

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – December 8, 2014

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, December 8, 2014 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Deborah Bradley, Mayor Pro tem John J. Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police Jackie Skelton, and City Secretary Lisa Oltmann. Visitors: Dick Frenzel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Councilman Calvin Kuehn gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider a Resolution establishing a Veterans Memorial Highway. Council reviewed a resolution which would establish a Veterans Memorial Highway designation along State Highway 71 Business within the city limits of La Grange. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem John J Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve the resolution. Motion carried. **Attachment #1** Dick Frenzel then addressed the council and stated that on behalf of the American Legion Post 102 and the VFW Post 5254 he thanked the council for taking their time to vote and make this memorial dedication. Mayor Moerbe on behalf of the council extended thanks to the veterans for all they have done.

The next item was to consider re-appointment to the Fayette Library Museum Archives Board of Directors. The Fayette Library Museum Archives Board of Directors is composed of nine members who are appointed by the City Council. The Board serves as an advisor to the library staff in the operation and maintenance of the library. The Library Board recommends that the following members whose term will expire on December 31, 2014, be re-appointment for a three year term: Arlene Zapalac, Jeff Kelly, and Neale Rabensburg. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve the board's recommendation. Motion carried. **Attachment #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider a Tax Refund to Betty Barney due to a late filed homestead exemption . The City has received a tax refund request in the amount of \$34.62 for a late filed homestead exemption from Betty A. Barney. **MOTION** Councilman Pat Janca, **SECOND** Councilman Arnold Romberg to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss the 2015 City Officer's Election. City officer's election will be May 9, 2015.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of November 2014 minutes. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Romberg to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Tourism Grant Funds

Tourism Grant Committee Chair John Eilert reported on the meeting which was held earlier. The committee reviewed 7 requests and they recommend the following: deny the request from the La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$10,000 for a Visitor Information Center; fund the request from the La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$3,120 for the docent program for all Saturday's in 2015; table the request from the La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$6,000 for billboards; fund the request from the Bugle Boy Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for operating support; fund the request from the Texas Quilt Museum in the amount of \$5,000 to update their four color brochure provided they include specific contact information from the La Grange Visitors Bureau on the back of the brochure; fund the request from the Fayette County Tourism Association in the amount of \$4,000 for website development; and fund the request from the Colorado Valley Quilt guild in the amount of \$3,500 for advertising their quilt show which will be held in February, 2015. **MOTION** Councilman Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve the committee's recommendations. Motion carried.

City Council Committee Reports

Schmeckenfest which was held on Thursday, December 4th was a success. All of the tasting steins were sold out.

The Library Board met recently. The Library will host their open house on December 17th from 10-4.

The Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the Month to Gene & Rose Urbanovsky at 621 S College. Mr. Urbanovsky also maintains the grass area in the 600 block of S. College Street.

Chief Of Police

There was one case of criminal mischief, an attempted burglary of a motor vehicle, as well as a large theft/forgery case recently reported.

City Manager Report

Small Business Saturday was observed on November 29th, there were over 150 individuals participating in La Grange. The last taxing entity approved the city purchase of the lot at 428 W. LaFayette Street.

At 6:21 PM as pursuant to Section 551.086 Competitive Electric Matters council went into Closed Executive Session to discuss and or consider Wholesale Power Agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority.

At 6:26 PM Council went into Open Session. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the Wholesale Power Agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority. Motion carried.

At 6:28 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Kuehn, 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