

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – February 9, 2015

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, February 9, 2015 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilmember Deborah Bradley, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Pat Janca, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Councilmember Violet Zbranek. Mayor Pro tem John Cernosek was absent. Staff present: City Secretary Lisa Oltmann and Sgt. Troy Stevens. Visitors: Andy Behlen, James Garon, and Buster Hill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Father Joseph Varickamackal of Sacred Heart Catholic Church gave the invocation.

The first item was a Public Hearing on expenditure of EDC funds for park improvements adjacent to the Randolph Recreation Center. This will be a partnership between the EDC and the City for funding this project and it will include a Splash Pad, restrooms and parking adjacent to the Randolph Recreation Center. The total cost of the project is \$300,000 and will be a 50/50 split between the EDC and the City of La Grange. Mayor Moerbe opened the Public Hearing at 6:05. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:06.

The next item was a Public Hearing on expenditures of EDC funds for parking lot improvements to be constructed in conjunction with the Historic Casino Hall. This parking would also be utilized by the Texas Quilt Museum to assist with parking for the charter bus tours. The total cost of this project is \$200,000 and will be a 50/50 split between the EDC and the City of La Grange. The Public Hearing was opened at 6:07. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:08.

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for the development of Visitors Center Exhibit space. Staff is requesting council approval to issue a request for qualifications for a Design/Build Contractor to assist in the development of exhibit space in the Historic Casino Hall. After evaluation it is clear that in order to fully develop the property into a viable community asset we will need professional assistance. Staff will bring back for council approval the firm selected to undertake the project. It is anticipated that the project will cost \$25,000 and funds have been allocated in the FY 2014-2015 Budget to complete this project. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Deborah Bradley to approve staff's request. Motion carried. **Insert #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider on first reading amending An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS, As Recodified On January 8, 2007, By Amending Article 3.13, Mobile Home, Manufactured Home And Recreational Vehicle Parks, Section 3.13.002, Mobile Homes

Or Manufactured Homes Outside Licensed Parks, By Amending Subsection 3.13.002(9)(A), By Replacing The Current Subsection 3.13.002(9)(A) With a New Subsection 3.13.002(9)(A) So As To Authorize City Council Approved Special Use Permits In Commercial Zones for Mobile Homes Or Manufactured Homes Outside Licensed Parks; And Providing For An Effective Date. **MOTION** Councilman Calvin Kuehn, **SECOND** Councilman Arnold Romberg to approve this ordinance on First Reading. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Bradley in favor, Mayor Pro tem Cernosek absent, Councilman Eilert in favor, Councilman Janca in favor, Councilman Kuehn in favor, Councilman Romberg in favor, Councilmember Weishuhn in favor, Councilmember Zbranek in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

The next item was a report on 2015 Street Paving Program. This item was for discussion purposed only. The total investment this year in street repair and maintenance is estimated to be approximately \$300,000. The funding for these projects was included in the FY 2014-15 Capital Improvement fund Budget. The area included is the Northeast portion of the city.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a preliminary replat request from Indian Creek Land & Investment Co., L.P. to subdivide their property at 2125 W. St. Hwy 71. They are requesting that this property be subdivided into 3 separate lots. The City of La Grange asked all property owners within a 200' radius of this location if they were in favor of or opposed to granting this request. There were 4 letters returned in favor of granting this request, and there were 5 letters which were not returned. James Garon who is the surveyor for this project addressed the council regarding this subdivision. He stated that lot 2 would be for a Taco Bell and lot 3 is anticipated to be sold to an adjacent property owner. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the preliminary replat for 2125 W. St. Hwy 71. Motion carried.

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

Committee Reports

Main Street will host La Grange Uncorked on March 21st along with the La Grange Chamber of Commerce. Main Street will also host the annual Merchants' Meeting in April.

The Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the Month to Loraine Bertsch at 729 N. Horton.

At 6:18 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Zbranek, with a **SECOND** by Councilman Eilert that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – February 23, 2015

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, February 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, 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: Andy Behlen, Buster Hill, Bobby Gronewald, Dick Frenzel, and Rev. Dennis Hill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Rev. Dennis Hill of The Remnant Church gave the invocation.

Under Public Petitions, Bobby Gronewald talked about the 7th Annual Best Little Cowboy Gathering which will be held on March 12-15, 2015 at the Fayette County Fair Grounds. He thanked the council for the support they have shown for this event.

The first item was to discuss and or consider a replat of property owned by Indian Creek Land & Investment LP at 2125 W St. Hwy 71. The City of La Grange received a request from Indian Creek Land & Improvement Co., LP to have their property located at 2125 W. St. Hwy 71 subdivided into 3 separate lots. City Council gave preliminary approval to this request at the meeting held on February 9th. **MOTION** Councilman Calvin Kuehn, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to give final approval to this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider on second and final reading An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS, As Recodified On January 8, 2007, By Amending Article 3.13, Mobile Home, Manufactured Home And Recreational Vehicle Parks, Section 3.13.002, Mobile Homes Or Manufactured Homes Outside Licensed Parks, By Amending Subsection 3.13.002(9)(A), By Replacing The Current Subsection 3.13.002(9)(A) With a New Subsection 3.13.002(9)(A) So As To Authorize City Council Approved Special Use

Permits In Commercial Zones for Mobile Homes Or Manufactured Homes Outside Licensed Parks; And Providing For An Effective Date. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Deborah Bradley to approve this ordinance on Second & Final Reading. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Bradley in favor, Mayor Pro tem Cernosek in favor, Councilman Eilert in favor, Councilman Janca in favor, Councilman Kuehn in favor, Councilman Romberg in favor, Councilmember Weishuhn in favor, Councilmember Zbranek in favor. Motion carried 8-0. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider a Resolution opposing a Revenue Cap and Legislative interference with local services. Staff is presenting for council consideration a resolution that has been forwarded by the Texas Municipal League opposing S.B. 182 which would impose a lower revenue cap. While we have not increased tax rates by the proposed 4% cap the long term impacts of such a cap would be very negative on cities. **MOTION** Councilman Arnold Romberg, **SECOND** Councilman Pat Janca to approve the resolution. Motion carried. **INSERT #2**

The next item was a report on the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Application. In January council approved the submission of a grant application to upgrade water lines in the area bounded by North Jefferson, Roitsch, Guadalupe and North Jackson. Staff is presenting for your information the final water lines that were identified to be included in the grant application. They are on Camp Street from Franklin Street to Jackson Street, as well as on Madison Street and Monroe Street both from Roitsch Lane to Camp Street. This Grant Application is due by Friday, February 27th. If awarded this grant, it is not anticipated that the project would begin till 2017. **INSERT #3**

Chief of Police Report

An individual naturalist researcher was in town recently to see if she could locate any additional remains/items where the infant skull was found last month. There were some bones located and these are being examined to determine if they are remains related to the infant skull. This morning six eight-liners were seized this morning from Bar G located at 1926 St. Hwy 159. Charges will be brought forward from TABC as well the La Grange Police Department.

City Manager Report

Sales tax was up 10%, this time period does include the holiday season.

Camille Marek, TxDOT District Traffic Engineer, reported that she is reviewing the traffic data related to the Von Minden and Bypass Feeder Road intersection and has also been on site.

The electric upgrade projects in La Grange should be completed this week.

Republic will have a curb side pickup for bulk items on March 21 & 22. They city will hold our Spring Cleanup on March 23-28.

At 6:30 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **SECOND** by Mayor Pro tem Cernosek that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

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Janet Moerbe, Mayor