

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – February 8, 2021

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, February 8, 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 155 E. Colorado St. with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek, Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Councilmember Jan Dockery, Councilmember Quenten Gonzalez, Councilmember Pat Janca, Councilmember Ken Taylor, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police David Gilbreath, and Assistant City Secretary Mary Goerig. Visitors: Sandra Hooper, Sarah Mabry, and Dr. Mike Mabry.

Mayor Moerbe called the meeting to order. Next were pledges to the US and Texas Flags. Pastor Kolby Hill with Remnant Church gave the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Discuss and or Consider approval of January minutes.

Discuss and or Consider Appointment to Fire Pension Board Councilmember Violet Zbranek on board for two (2) year term.

A **Motion** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, **Second** Councilmember Taylor to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

The first item was a presentation of Racial Profiling data by La Grange Police Department as required by Article 2.132 Texas Code of Criminal Procedures. Chief David Gilbreath gave a presentation on the racial breakdown of all the traffic stops conducted by La Grange Police Department from January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020. As indicated by the Tier 2 data provided that La Grange Police Department does not have a problem regarding racial profiling practices. **Insert # 1**

The next item was to Discuss and or Consider preliminary replat request at 341 E Guadalupe St owned by Nhat Huy To to subdivide the property into two separate lots. Lot 1 would be 72' wide by 168' depth. Lot 2 would be 100' wide x 168' depth. Both lots meet the minimum requirements required by the City of La Grange Ordinance. There were 18 letters sent out and 15 letters returned in favor of replat, 1 letter opposed, 1 letter returned and 1 letter not returned. A **Motion** was made by Councilmember Cernosek, **Second** Councilmember Taylor to approve the preliminary replat. Motion carried 8-0.

The next item was to Discussion and Consider Resolution Designating Authorized Signatures for Contractual and Grant Fund Documents pertaining to the TxCDBG Contract #7220241. Staff is requesting council authorization to designate the following individuals to sign documents related to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Project: Mayor Janet Moerbe, City Manager Shawn Raborn, Mayor Pro-tem John J Cernosek and City Secretary Janet Bayer. A **Motion** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, **Second** Councilmember Janca to approve the individuals to sign documents related to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Project. Motion carried 8-0.

The next item was to Discuss and or Consider Resolution and take necessary action to adopt Civil Rights Policies and Procedures for the TxCDBG Contract # 7220241. We were recently awarded a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$300,000 to upgrade water lines in the area bounded by North Main, Pearl, Guadalupe and Fannin. This project will assist in improving water services

and fire protection to this area of town. The project is currently in the design phase and should go out for construction by the end of the year with construction the first quarter of 2022. A **Motion** was made by Councilmember Janca, **Second** Councilmember Zbranek to affirm a number of policies related to civil rights. Motion carried 8-0. **Insert # 2**

The next item was to Discuss and/or Consider and take appropriate action on Order Calling for Election of City Officers. Discutir y/o considerar y tomar acción apropiada sobre la autorización para La Orden de Elección de Consejo Municipal. **Motion** Councilmember Zbranek, **Second** Councilmember Gonzales to approve the appropriate action on Order Calling for Election of City officers. Motion carried 8-0. **Insert # 3**

The final item was to Discuss and/or Consider and take appropriate action on an Ordinance of the City of La Grange, Texas, ordering a Special Election on May 1, 2021, to consider proposed amendments to the Home-Rule City Charter of the City of La Grange, Texas; and providing for severability and an effective date. Discutir y/o considerar y tomar las acciones apropiadas sobre una Ordenanza de la Ciudad de La Grange, Texas, que ordena una Eleccion Especial el dia 1 de mayo de 2021, para considerar las enmiendas propuestas a la Carta de Autonomia de la Ciudad de La Grange, Texas; y preveendo por la divisibilidad de tal Ordenanza y la fecha de vigencia de la misma. **Motion** Councilmember Weishuhn, **Second** Councilman Zbranek to accept the ordinance as presented. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Busch for, Mayor Pro tem Cernosek for, Councilmember Dockery for, Councilman Gonzalez for, Councilman Janca for, Councilman Taylor for, Councilmember Weishuhn for, Councilmember Zbranek for. Motion carried 8-0. **Insert # 4**

City Council Committee Reports
None

Chief of Police Update

Chief of Police David Gilbreath stated that there were 356 total calls during the month of January. He also stated there has been some offices with unlocked doors.

City Manager Update

City Manager Raborn gave a report on utilities sales being down and water consumption being high for January. He also informed the city council about the water tank on Von Minden being taken down to fix leaks and cleaning up tank. The City will be sponsoring a Wellness Program on March 8 for all employees. He also gave a report on the clean up on Lower Line street and status on various projects that are being done.

At 6:30 PM a **Motion** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **Second** by Councilmember Taylor that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Mary Goerig, Assistant City Secretary
These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – February 22, 2021

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, February 22, 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 155 E. Colorado St. with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek, Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Councilmember Jan Dockery, Councilmember Quenten Gonzalez, Councilmember Pat Janca, Councilmember Ken Taylor, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police David Gilbreath, and City Secretary Janet Bayer. Visitors: Sandy Hooper, Sarah Mabry, Tom Hudson, Martha Langford, Richard Chernosky, and Dr. Mike Mabry.

Mayor Moerbe called the meeting to order. Next were pledges to the US and Texas Flags. Pastor Martha Langford with First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

REGULAR AGENDA

The first item was to Discuss and or Consider awarding the engineering services contract for the preparation of the City of La Grange's 2021-22 TxCDBG Community Development Fund Application and subsequent contract implementation if application is funded. Staff recently issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Preliminary engineering services and design engineering services related to our proposed 2021-22 CDBG grant application. Staff evaluated proposals from four engineering firms, including BEFCO Engineering, TRC Engineers, M&S Engineering and FCM Engineers. An evaluation committee was formed to review the engineering firms and was comprised of Frank Menefee, Andy Blaha, and Mayor Janet Moerbe who independently reviewed and scored the proposals. BEFCO Engineering ranked the highest. Staff recommends the selection of BEFCO Engineering as the project engineer. A **Motion** was made by Councilmember Janca, **Second** Councilmember Gonzalez to award BEFCO Engineering the contract for the preparation of the 2021-22 TxCDBG Community Development Fund Application and subsequent contract implementation. Motion carried 8-0.

The next item was a report on the 2021 Snow Storm. City Manager Raborn thanked the Water Department staff for their tireless work during the week and managing the water system. 7.2 million gallons of water were pumped in 5 days. 1.8 million gallons was the highest peak in 1 day during the storm. The water department was identifying leaks and getting those addressed as quickly as possible. The Electric Department had minimum issues during the storm, with 2 bad transformers that were affected. The recent tree trimming around town helped with keeping limbs off of power lines. Solid waste services with Waste Management started their routes fresh today. Their commitment to pick up trash that was not collected before and during the storm on 2 routes is there. Austin has only 2 landfills and the turnaround can be 3 hours because of the volume of trucks dumping and the trucks are packing out sooner due to the volume of waste. Raborn was asked about sewer averaging and he will present for council approval at the next meeting using only 2 months instead of 3 like we did back in 2011. After some reviews on consumption during this storm week, the bills that will include the month of February will most likely look like a typical summer bill in July and August. The Fire Department responded to a house fire on Thursday during the storm and worked on getting water to the citizens on the bluff whom have been without for several days. Raborn again thanked staff for their efforts in keeping utilities and infrastructure running as smoothly as possible during the winter storm.

City Council Committee Reports

None

Chief of Police Update

Chief of Police Gilbreath stated his staff patrolled this last week during the snow storm looking for possible water leaks and found lots of houses with running water due to busted pipes, many of which were houses for sale. Overall, there were 2 accidents within the city limits. The bulk of the La Grange P.D. responses were citizens assist or motorists assist. The department got in their new 2021 Ford Interceptor.

City Manager Update

Sales Tax is up 3% this month. Small growth but at least in the positive.

At 6:26 PM a **Motion** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **Second** by Councilmember Taylor that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Janet Bayer, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor