

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – July 14, 2014

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, July 14, 2014 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, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Councilman Arnold Romberg and Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn were absent. Staff present: Assistant City Manager Frank D Menefee Jr, Chief Jackie Skelton, and Assistant City Secretary Mary Goerig. Visitors: Jeff Wick, and Bradley Loehr.

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

The first item was to discuss and or consider allocation of funding to social service agencies. In the FY 2013-2014 budget council allocated \$23,000 to local social service agencies. A summary of the funding request from the individual organizations is attached for your review. In FY 2012-2013 the City of La Grange provided a total of \$23,100 to local social service agencies. The funds were allocated as follows; Combined Community Action-\$6,000; Capital Area Rural Transportation-\$5,000; Family Crisis Center-\$4,600; Court Appointed Special Advocates-\$3,000; The Children's Advocacy Center-\$3,500. All of the organizations that have requested funding provide needed and valuable services to the community. Staff recommends the funds be allocated as follows: Capital Area Rural Transportation-\$6,000, Family Crisis Center-\$4,800, Combined Community Action-\$6,000; Court Appointed Special Advocates-\$3,500, and The Children's Advocacy Center-\$3,500 for a total funding of \$23,800. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve staff's recommendation. Motion Carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider award of bid for water line improvements project funded under the Texas Department of Agriculture, Community Development Block Grant Program. We received six bids for the installation of replacement water lines and fire hydrants on South Franklin from Milam to Cedar and on Milam from Franklin to South Jackson. A map of the project is attached. Staff is recommending that the bid be awarded to the low bidder Mercer Construction of Edna in the amount of \$288, 270. The CDBG grant was awarded in the amount of \$275,000 and required a local match of \$41,250. The additional funds needed to complete the project and the city match portion of the project will be paid out of the \$150,000 budgeted in the Capital Improvement Fund for grant match projects in the FY 2014-15 Annual budget. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to approve staff's request. Motion carried. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider Council Committee appointments to the General Services Committee, the Utility Enterprise Committee, and the Tourism Partnership Grant committee. **MOTION** Councilman Calvin Kuehn, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbrank to approve staff's request. Motion carried. **INSERT #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider Appointments to the Housing Authority of the City of La Grange. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbrank, **SECOND** Councilmember Bradley to approve the committee's recommendation. Motion carried. **INSERT #3**

The next item was to discuss and or consider request from the Fayette County Sheriff's Posse to conduct a parade downtown on Saturday, August 9th. Staff recommends approval of this request. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbrank to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider the reappointment of Bill Jones to the Board of Directors for Tex Gas III for a term to expire on August 15, 2020. Staff is requesting that Bill Jones be reappointed to the Board of Directors for Tex Gas III with a term to expire on August 15, 2020. **MOTION** Councilman Pat Janca, **SECOND** Councilman Calvin Kuehn to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider the reappointment of Glen Pape to the Board of Directors for Municipal Acquisition and Supply Corporation. Staff is requesting council approval of the reappointed of Glen Pape MuniGas Board of Directors with a term to expire on June 15, 2020. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbrank, **SECOND** Councilmember Deborah Bradley to approve staff's request. Motion carried

The next item was to discuss and or consider the reappointment of Janet Moerbe to the Board of Directors for Texas Gas II for a term to expire on August 15, 2020. Staff is requesting that Janet Moerbe be reappointed to the Tex Gas II Board of Directors with a term to expire on August 15, 2020. **MOTION** Councilman Calvin Kuehn, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbrank to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider allocation of Tourism Grant Funds. Attached for your review and consideration is one request for funding under the Tourism Grant Program. The Fayette County Sheriff's Posse has recently experienced a change in volunteers and failed to make the June 1st deadline but are submitting for consideration now due to the event taking place in August. The tourism grant committee was unable to meet prior to the meeting and the item is being brought directly to council for consideration. Staff recommends funding in the advertising portion of the request in the amount of \$7,500. After discussion, **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to fund this request in the amount of \$8,500. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for June, 2014. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to approve the minutes for June, 2014 as presented. Motion carried

City Council Committee Reports

The Beautification Committee met and awarded yard of the month to Brodie Popp at 349 E Eblin.

Chief of Police Report

Chief reported on different incidents that happened at Wal-Mart and School.

Utility Manager Report

Reported on Electrical Contractor starting to change poles out on the Bluff Project. July 21-25 Fire School will be held in Bryan, La Grange will have 6 Volunteers attending.

Sales Tax was down for the past reporting period.

At 6:25 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Kuehn, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Zbranek that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Mary Goerig, Assistant City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor