

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – June 9, 2014

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, June 9, 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, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief Jackie Skelton and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: J. W. Breeden, Bill Ingram, and members of the 2014 Class 3A State Champion Softball team and their family members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Rev. Ellis McKenzie, of The Second Baptist Church gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider a resolution honoring the 2014 Class 3A State Championship Softball Team. On Saturday, May 31, 2014 the La Grange Lady Leps Softball team won the 3A State Championship Softball Title. Team members Blake-Ann Fritsch, Briana Angel, Libby Read, Kristy Bertsch, Hannah Gerecke, Missy Zoch, Riley Fisbeck, Amber Loehr, Darby Fitzpatrick, Shelby Dixon, Brenna Beseda, Abby Morgan, Alyssa Angel, Hannah Kalina, Abby Gage, Madison Becka, Brianna Ahlschlager, and Hatti Moore. Managers Brittini Ward, Shelby Weyand, Grace-Anne Matocha, Alex Mueller, Hannah Garlick. Trainer Michelle McPhearson and Asstant Trainer Robert Kubos. Head Coach Arthur Behrend, Assistant Coach Kadie Dodd. On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Moerbe congratulated the team for job well done. A yellow rose along with a resolution was then presented to the members present. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider Fiber Network Hut Agreement with Live Air Networks. Staff is presenting to council for your consideration a Network Hut License Agreement with Live Air Networks. As part of the build out of the fiber to the home network, Live Air is requesting to place fiber connection cabinets at five locations around town in the public right of way. Staff recommends approval of the proposed agreement with the exception that the annual fee be \$350 per year per location as opposed to \$500 per year per location and to provide the City of La Grange 6 locations as opposed to 3 locations at no cost during the term of this agreement. Mr. Breeden reviewed with council how this project would work within the city limits of La Grange. **MOTION** Councilman Arnold Romberg, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried. **INSERT #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider cancelling the July 28, 2014 City Council Meeting. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to approve the resolution cancelling the July 28, 2014 City Council Meeting. Motion carried. **INSERT #3**

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request from the Juneteenth Parade Committee to close Pearl Street to traffic for the annual Juneteenth Parade. The request is to block off Pearl Street from 8:00 am until 11:00 am on Saturday, June 21st. Staff recommends approval of this request. **MOTION** Councilman Pat Janca, **SECOND** Councilman Deborah Bradley to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of replat on property located in the 800 block of E. Fannin St. City staff received a request from BSF Unlimited Series, LLC & Charles Ferguson, Power of Attorney for Dorothy Jarmon to replat property owned by these two individuals in the 800 Block of E. Fannin St. into one tract. City Council gave preliminary approval on April 28, 2014. **MOTION** Councilman Romberg, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve the replat of property owned by BSF Unlimited Series, LLC & Charles Ferguson, Power of Attorney for Dorothy Jarmon in the 800 Block of E. Fannin St. into one tract. Motion carried.

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

The next item was to discuss and or consider allocation of Tourism Funds. Councilman John Eilert, Chair of the Tourism Grant Committee reported that the committee met earlier and reviewed two funding requests. The committee recommends funding the request from Friends of Monument Hill/Kreische Brewery in the amount of \$2,250 for advertising, and the request from Polka Lovers Club of America in the amount of \$1,000 for advertising. **MOTION** Councilman Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve the committee's recommendation. Motion carried.

City Council Committee Reports

Main Street will host the Flag Day Celebration this Saturday, June 14th @ 9:00 on the courthouse lawn. Main Street will also host a meet and greet training for their board members along with the councilmembers on Monday, July 7th. Howard Langner with the Texas Historical Commission will be at the event.

Yard of the Month was awarded to Dennis & Sherry Winkler at 1231 Laurie Lane by the Beautification Committee.

Chief of Police Report

The Citizens on Patrol held graduation on Tuesday, May 27th. During the past few weeks there have been cases of Motor Vehicle Burglaries as well as theft cases. The police department is working along with other agencies to solve these cases.

City Manager Report

The pool is scheduled to open this Thursday. Conditions with the water are being taken care of. Municipal Court will be closed July 23-26 for staff training. Bids for the S.

Franklin waterline project are due July 8th. City Manager Raborn also reviewed the active project report with council.

At 7:20 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Kuehn, 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 – June 23, 2014

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, June 23, 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, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief Jackie Skelton, City Secretary Lisa Oltmann, and Officer Bryan Corb. Visitors: Jeff Wick, and members of the Citizens Police Academy including Deborah Ledbetter, Joy Skelton, Mike Birchard, Russell Dittrich, Melinda Ditta, Juanita Bertsch, Dick Frenzel, Shirley Thrasher, Robert Pavlik, Greg Covington, Glenn Altwein and Pat Settle

Members of the Citizens Police Academy presented the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Councilman Arnold Romberg gave the invocation.

Officer Corb introduced the newest graduates of the academy. The remaining members then introduced themselves.

The first item was to discuss the updated Municipal Service Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation. This item was presented for discussion purposes. The City of La Grange and TxDOT have an existing agreement that outlines the responsibilities of each entity as it relates to the State Highways within our community. TxDOT is in the process of updating all of the current agreements and has presented the this agreement for consideration. One key point to the agreement is that TxDOT would

subsidize the city for snow and ice control if funds are available as well as assist with sweeping and mowing.

The next item was to discuss and or consider amending the Texas Capital Fund sidewalk project to include the 100 block of West Travis. Last November, the city council awarded the downtown sidewalk construction project to Boettcher-Hlavinka Co. of East Bernard in the amount of \$150,151.53. Staff is requesting council to amend the agreement to include the south side of the 100 block of West Travis in the amount of \$35,120. The amendment will allow for the utilization of all of the awarded grant funds. The amendment will not require any additional city funds to complete the additional sidewalk section. The project is funded by the Texas Capital fund Main Street grant of \$150,000. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss an updated Peddlers Ordinance. Staff has been working on modifications to our current Peddlers ordinance for several months. Chief Skelton reviewed the proposed updated ordinance with council. Key points in the proposed ordinance would be that a permit would be \$30 for 30 days or \$100 for the year instead of \$30 per year as the current ordinance allows. It would also raise the age that an individual could be collecting donations in intersections. This will be reviewed farther and will be brought back for council consideration in either July or August.

The next item was to discuss and or consider allocation of Tourism Funds. Councilman John Eilert reported that the Tourism Grant Committee met earlier and reviewed one request from the Fayette County Record in the amount of \$10,971 to print and distribute the 2014 Fayette County Visitors Guide. A request for tourism Grant Funds may be up to a maximum of \$10,000. The committee recommends council funding of this request in the amount of \$10,000. **MOTION** Councilman Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve the committee's recommendation and fund the request in the amount of \$10,000. Motion carried.

City Council Committee Reports

Main Street's Flag Day Celebration was well attended.

The Juneteenth Parade was held on Saturday, members of the council participating included Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, Councilman Eilert, and Councilmember Zbranek.

Chief of Police Report

Officer Bryan Corb along with Chief Skelton recently went to Montgomery County to interrogate an individual in reference to a recent burglary at our La Grange Walmart Store. The individual did confess to this robbery as well as 8 others throughout the state of a similar nature. Petty thefts are on the rise in the area.

City Manager Report

The sidewalk project is ongoing. Sales Tax was up 19% for the last reporting period. Work is progressing on the Casino Hall Project.

The next item was a review of the City of La Grange 2014-15 Annual Budget. City Manager Raborn reviewed budget priorities and plans for the upcoming year. Some of the priorities include implementation of a new telephone system for city facilities, complete repairs to the drainage ditch between Lynnwood and La Grange ISD Property, work with the Fayette County Fair Association on the Fairgrounds Master Plan, complete the additional parking and outdoor facilities at the Randolph Recreation Center, implement and upgrade to the Lynnwood underground service, and see if the area in front of La Marina Restaurant on Hwy 71W can be improved.

At 7:10 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Kuehn, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Zbranek that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

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Janet Moerbe, Mayor