

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING November 9, 2015

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, November 9, 2015 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 Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Councilmember Bonnie Busch was absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, City Secretary Lisa Oltmann and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Andy Behlen and Pastor Candy O'Meara.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Pastor Candy O'Meara of St. Paul Lutheran Church gave the invocation.

The first 4 items were to Discuss Employee Medical Insurance. Discuss and or consider approval of Medical Coverage. Discuss and or consider an Interlocal Agreement between the City of La Grange and TML Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool concerning employee healthcare benefits. And Discuss and or consider COBRA Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement between the City of La Grange and TML Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool concerning the requirements of Continuation of Coverage of healthcare benefits as required by Federal Law. City Manager Shawn Raborn discussed these items with council.

MOTION Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve staff's recommendation and authorize the city to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with TML Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool with the preferred healthcare plan of United Healthcare Choice Plus. Motion carried.

MOTION Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to approve staff's recommendation to approve COBRA Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement between the City of La Grange and TML Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider setting 2016 City of La Grange Holiday schedule. The same schedule from previous years was presented for council consideration. **MOTION** Councilman Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the Holiday schedule as presented. Motion carried. **Attachment #1.**

The next item was to discuss and or consider cancelling the December 28th City Council Meeting. A resolution was presented noting that the December 28th City Council meeting would be on the Monday between Christmas Day and New Year's Day and that all necessary business for the City could be done at the council meeting on December 14th. **MOTION** Councilman Pat Janda, **SECOND** Councilman Arnold Romberg to approve cancelling the December 28th City Council Meeting. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of October 2015 minutes. **MOTION** Councilman Romberg, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

City Council Committee Reports

At the recent Library Board meeting, it was decided to host their Christmas Open House on December 16th.

Trick or Treat on the Square sponsored by Main Street was held one day earlier than planned due to the weather forecast. The event was very well attended.

Chief of Police Update

They continue to work on solving the recent theft at Wal-Mart. Recently there have been multiple cases of credit card skimming in La Grange.

City Manager Update

Decorating downtown for the upcoming holidays will begin the week of November 16th. The demolition of the former "Ag Bldg." in the 200 block of N. Jefferson has started and should be completed this week.

After the recent heavy rainfall and upstream flooding, there was damage done to the public boat ramp. This has resulted in one side of the road to be undermined and collapse. As a result the traffic both going to the ramp and leaving the ramp will use the same road. City staff is gathering information for possible funding assistance programs to have this repaired and reopened.

At 6:35 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Eilert, 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

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, November 23, 2015 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, Councilmember Bonnie Busch, Councilman Arnold Romberg, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn was absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief Jackie Skelton, and Assistant City Secretary Mary Goerig. Visitors: Jeff Kelly, Eva Caine, Kendra McDade, Brookshire Outland, and Andy Behlen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Councilman Arnold Romberg gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider appointments to Main Street Board. The Main Street Board is requesting that Terry Belger with Poiner Bank be appointed to the Main Street Board. The Advisory Board would like all terms to begin on January 1, 2016. Staff recommends approving request. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider the memorial dedication of Northside Park to Mr. Sherman Griffin. Staff is requesting that council dedicate Northside Park in memory of Mr. Sherman Griffin. The dedication would include installing a new sign at the park entrance and the installation of a dedication plaque in the park. The dedication plaque would recognize Mr. Griffin for his service to the community. As background, Mr. Griffin was working at Northside Park and was attacked by a swarm of bees and passed away as a result of the attack on June 30, 2007. This dedication will be done in the Spring. Staff recommends that council approve request. **MOTION** Councilman Mayor Pro Tem John Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Deborah Bradley to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss development of a Mass Gathering Permit. Staff will review with council the development of a process to permit mass gatherings in our community. The permit is not intended to limit mass gathering but to make sure appropriate procedures are in place to handle the crowds. "Mass Gathering" means a gathering that is held inside the city limits of La Grange and that attracts or is expected to attract more than 1,500 persons or more than 500 persons, if 51 percent is expected to be younger than 21 and that alcohol is expected to serve and more than 4 continuous hours. A permit would not be required for Church events on church property, City, school, county or governmental entity events held on property owned by the governmental entity. Weddings, family reunions, wakes and funerals, Annual Fayette County Fair and parade or any other exceptions approved by the City. We currently don't have an issue with mass gathering but a formal process would be helpful to staff in the future if we have additional large scale concerts are planned at the Fayette County Fairgrounds and not

associated by the Annual Fair. This item was only for discussion. No action was taken at this time.

Chief of Police Report

Shoplifting incidents at HEB & Wal-Mart.
Stolen car at Tractor Supply.
Bar G Scam is still on-going

City Manager Report

Ag Building has been demolished.
December 3- Schmeckenfest on Square
December 4 – Service Awards Banquet
Dollar Tree has submitted a site plan near Hampton Inn.

At 6:20 PM as pursuant to Section 551.072 Real Property, council went into Executive Session to discuss and or consider the acquisition of real property.

At 6:44 Council went into open session. There is no action required at this time.

At 6:45 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Eilert, with a **SECOND** by Mayor Pro Tem John Cernosek that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Mary Goerig, Assistant City Secretary

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Janet Moerbe, Mayor