

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – May 9, 2016

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, May 9, 2016 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Councilmember Deborah Bradley, Mayor Pro tem John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief Jackie Skelton, Sgt. Troy Stevens, Sgt. Travis Anderson, Sgt. Steve Pohorelsky, Ptlm. Brian Adams, Ptlm. Justin Koehne, Investigator David Mohr, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Jeff Wick, Jenna Purdy, Lance Zandonatti, and Tom Hudson.

Mayor Janet Moerbe called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas was recited and Jenna Purdy, Associate Pastor of First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

Under Public Petitions, Mayor Janet Moerbe presented a proclamation to the La Grange Police Department recognizing May 15, 2016 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and also observing May 15-21 as Police Week.

The first item was to discuss and or consider a rate request proposed by CenterPoint Energy Entex. As discussed in April, CenterPoint Energy Entex is proposing to increase the current base residential gas rate by \$1.14 per month effective May 30, 2016. Entex is framing the issue as a gas reliability infrastructure program (“GRIP”) adjustment and not as a rate increase. The end result is that the customer bill will increase from the current rate of \$20.07 to \$21.21. Lance Zandonatti with CenterPoint Entex was available to answer any questions regarding this item. Mayor Moerbe thanked Mr. Zandonatti for being at the meeting.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a Resolution by the City of La Grange, Texas, (“CITY”) Responding To the Application Of CenterPoint Energy Entex, South Texas Division To Increase Rates under The Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program; Suspending The Effective Date Of This Rate Application For Forty-Five Days Determining That The Meeting At Which The Resolution Was Adopted Complied With The Texas Open Meetings Act; Making Such Other Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; And Declaring An Effective Date. Staff is recommending that council suspend the rate for 45 days in accordance with the rules governing rate adjustments. If suspended, the new rate would go into effect on July 14, 2016. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Bonnie Busch to approve staff’s recommendation. Motion carried. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request from The Advisory Board of La Grange Main Street to close a portion of the square for three (3) Movie Nights on

the Square this summer. The Advisory Board is requesting permission for the closing of the following parking section to accommodate Movie Nights on the Square (Friday, June 3, 2016, Friday, June 17, 2016 and Friday, July 18, 2016) for safety of the public. The inner parking area by the north entrance of the courthouse which will be utilized for the movie screen and equipment. They would like to begin blocking off the proposed streets at 5:00 pm for each Movie Night evening. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss the 2016-2017 Budget Schedule. The process will begin in June and adoption of the budget is anticipated for the second council meeting in September. **INSERT #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of April 2016 minutes. **MOTION** Councilman Pat Janca, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

#### City Council Committee Reports

Main Street will host 2 Historic Walking Tours of downtown La Grange on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. These tours are free and are open to the public. These tours are being held to support Historic Preservation month which is the month of May.

The Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the Month to Donna & Bill Pyle at 125 Reed Street.

The Library Board met last Tuesday and they are busy making plans for the summer events.

#### City Manager Report

Randolph Recreation Center held registration last week for summer camps. There are still a few slots open for each week. During the spring clean-up week there were over 240 piles of brush picked up; this is an increase in number from last year. Utility usage was down for this same time period last year. Water sales were up slightly compared to last year.

At 6:20 PM a **MOTION** was made Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **SECOND** by Councilman Eilert 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 – May 23, 2016**

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, May 23, 2016 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Councilmember Deborah Bradley, Mayor Pro tem John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, 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: Jeff Wick, Tom Hudson, Donald Galow and others.

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

Under Public Petitions Tom Hudson, the owner of Subway spoke and requested council to revisit the current sign ordinance. Donald Galow of 757 N. Main spoke regarding sewer and flood water concerns at his residence. These items will be brought back at a future council meeting.

The first item was to administer the Oath of Office of newly elected Council Members. The Oath of Office was administered to Kathy Weishuhn-Councilmember Ward 1; Violet “Patsy” Zbranek-Councilmember Ward 2; Deborah Bradley-Councilmember Ward 3; and John Eilert-Councilmember Ward 4.

The next item was to discuss and or consider selection of Mayor Pro tem. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Eilert to select Councilman John J. Cernosek as Mayor Pro tem. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request from the Juneteenth Committee to close a portion of the square for the Juneteenth Celebration on June 18<sup>th</sup>. A request was received from the La Grange Juneteenth Committee to block off the inside loop of the square for the Juneteenth Celebration from 4:00 pm until 10:00 pm on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Staff recommends approval of this request. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to approve staff’s request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider final replat of property located at 104 E. St. Hwy 71 Bypass owned by LCRA. **MOTION** Councilman Janca, **SECOND** Councilman Arnold Romberg to approve this replat request. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Main Street is finishing up Historical Preservation Month and would like to extend thanks and appreciation to the *Fayette County Record* for the articles they included during the month of May regarding Historical Preservation Month. Movie Night on the Square will begin on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Historic Casino Hall hosted their premier concert this past weekend with a performance by The Almost Patsy Cline Band. This event was a sellout. Their next event will be on June 25<sup>th</sup> the performance will be the Mayan & Aztec Dance Extravaganza.

City Manager Report

The budget workshop is scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>. The Library will have the Trailblazer trailer at the Library on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am till 2 pm. The Water Department is working on the headwall and sewer line in the Riverside Addition. The remodeling project at the Randolph Recreation Center workout room has started.

Sales tax was down, it is anticipated that there will only be one more month of sales tax being down.

At 6:20 PM a **MOTION** was made Councilmember Zbranek, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Bradley that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

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Janet Moerbe, Mayor