot and add more yard space to his property at 465 N Horton. Letters were sent out to property owners within 200 feet of this location, seven (7) letters returned in favor and nine(9) were not returned and one additional letter was also returned in favor. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to approve the preliminary replat of 1143 E. Fannin St. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a Resolution adopting the updated Parks Master Plan. We are current conducting a survey of users of the Recreation Center and the community to obtain input that will be used to make sure the Parks Master Plan meets the needs of the community. Staff reviewed a draft plan as part of the meeting and will provide a copy of the final plan to council in August. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to approve the resolution to update the Parks Master Plan. Motion carried. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider discuss and or consider authorizing staff to proceed with Custom Creations Exhibits & Environments to design exhibit space for the Historic Casino Hall. Staff is requesting council authorization to enter into an agreement with Custom Creations Exhibits & Environments to design and fabricate information panels for the Casino Hall Visitor's Center Exhibits with total project estimated to be \$48,700. The funds to develop and install the exhibit were included in the 2014-2015 Hotel/Motel Fund Budget. **MOTION** Councilman Romberg, **SECOND** Councilman Janca to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider City Depository bid for banking services. The City of La Grange received two bids from two local financial institutions to provide the City with banking services for the next two years. The institutions submitting bids were Fayetteville Bank and National Bank & Trust. Staff recommends awarding the Banking Services Bid to National Bank & Trust. **MOTION** Councilman Pat Janca, **SECOND** Councilman Romberg to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider allocation of funding to social service agencies. Staff recommends the funds to be 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 - \$3,500. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Arnold Romberg to approve staff's funding recommendations. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider City Council Committee appointments. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried. **INSERT #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider the reappointment of Bill Jones as a Director of Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation I for an additional term to expire on August 15, 2021.

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The next item was to discuss and or consider reappointment of Violet Zbranek to the Board of Directors for Municipal Acquisition and Supply Corporation for an additional term to expire on June 15, 2021. Staff is requesting that Mr. Bill Jones and Mr. Glen Pape be reappointed to the Tex Gas I Board of Directors with a term to expire on August 15, 2021 and that Ms. Violet Zbranek be reappointed to the MuniGas Board of Directors with a term to expire on June 15, 2021. **MOTION** Councilman Pat Janca, **SECOND** Councilman Romberg to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider Tax Refund to Butt H E Grocery Co. due to court order. The City of La Grange portion of this refund is \$ 2,057.39 Staff recommends approving request. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Romberg to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider Tax Refund to Ron Hunt due to DVHS exemption. A tax refund request is due to the proration of a DVHS exemption for 2014 tax year. The City of La Grange portion of this refund is \$326.42. Staff recommends approving request. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem John Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for June, 2015. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to approve the minutes for June, 2015 as presented. Motion carried

City Council Committee Reports

The Beautification Committee met and awarded yard of the month to Gregory Covington at 601 E Upperline.

John Eilert attended the MS 150 meeting and received a plaque for the City of La Grange.

Main Street will be having their last Movie for the summer on July 17.

Chief of Police Report

Chief reported on different Theft and Drug incidents in the area.

City Manager Report

Swimming Pool would be closed Thursday – Sunday due to shortage of Lifeguards.

August 3 –Housing Meeting @ 5:15

August 5 – Sign up for after school at Rec Center.

At 6:45 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Eilert, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Weishuhn that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Mary Goerig, Assistant City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor