

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – November 14, 2016**

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, November 14, 2016 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 Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Sgt. Troy Stevens, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Andy Behlen, Tom Hudson & John Chancellor.

Mayor Janet Moerbe called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas was recited and Jonathan Hernandez of the Second Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Under Public Petitions Kim Newton with the Main Street Department addressed council. She informed council of awards which were awarded to La Grange Main Street at the Texas Downtown Association Conference the prior week. Awards received were: Best Restoration - Historic Casino Hall, Best Marketing Program - Historic Walking Tour, and People's Choice Award was also awarded for the Historic Walking Tour.

The first item was to discuss and or consider setting the 2017 City of La Grange Holiday Schedule. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve the schedule as presented. Motion carried. **Attachment #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider an appointment to the La Grange Housing Authority Board. The term for La Grange Housing Authority Board Member Nicole Ramirez had expired in June 2016 and Ms. Ramirez declined reappointment to the board thus creating a vacancy to the board. The Housing Authority's Board recommends that Ms. Jan Dockery be appointed to the board to fill this vacancy. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to approve the recommendation of the Housing Authority Board and appoint Ms. Jan Dockery to their board. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a resolution adopting the 2016 Fayette County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The current Hazard Mitigation plan will expire at the end of this year and staff in partnership with the cities of Carmine, Flatonia, Fayette County and the JSWA Team began working on updating the plan in 2013. The plan recently received FEMA approval and can now be adopted by the governing bodies. At this time staff is requesting council to approve a resolution adopting the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. City Manager Raborn noted that the last update to the plan was in 2011. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Deborah Bradley to approve staff's request. Motion carried. **Attachment #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider awarding the management/administrative services contract for the preparation of the City of La Grange's 2017-18 TxCDBG Community Development Fund Application and subsequent contract administration if application is funded. City Manager Raborn noted that there was one submittal to provide the management/administrative services for the TxCDBG Community Development Grant if funded. The submittal was from Langford Community Management. Langford has previously worked with the city on various grants.

The next item was to discuss and or consider awarding the engineering services contract for the preparation of the City of La Grange's 2017-18 TxCDBG Community Development Fund Application and subsequent contract implementation if application is funded. City Manager Raborn reported that there were 2 submittals received for this service. One was received from BEFCO Engineering and the other from TRC in Austin. BEFCO Engineering has worked with the City of La Grange on previous grant projects. This year as part of the grant application process, we have to select the grant administrator and engineer prior to the submission of the TxCDBG Community Development Fund Application. Staff recommends that Langford be appointed to provide the management/administrative services for this grant if awarded and that BEFCO Engineering be appointed to provide the Engineering services for this grant is awarded. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Arnold Romberg to approve staff's recommendations for awarding the management/administrative services to Langford Community Development and the engineering services to BEFCO Engineering is grant is awarded. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a resolution setting a special council meeting for date specified by council. The purpose of this special called meeting would be to provide ample time to discuss and or consider appointment of Chief of Police of the City of La Grange if additional time is necessary after the special called meeting which will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The tentative date proposed for this meeting if necessary is Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve a resolution setting a special council meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> for the purpose of discussion and considering appointment of Chief of Police. **Motion carried. Attachment #3.**

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of October 2016 minutes. **MOTION** Councilman Janca, **SECOND** Councilmember Bonnie Busch to approve the minutes. **Motion carried.**

#### City Council Committee Reports

The Library Board met the first week of November. Information from the library is included in the council packet. Some information included is that the total circulation for October was 4,354 and there were 99 patrons visiting the Museum/Archives including

visitors from Alabama, California, Florida, and even Australia. The meeting room at the library was reserved 19 times in October.

Main Street is working on the Schmeckenfest event. They are also working on the Shop Small Event which is a national event held the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Pioneer Bank will be providing breakfast that morning and there are opportunities for individuals to win prizes and be awarded gift bags.

#### Chief of Police Report

There have been multiple burglaries of businesses lately. The Police Department has resumed night time checks on businesses; they are leaving door hangers notifying the businesses when they have checked their business.

#### City Manager Report

The purchase of the VFW hall was completed today. Janet Rangel, Recreation Center Director, will be the contact for renting of the facility. Holiday Decorating for the city will begin on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Library held a “Teddy Bear” Clinic on November 5<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Tejas Healthcare, and there were 29 participants in the event. This year there will be a volunteer appreciation banquet held on December 6<sup>th</sup> for individuals who serve on various city committees and boards. Kim Newton with Main Street has submitted the formal application for a Historical Marker for the Historic Casino Hall. We will find out next year if we are approved for the Marker. The City Service Awards Banquet will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pre filing of bills for the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative session started today.

At 6:19 PM as pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel Matters, council went into closed executive session to discuss the Chief of Police selection and hiring process.

At 7:59 PM Council went into Open Session. There was no action required.

At 8:02 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Romberg, 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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – November 15, 2016**

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Special Session on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 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 Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn.

Mayor Janet Moerbe called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas was recited and Councilmember Deborah Bradley gave the invocation.

At 6:03 PM as pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel Matters, council went into closed executive session to discuss the Chief of Police selection and hiring process.

At 8:08 PM Council went into Open Session. There was no action required.

At 8:10 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bradley, with a **SECOND** by Councilman John Eilert that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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Janet Moerbe, Mayor

### **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – November 21, 2016**

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Special Session on Tuesday, November 21, 2016 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 Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn. Visitors: Tom Hudson

Mayor Janet Moerbe called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas was recited and Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn gave the invocation.

At 6:01 PM as pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel Matters, council went into closed executive session to discuss the Chief of Police selection and hiring process.

At 6:55 PM Council went into Open Session.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Arnold Romberg to authorize the city manager to proceed with making an offer to a candidate for the position of Chief of Police and present to council at next meeting for approval. Motion carried.

At 8:10 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Violet Zbranek, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Weishuhn that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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Janet Moerbe, Mayor

### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – November 28, 2016**

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, November 28, 2016 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 Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police Jackie Skelton, SRO Officer David Gilbreath, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Jeff Wick, Candy O'Meara, Tom Hudson, Robin Hudson and one other individual.

Mayor Janet Moerbe called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas was recited and Pastor Candy O'Meara of St. Paul Lutheran Church gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider awarding the bid for police vehicles. The City of La Grange is purchasing two (2) police vehicles for the LGPD. There were two (2) bids received, one from Oviedo Chevrolet and one from La Grange Ford-Lincoln. The low bid was submitted by La Grange Ford in the amount of \$32,972.75 per vehicle. This is \$3,824.51 per vehicle lower than the bid submitted by Oviedo Chevrolet for a total savings of \$7,649.02. In addition, Oviedo Chevrolet failed to meet all the requirements as outlined in the vehicle specifications. It is the recommendation of Gary

Skalka, purchasing agent that the City of La Grange award the bid to La Grange Ford-Lincoln. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Deborah Bradley to approve the recommendation of staff and award the bid to La Grange Ford-Lincoln. Motion carried.

At 6:02 PM as pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel Matters, council went into closed executive session to discuss and or consider appointment of Chief of Police.

At 6:11 PM Council went into Open Session.

Mayor Moerbe expressed thanks and appreciation to all who served on the selection committee along with the council for all of their thoughts and input with selection process for the Chief of Police.

**MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Bonnie Busch to appoint David Gilbreath as Chief of Police. Motion carried.

#### City Council Committee Reports

The Library will hold an open house on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-2.

Main Street will host Schmeckenfest this Thursday.

The retirement celebration for Chief Skelton will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-8.

#### City Manager Report

Small Business Saturday held this past Saturday was a success. The Library/Museum was awarded a \$37,000 grant from the Tocker Foundation to digitize newspapers. This digitized information will be available to everyone with internet access. The papers include the La Grange Journal, The Fayette County Record, and the Flatonia Argus.

At 6:16 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Violet Zbranek that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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