

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – July 10, 2017

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, July 10, 2017 in the City Hall Council Chambers at 155 E. Colorado St. with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Councilmember Deborah Bradley, Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilman Ken Taylor, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police David Gilbreath, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Jeff Wick, and others.

Mayor Moerbe called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas was recited and Dr. Jerry Hurst of the First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

Under petitions there were no comments.

The first item was to discuss and or consider allocation of funding to social service agencies. In the FY 2016-2017 budget council allocated \$24,500 to local social service agencies. In FY 2015-2016 the City of La Grange provided a total of \$24,500 to local social service agencies. The funds were allocated as follows; Combined Community Action-\$6,000; Capital Area Rural Transportation -\$6,000; Family Crisis Center-\$5,000, Court Appointed Special Advocates-\$4,000, 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-\$5,000, Combined Community Action-\$6,000, Court Appointed Special Advocates-\$4,000, and The Children's Advocacy Center-\$3,500. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider Tourism Grant request from the Friends of Monument Hill for Texas Heroes Day. This request from the Friends of Monument Hill/Kreische Brewery is being brought directly to council due to time constraints. Funds will be used for advertising and support for the Texas Heroes Day program. The organization will include the required City of La Grange Main Street & Visitors Bureau logo and website information on their material. In 2016, \$2,100 was allocated to this project; the organization did not spend the entire amount which had been allocated. They are requesting \$3,000 for the event this year. Staff is recommending that the request be funded in the amount of \$2,100. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Bonnie Busch to approve this funding request in the amount of \$2,100. Motion carried.

The next item was a report on the General Services Committee meeting. Councilmember Weishuhn reported that the General Services Committee met and held a public hearing and received a lot of input regarding industrialized and manufactured homes. The committee will meet again and will take the comments into consideration while deciding if we should regulate this or not.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of June 2017 minutes. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Deborah Bradley to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

City Council Committee Reports

The Beautification Committee has awarded a Yard of the Month. Movie nights on the square which Main Street hosted were very well received. The summer programs at the Library have been a huge hit.

Chief of Police Update

During the month of June the department responded to 365 calls. One felon was arrested for possession of a firearm. The department is working on abandoned vehicles located within the city limits. The animal control officer received 66 animal calls. The police dept. received 13 suspicious persons calls. The department is also working a theft case where a non-profit organization lost money. The medex box for city hall has been ordered.

City Manager Update

The library staff has done an outstanding job in acquiring various programs for the summer reading program this year. This year there are over 300 individuals signed up for the summer reading program and they have logged in over 1800 books at this time. The quarterly bulk pickup will be on July 22nd. TxDOT continues to work on their project by the river bridge. The Gambian boxes are being filled with rock to assist with the erosion control of the river bank. The new bridge project has been pushed back to 2020. The city received a call regarding the narrow exit at Dollar Tree. This was approved by TxDOT, cars are to turn right when leaving the parking lot. The utility reports were reviewed, it was noted that sales for water and Kwh were both up. Well B is not in operation at this time

At 6:20 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, 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