

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – March 12, 2018**

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, March 12, 2018 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, Sgt. Steve Pohorelsky, Janet Rangel, Vonice Frerichs, Toni Evans and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Jackie Skelton, Lambert Heintschel, Rev. Madeline Henners, and others.

Mayor Moerbe called the meeting to order. Rev. Madeline Henners of The First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

Sgt. Steve Pohorelsky introduced Officer Kevin Currington to the council. Mr. Currington became an employee of the La Grange Police Department on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The first item was a report on the Recreation Center and Summer Programs. Janet Rangel the Recreation Center Director updated the council on the center and the activities. There are many organizations which utilize the center including the Garden Club, Independent Cattlemen's Association, La Grange Little League, Sheriff's Posse, Senior Citizens, Quilt Guild, Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Juneteenth Organization, Randolph Alumni Association, and various 4-H events are held at the center. There are conferences which also take place at the center. The largest conference held at the center is a partnership with the AgriLife Office and is a Multi County Childcare conference with over 250 in attendance. The Square Dancers and the Round Dancers also hold their conference events at the center. The Anchor Club partners with recreation department on many events including the Easter Egg Hunt and Special Olympics. La Grange ISD has also used the facilities for the past three years to host debate competitions. This past year FEMA and the Small Business Administration also used the facility for two months following Hurricane Harvey. Both of these organizations spoke very highly of the utilization of the center by all age groups. During the school year, there is an after-school program at the center. In the summer the department hosts 10-12 weekly Summer Day Camps, and during the Spring Break from schools, the department holds a Spring Break Camp. Gymnastics classes are held at the center. In addition to these activities, the center is also rented out for various parties/gatherings. The recreation department is in charge of the swimming pool, and will manage the Splash Pad. Bids on the Splash Pad are due at the end of the month, with construction to hopefully be completed in August. The recreation department books the city baseball and softball fields in La Grange and make sure the lights are activated appropriately. They take care of booking the VFW Hall which was recently acquired by the City. Other members of the department include Ginger Friemel, Vonice Frerichs, and

Toni Evans, as well as seasonal staff which assist with the various camps, afterschool program, and summer time activities. Thanks and appreciation were extended the recreation department by mayor and council.

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing staff to auction items that are no longer needed or obsolete. Staff is requesting council authorization to dispose of various obsolete items. The items will be added to GovDeals our on-line auction site or as part of a future local Duncan Auction. Items include two (2)-2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police cars, a 2005 Kawasaki Mule, two (2)-2005 GEM Electric Vehicles, 2006 GMC 1500 ½ ton regular cab pickup, 1990 Ditch Witch Model 4010, 1999 Parks Dept. F150, 1998 Ford 575 E Backhoe, miscellaneous exercise equipment and miscellaneous Police equipment. **MOTION** Councilman Janca, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve this item and authorize staff to auction items which are no longer needed or obsolete. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider appointment to Main Street Board. The Main Street Board is requesting that Ms. Casey Harbers with Pioneer Bank be appointed to the Main Street Board to fill a vacancy created by the recent resignation of Mr. Keith Lund. Other members of the Main Street Board include Kathy Weishuhn, Gary Niesner, Anissa Menefee, Donald Roensch, Danielle Holladay, Bobbie Nash, Janae Littrell and Jackie Daniels. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the Board's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider final replat request from Jesus Soto Jr., to replat his property located at 433 and 435 S Ellinger Rd. into one lot. Mr. Soto submitted a request to have these two lots combined into one lot as he intends to build a home in the center of the two lots. Council granted preliminary approval for this request at the February 26, 2018 meeting. **MOTION** Councilman Eilert, **SECOND** Councilman Taylor to approve this replat request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a resolution of the City of La Grange, Texas, appointing the Shawn Raborn as the chief executive officer and authorized representative to act in all matters in connection with the FEMA Mitigation Project and committing the City to provide matching funds to secure and complete the FEMA Mitigation grant. Staff is requesting council authorization to proceed with the submission of the Notice of Intent and application for mitigation funds. The match portion of the project will come from the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery grant that will be received. As an overview of the Texas Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), the purpose of the funding is to prevent future loss of property. Eligible projects are 75% federal and 25% local. As part of the process, the city will submit a Notice of Intent (NOI). The state will approve and request that a formal application be submitted by June 30<sup>th</sup>. **MOTION** Councilman Janca, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve this request. Motion carried. Insert #1

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of February 2018 minutes. **MOTION** Councilmember Bradley, **SECOND** Councilman Taylor to approve the February 2018 minutes. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider allocation of Tourism Funds. Councilwoman Zbranek, Chair of the Tourism Grant Committee reported that the committee met earlier this same date and reviewed 2 funding requests. The first request was from the Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center in the amount of \$4,500 to advertise the Slavnost/May Fest to be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. The second request reviewed was from La Grange Roadrunners Square Dancers in the amount of \$1,500 for advertising. The committee recommends that funding be granted in the amount of \$3,500 to the Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center and \$1,500 to the La Grange Roadrunners Square Dancers. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Janca to approve funding as recommended by the committee. Motion carried.

#### City Council Committee Reports

The library board met last Tuesday. The activities for the Summer Reading Program have been set. The Casino Arts Association will partner with the Library for one of the weekly programs during the Summer Reading Program. Also, during February the meeting room at the Library was book 36 times.

Compliments were also expressed from the council to the cemetery department for the care which is given to the appearance of the city cemeteries.

#### City Manager Update

The quarterly curb side bulk pickup will be in April. The Spring Shred it Day will be held in May. More information will be provided at a later date. Sales Tax was up. KWH sales were up do to the cold weather.

At 6:35pm a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Janca, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Weishuhn that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

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Janet Moerbe, Mayor

### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – March 26, 2018**

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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, Sgt. Steve Pohorelsky, Finance Director Brett Wolff, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Jackie Skelton, Greg Trlicek, Joy Cameron, and others.

Mayor Moerbe called the meeting to order. Councilman Ken Taylor gave the invocation.

Sgt. Steve Pohorelsky introduced Officer Hunter Embesi to the council. Mr. Embesi will begin work with the La Grange Police Department on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

The first item was a report on the new Second Chance facility project. Father Eric Hungerford and Jason Merritt provided the report on the project. Following Hurricane Harvey, Second Chance was temporarily relocated in Amen's future facility on S. Reynolds Street. This month Second Chance was able to resume their grants to non-profit organizations. The first grant was to Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$10,000. Father Eric noted that they hope to begin construction on their new facility, which will also be located on S. Reynolds Street, in July and it is anticipated that the construction process should take 7-8 months. Cost estimates for the construction came in higher than anticipated, and due to the estimated construction costs, Second Chance will scale back the size of the new facility. It had originally been proposed to be a 22,000 square foot building and they are now looking into have the size scaled back to an 18,000 square foot building. They plan to form a Capital Campaign Committee to raise funds and also look into the possibility of obtaining low interest loan(s). Second Chance has their original location which had been on Travis Street listed for sale. City Council noted that they are very grateful for all that Second Chance has done and continue to do for the community.

The next item was a presentation of the City of La Grange Annual Audit Report. Mr. Greg Trlicek, auditor for the City of La Grange presented the results of the 2016-2017 annual audit report. Mr. Trlicek reported that the city is in good financial standing. He also thanked the city staff for their assistance while the auditors were gathering information for the audit. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider acceptance of the City of La Grange Audit Report. **MOTION** Councilman Eilert, **SECOND** Councilman Taylor to accept the audit report. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request from the First Baptist Church to close Lester Street to traffic for Easter Service. Staff recommends approval to close Lester Street to traffic from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, for Easter Service. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Busch to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider contract between Fayette County Elections Administrator and City of La Grange, Texas relating to the City of La Grange City Officer's election to be held on May 5, 2018. County Elections Administrator, Terri Hefner has agreed to contract with the City of La Grange once again for election services for the City Officers election. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve this item. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider appointment of Presiding Judge and Associate Judge and setting salary as relates to the City of La Grange City Officer's election to be held on May 5, 2018. Terri Hefner, County Elections Administrator, has contacted Rosemarie Willrich and Gale Mersiovsky to inquire if they would be willing to be the presiding and associate judge of the City Election to be held on May 5, 2018. Ms. Willrich, if approved would be willing to be the presiding judge. Ms. Mersiovsky, if approved would be willing to be the associate judge. The City of La Grange has paid \$10.00 per hour for all election workers with the election Judge receiving an additional \$50.00 for set up and delivery of election return information. **MOTION** Councilman Janca, **SECOND** Councilman Taylor to approve this item. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of La Grange, Texas, Authorizing Approval For The Management Contract Award For The Home Program Through The Texas Department Of Housing And Community Affairs For The RSP HOME (HRA) Agreement Contract 2018-0003. The request for proposals for management services was published in the local paper and letters were sent to three firms directly requesting that they consider our request. The only firm submitting a proposal was Langford Management Services. Staff is requesting council authorization to enter into an agreement with Langford Community Management Services to administer Contract 2018-0003. They city has utilized the services of Langford Community Management Services for the past eighteen years on Community Development, HOME and Texas Capital funds projects and have been very satisfied with the services provided. Staff recommends approval of the management agreement with Langford Community Management Services. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Bradley to approve staff's request. Motion carried. **INSERT #2**

#### Police Department Update

Sgt. Pohorelsky reported that Chief David Gilbreath has met with LGISD Superintendent Wagner regarding school safety.

The antique show is being held at this time in the county.

Two (2) vehicles were recently broken into at a local motel.

#### City Manager Update

The Recreation Department held their annual Easter Egg Hunt at White Rock Park this past Saturday. It was very well attended, the department is looking into adding a variety of activities to this event in the future.

Repair work should begin shortly on the front roof at the Recreation Center.

Individuals participating in the LCRA Step-forward day will be in town on Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>.

The project they will work on is painting and landscaping at the City Swimming Pool.

The BPMS 150 Bike-A-Thon will be held April 28 & April 29. Tents related to this event are in the process of being set on the north side of town at this time.

There are currently 19 FEMA units in town, 4 units are being set at this time. There continue to be volunteers coming to assist with the cleanup efforts as related to damages from Hurricane Harvey.

Recently items have been picked up from the Lower Line Street area.

The Spring Shred It Day will be held on May 5, and the Spring brush pick up is scheduled for April 23-April 28.

At 6:45pm a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Janca, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Zbranek that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

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