

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – September 8, 2014

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, September 8, 2014 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Deborah Bradley, Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police Jackie Skelton and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Jeff Wick, Gary Gauci, Rob Reyes, Grace Hatch, Gloria Wolford, D. Ellis, Nelson & Ida Mae Darden, E. Moore, Jeff Kelly and Eva Caine.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Councilman Arnold Romberg gave the invocation.

The first item was a Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate. The Public Hearing was opened at 6:01PM. As part of the annual budget process, we are required to hold two public hearings on setting the proposed tax rate. This is the second of the two public hearings. Staff is proposing to set the tax rate at \$0.2157, which is 4.22% above the effective tax rate of \$0.2070. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:03 PM.

The next item was to discuss Memorial Highway designation and consider calling for a public hearing. In May, the council heard a request from Mr. Jeff Kelly to name a street in honor of Dr., Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Kelly proposed renaming State Highway 77 in town as a Memorial Highway in recognition of Dr. King. City Manager Raborn noted that under the Memorial Highway designation program signs are installed at both ends of the road segment that is being designated, but does not change the addresses of the businesses or residents. Ms. Marek, with the TxDOT Yoakum District, mentioned to Mr. Raborn that the cost to design and install the signs was estimated at \$2,000. The cost is bore by the requesting entity and must be remitted prior to the project starting. Staff is proposing that prior to making a decision on the establishment of the Memorial Highway that the council may want to hold a public hearing on the matter. If council concurs with the scheduling of the public hearing, staff would suggest that the hearing be held as part of the October 13th City Council meeting. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Arnold Romberg that a public hearing be held on October 13, 2014 at 6 PM. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a Replat Request from Adolfo & Veronica Garza to subdivide 758 S. Washington into 2 lots. Council granted preliminary approval of this request at the August 25, 2014 meeting. If subdivided, these 2 lots would meet the requirements for lot size within the City of La Grange. **MOTION** Councilman Calvin Kuehn, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek to approve this replat request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a Replat Request from Gerald & Barbara Tieken to combine two lots into one at the corner of Lindert Street & Overbay Street. Council gave preliminary approval to this request at the August 11, 2014 meeting. If the two lots are combined into one lot, a 150.50' X 80.06' lot would be created. This would then meet the required lot size within the City of La Grange. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve this replat request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing staff to negotiate an updated service agreement with Republic Services. Our current agreement with Republic Services for solid waste service will expire in December of this year. The City of La Grange has contracted with Republic Services for solid waste collection service since December of 1993. Republic has proposed to continue to include 8 free roll off containers per year that we utilize for the Fall and Spring Cleanup Events. Every other week comingled curbside recycling service will be included in the current residential rate. Each household will receive a 96 gallon recycling cart. Commercial rates will decrease by 20% on average and will be frozen for 36 months. Beginning in January 2018 the rates will be adjusted 3% per year. Under the new agreement, Republic Services will provide bulk waste collection on a quarterly basis to each household as part of the current residential rate. Future rate modifications will be set at 3% per year. Staff is requesting council authorization to proceed with the development of the new contract with Republic Services that will be brought back for formal consideration by the end of October. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Kuehn to approve staff's request. Motion carried. Thanks was extended to TDS for coming and expressing interest in providing this service.

The next item was a Public Hearing on the Budget. Mayor Moerbe opened this Public Hearing at 6:16 PM. As part of the annual budget process we are required to hold a public hearing on the adoption of the FY 2014-2015 operating budget for the City of La Grange. The total budget is \$12,196,766, this includes a General Budget Fund of \$2,946,426, Utility Fund budget of \$9,080,260, and a Debt Service Fund of \$170,080. There being no additional comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:18 PM.

The next item was to discuss and or consider on First Reading an Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of La Grange for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015; appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the City's indebtedness; and adopting the annual budget of the City of La Grange for the 2014-2015 fiscal year which includes the General Fund, the Utility Enterprise Fund and the La Grange Economic Development Corporation Budget. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve this ordinance on first reading. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Bradley in favor; Mayor Pro tem Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Janca in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; and Councilmember Zbranek in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

The next item was to discuss and or consider on First Reading an Ordinance levying Ad Valorem taxes for use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of La Grange, Texas for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid; providing for the levy and collection of occupation taxes. Staff is presenting for council consideration an ordinance establishing the tax rate to support the FY 2014-2015 annual budget. A property tax rate of \$0.2157 per \$100 valuation is proposed to fund the FY 2014-2015 Budget. Of this rate, \$0.1519 will be for maintenance and operations. The balance of \$0.0638 is for debt service. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve this ordinance on first reading. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Bradley in favor; Mayor Pro tem Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Janca in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; and Councilmember Zbranek in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

The next item was to review the Quiet Zone Project and schedule a public hearing. In May of last year the council held a public hearing on the development of the quiet zone. A quiet zone means that train operators are relieved of a federal rule that requires that whistles be sounded (horns blown) every time the train approaches an at-grade crossing any time during the day or night. Train engineers may still sound their horns for an incident when in their judgment, horn sounds are needed for warning. However, sounding horns would not be required and heard on a regular basis, 24 hours a day as before. Since that time, approval was received to proceed with the implementation of the quiet zone. It has been determined that the cost to implement the project will be approximately \$45,000. In order to implement the quiet zone the city will have to install safety improvements at all grade crossing. The safety improvements that are being proposed will require the installation of a non-traversable median at all grade crossings. Staff is proposing that council consider one additional public hearing to obtain community input prior to making the final decision to proceed with the implementation of the quiet zone or to table the project at this time. **MOTION** Councilmember Deborah Bradley, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to hold a Public Hearing on October 27, 2014 regarding the Quiet Zone Project. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider awarding bid for Weikel- Schiller Ditch improvements. Staff is recommending that the Weikel-Schiller Drainage Improvement Project be awarded to Boettcher-Hlavinka Co. of East Bernard in the amount of \$129,400.50. The project will be funded by budgeted Capital Improvement funds. BEFCO Engineering presided over the bid openings held on Thursday, August 28, 2014 for this project. There were three (3) bid received , Hlavinka Construction Co. in the amount of \$129,400.50; M & C Fonseca Constr. Co., Inc. in the amount of \$148,172.00; and L. & F. Constr. Mgmt., Inc. in the amount of \$198,559.56. BEFCO recommends that the City of La Grange award the contract, in the amount of \$129,400.50 for the base bid, to Hlavinka Construction Co. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek,

SECOND Councilman Pat Janca to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried.
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The next item was to discuss and or consider Second & Final Reading of An Ordinance of the City Council Of the City Of La Grange, Texas, Amending Chapter 1, General Provisions, Of the CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS By Adding A New Article, Article 1.13, Entitled "City Owned Recreational Facilities, Entertainment Venues, Meeting Facilities And Parks," And Establishing A Curfew On All City Owned Recreational Facilities, Entertainment Venues, Meeting Facilities and Parks Between The Hours Of 12:01A.M. And 5:00 A.M.; Prohibiting Any Person From Going To Or Being Upon Any Such City Owned Park Or Recreational Facility During Said Hours; Providing Exceptions For City Sponsored Recreational, Entertainment, Meeting And Park Events, And For Such Events Sponsored By Persons Or Organizations For Which City Has Pre-Approved the Extended Hours Of The Event During The Prohibited Hours And Has Pre-Approved Such Security Measures to Be Provided By Such Persons Or Organizations In Order To Ensure The Public Health, Peace, Safety and Welfare Of Persons In Attendance At Such Events; Providing That Any Person Who Violates Or Fails To Comply With This Ordinance Shall Be Guilty Of A Class C Misdemeanor; Providing For A Penalty Of A Fine Not To Exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) For The Violation Hereof; And Establishing An Effective Date. Staff presented for council consideration an ordinance that will establish a curfew on city owned parks and facilities. The ordinance establishes a curfew from 12:00 a.m. until 5:00 a.m. on city parks and facilities. The ordinance does allow for extended hours at events held at City owned facilities with prior authorization. **MOTION** Councilman Romberg, **SECOND** Councilman Kuehn to approve this ordinance on second & final reading. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Bradley in favor; Mayor Pro tem Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Janca in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; and Councilmember Zbrank in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0. **INSERT #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider Second & Final reading of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS, As Recodified On January 8, 2007, By Amending Article 13.02 Section 13.02.031, Subsection (1)(A) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fees For Water Service Furnished To Residential Locations Within The City Limits Based On Water Usage And/or Conservation; By Amending Article 13.02 Section 13.02.031, Subsections (2)(A) and (2)(B) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fees For Water Service Furnished To Commercial Locations For Single Businesses And Multi-Business Buildings, Respectively, Within The City Limits Based On Water Usage And/or Conservation; Authorizing The City To Collect Same; and Providing For An Effective Date. Staff is proposing to increase the base residential water rate from \$21.69 to \$22.56 per month. The change is based on a four percent increase to recognize the debt service required to develop the new water field development project. The volumetric rate for residential water service will increase seven cents per thousand gallons based on the volume of water used. With the proposed rate modification La Grange is still below the

average rates for cities our size in the State of Texas according to the annual TML water survey. The average bill for cities our size with a monthly consumption of 5,000 gallons is \$32.40 compared to \$28.23 in La Grange. We also compare favorably with cities our size with a monthly water consumption of 10,000 gallons, \$50.43 compared to \$37.68 in La Grange. **INSERT #3**

The next item was to discuss and or consider Second & Final reading of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS, As Recodified On January 8, 2007, By Amending Article 13.03 Section 13.03.001 Subsection (a) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fee For The Sewer Service Furnished To Certain Residential Locations; By Amending Chapter 13, Article 13.03, Section 13.03.001 (a)(1)(B) By Amending The Rate For The Use Of Standard Fixtures In A Single Dwelling Within The City Limits; By Amending Chapter 13, Article 13.03, Section 13.03.001 (a)(2)(B) By Amending The Rate For The Use Of Standard Fixtures In A Single Dwelling Outside The City Limits; And By Amending Chapter 13, Article 13.03, Section 13.03.001 (a)(3)(B), By Amending The Rate For The Use Of Water In Excess of 3,000 Gallons To Commercial Locations; And Authorizing The City To Collect Same; And Providing For An Effective Date. As part of the budget process this year staff is proposing to increase waste water rates by 2.1 percent. The change is based on the CPI index for the period June 2013 to June 2014 and is needed to keep pace with inflation and the overall cost of providing this service. Staff is proposing to increase the base residential waste water rate from \$10.54 to \$10.76 per month. The volumetric rate for residential wastewater service will also change by 2.1 percent or six cents per thousand. The current rate charged our commercial customers for waste water service is a base rate of \$11.04 for the first 3,000 gallons of water usage and a \$1.78 fee per thousand gallons of water in excess of three thousand gallons per month. The proposal is to increase the base rate to \$11.27 and to increase the volumetric rates from the current \$1.78 to \$1.81 per thousand gallons in excess of 3,000 minimum. With the proposed rate modification we are still below the average rates for cities our size in the State of Texas according to the annual TML waste water survey. The average bill for cities our size with an average consumption of 5,000 gallons is \$26.58 compared to \$17.08 in La Grange. **INSERT #4**

The next item was to discuss and or consider on Second & Final Reading An Ordinance Amending chapter 13, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS, As Recodified on January 8, 2007, By Amending Article 13.04 Section 13.04.031, Subsection (1)(B) and (2)(B) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fees For Electric Service Furnished To Residential And Master Meter Dwelling Units; by Amending Article 13.04 Section 13.04.031, Subsections 3(C) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fees For Electric Service Furnished To Commercial Locations, Based On Electric Usage; Authorizing The City To Collect Same; And Providing For An Effective Date. This is the second reading of the ordinance making changes to the electric ordinance that was passed by council on first reading on August 25th. Staff is proposing to modify the electric customer charge by 50 cents per month. The customer charge will increase from \$7.50 per month to \$8.00 per month. This is the fifth change in the electric

customer charge in the last twenty-three years. The rate change is needed to keep pace with the inflation and due to the overall cost increases in providing this service. **INSERT #5**

MOTION Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Bradley to approve the above three (3) ordinances on Second & Final reading. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Bradley in favor; Mayor Pro tem Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Janca in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; and Councilmember Zbranek in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for August, 2014. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek; **SECOND** Councilman Janca to approve the August, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.

City Council Committee Reports

The Library Board met last week. They will be modifying the checkout process for the DVD's as there have been several stolen recently.

Main Street invites everyone to attend the Patriot Day Event being held this Saturday.

The Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the Month to Wayne & Nora Otto at 449 S. Lester St.

Chief of Police Update

There was a fatality wreck within the city limits on Friday, September 6th. This is the second fatality wreck that has occurred within the city limits within the past 18 years. Criminal Mischief is on the rise. Credit Card fraud continues. There are several reported cases of counterfeit \$10 bills being presented to local businesses at this time. Chief Skelton attended the Citizens on Patrol Conference during the Labor Day Weekend. Chief Skelton was awarded a lifetime membership of the Citizens on Patrol for outstanding dedication & support over the past several years. The association thanked him for making the association successful. La Grange will hold the next Citizens on Patrol conference in June, 2015.

City Manager Update

The Bluff Project continues. Once completed, the electric work will begin on the Horton Street Project. Street Paving has been moved to Mid-October. The Shred-It event will be held on October 18, 2014 from 9AM-Noon.

At 6:50 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

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – September 22, 2014

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, September 22, 2014 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Deborah Bradley, Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police Jackie Skelton, Corp. Travis Anderson and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Jeff Wick, Larry Jackson, Dick Frenzel, Michael Corker, Korin Burnett, and Sherry Murphy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Rev. Dennis Hill with the Remnant Church gave the invocation.

The first item was a presentation by the Family Crisis Center on Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Sherry Murphy with the Family Crisis Center gave a presentation to council regarding domestic violence and Domestic Violence Awareness Month which will be the month of October. They are asking for everyone to “Go Purple” on October 17 in order to provide awareness for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Ms. Murphy then presented token scarfs, and ties to the council to wear on “Go Purple Day”. Mayor Moerbe on behalf of the council expressed her thanks for all of the services that the Family Crisis Center provides in cases of domestic violence.

The next item was a presentation on Countywide Tourism Program Activities. Michael Corker and Dick Frenzel, officers & directors of the FCTA for 2014 updated the council on their activities. There are 13 individuals serving as officers & directors of the FCTA at this time. It is a state-chartered, non-profit organization and they represent a wide variety of public and private tourism interests. “The primary purposes of the Association are to market Fayette County, Texas, as a tourism destination. The Association’s role is to identify and market to Fayette County and to out-of-county-visitors, with the objectives to increase the number of tourists and to increase overnight visitation in Fayette County to the benefit of intrinsic tourism assets in particular and of other economic sectors as well.” The initial operations, such as establishing legal and tax documentation and securing internet domain names, have been funded by the voluntary donations of board members. All efforts to this point have been as volunteers, though the board eventually hopes to have professional staff and will contract as needed with experts in marketing and promotions. Its goal is to work cooperatively with chamber of commerce, cultural organizations, municipalities and others to maximize value and efficiency of countywide tourism promotion. The FCTA board has selected a vendor for

technical development and hosting their website. The board is in the process of selecting a vendor which will be in charge of content development and design for both website and the traditional media marketing.

The next item was to discuss and or consider on First Reading An Ordinance Establishing A Program Response And Recovery Phases Of Comprehensive Emergency Management; Acknowledging The Office Of Emergency Management Director; Authorizing The Appointment Of An Emergency Management Coordinator; And Providing For The Duties And Responsibilities Of Those Offices; Identifying An Operational Organization; Granting Necessary Powers To Cope With All Phases Of Emergency Management Which Threaten Life And Property In The City Of La Grange; Authorizing Cooperative And Mutual Aid Agreements For Relief Work Between This And Other Cities Or Counties And For Related Purposes. The City of La Grange created our local Emergency Management Program in the Fall of 2013. The program has been developed and is under the direction of Corporal Travis Anderson. The local plan has been developed and staff has received all of the required training to operate the program. In reviewing the program with the state we need to adopt an ordinance that will formalize the local Emergency Management Program. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to approve this ordinance on first reading. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Bradley in favor; Mayor Pro tem Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Janca in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; and Councilmember Zbranek in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request to close streets for Trick or Treat on the Square and Schmeckenfest. The Advisory Board of La Grange Main Street is requesting permission for the closing of the following street sections to accommodate Trick of Treat on the Square (Friday, October 31) and Schmeckenfest (Thursday, December 4) for the safety of the public: 1) The entry to North Washington Street at Travis; 2)100 & 200 blocks of West Colorado Street at Hwy 77 North to the intersection of North Washington; 3)Travis Street (Highway 71 Business) from Jefferson Street to Water Street, Traffic will be detoured one block south to West Crockett to South Water, then back onto Travis.; 4)One half of the 200 block of North Washington to the Prosperity Bank parking lot entrance. The board would like to begin blocking off the proposed streets at 3:30 pm for Trick or Treat on the Square, and 4 pm for Schmeckenfest. **MOTION** Councilman Eilert, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing the City Manager to work with the Fair Association regarding removal of brush and trees at the Fayette County Fairgrounds. The Fair Association has submitted a request to remove some of the brush and trees along the back of the Fairgrounds property. The Fair Association is looking at options to install a temporary stage on the property that will take advantage of the bluff view and allow for the large audience to have improved sight lines for

performances. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Calvin Kuehn to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider on Second & Final Reading An Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of La Grange for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015; appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the City's indebtedness; and adopting the annual budget of the City of La Grange for the 2014-2015 fiscal year which includes the General Fund, the Utility Enterprise Fund and the La Grange Economic Development Corporation Budget. **MOTION** Councilman Romberg, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve this ordinance on second & final reading. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Bradley in favor; Mayor Pro tem Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Janca in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; and Councilmember Zbranek in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider on Second & Final Reading An Ordinance levying Ad Valorem taxes for use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of La Grange, Texas for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid; providing for the levy and collection of occupation taxes. Staff is presenting for council consideration an ordinance establishing the tax rate to support the FY 2014-2015 annual budget. A property tax rate of \$0.2157 per \$100 valuation is proposed to fund the FY 2014-2015 Budget. Of this rate, \$0.1519 will be for maintenance and operations. The balance of \$0.0638 is for debt service. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Romberg to approve this ordinance on second & final reading. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Bradley in favor; Mayor Pro tem Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Janca in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; and Councilmember Zbranek in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0. **INSERT #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider allocation of Tourism Grant Funds. Councilman John Eilert, Chair of the Tourism Grant Committee reported that the committee met earlier and recommends that council fund the following requests: 1) La Grange Roadrunners Square Dancers in the amount of \$1,000 for advertising the Independence Day Dance and Texas Round Dance Teacher's South Dance; 2) Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center in the amount of \$4,000 for advertising the Heritage Festival & Muziky event held in October; 3) La Grange Main Street-La Grange Uncorked in the amount of \$7,000 for advertising the event; and 4) Table the request submitted by the La Grange Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$10,000 until additional information is received. **Motion** Councilman Eilert, **SECOND** Councilman Weishuhn to approve the committee's recommendation. Motion carried.

City Council Committee Reports

Main Street hosted the Patriot's Day event held on Saturday, September 13. Due to the weather that morning the attendance was lower than hoped for. It was a very nice program which included a 21 gun salute and also bagpipe performers.

Chief of Police Report

There have been several vehicles which have had items taken from them during the past few weeks.

City Manager Report

City Wide Fall Cleanup will be October 13-18.

At 6:44 PM as pursuant to Section 551.072 Real Property, council went into closed executive session to discuss and or consider acquisition of real property-428 W LaFayette.

At 6:56 PM Council went into Open Session. **MOTION** Councilman Kuehn, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to authorize City Manager Raborn to proceed with purchase of 428 W LaFayette. Motion carried.

At 6:57 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Kuehn, with a **SECOND** by Councilman Janca that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor