

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – January 9, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, January 9, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Jeff Wick, Paul Parker, Bronte Zbranek, and Phillip Pelt

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

Under Public Petitions Paul Parker spoke regarding residential fire sprinklers.

The first item was to discuss an agreement with Texas Rapid Response K9 for contraband inspection services utilizing canines. Chief Skelton is asking the City Council for consideration of a contract with Texas Rapid Response K9. This agreement is for one of their personnel and a narcotics K9 dog to be used by the La Grange Police Department. Approximately 2 ½ years ago City Manager Raborn and Chief Skelton began discussion about purchasing a K9 dog for the police department. In looking into the purchase price and up keep cost of the dog, it was decided to look into the possibility of a lease agreement with a company for this purpose. Staff has been in contact with Texas Rapid Response K9 which opened up in Fayette County just south of La Grange. This would give us access to a narcotics K9 dog that would work with an officer of the police department on a certain number of days a month. This will enable us to work interdiction in our fight against drugs within our community without the expense associated with the ownership of the dog. We will have access to the county's K9 dog when they acquire a new one on a limited basis around the handlers' schedule. Council would like to proceed with this project.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval to replat property located at the North East Corner of Pearl and Monroe Streets. A request was received from Mr. Phillip Pelt to replat the property located at the North East Corner of Pearl and Monroe Streets, which currently are 2 lots into three separate lots. The three tracts will range from 7,000 square feet to 10,650 square feet and meet the minimum lot size requirements. The existing structure on the lot will be removed. **MOTION** Councilman Arnold Romberg, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel to approve this replat request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider lease of office space within the La Grange Police Station located at 243 S College to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for office space. Staff is requesting council approval of a lease with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) for office space at the police station. The lease is similar to the current lease we have with the Texas Department of Public Safety. The TABC will be utilizing one office at the police station. Key provisions of the contract: Purpose-Office Space, Term-Until Terminated by either party. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried. **Attachment #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider appointments to the Main Street Advisory Board. Main Street is seeking Council approval for new

appointments to the Sue Noblitt and Mike McCathern. These two individuals were selected by the Main Street Advisory for City Council appointment to the Main Street Advisory Board at their January 4, 2012 meeting. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to appoint Sue Noblitt and Mike McCathern to the Main Street Advisory Board. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval to replat property located at 1432 W State Hwy 71. A request was received from Ms. Mary Gonzales to replat the property located at 1432 W St Hwy 71 into two tracts. The two tracts will range from 1.278 acres to .702 acres and meet the minimum lot size requirement. **MOTION** Councilman Romberg, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve this replat request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for December, 2011. **MOTION** Councilman Eilert, **SECOND** Councilman Romberg to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Tourism Committee

Councilman Harvey Bush reported that the Tourism Committee met and reviewed one request from The Bugle Boy Foundation in the amount of \$12,000 for Operating Support for 2012. The committee does recommend council approval for funding this request in full. **MOTION** Councilmember Busch, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the committee's recommendation. Motion carried.

City Council Committee Reports

The Library Board met recently and circulation continues to grow. There Christmas Open House was very well attended with over 130 in attendance. The Beautification Committee met and awarded Yard of the Month to Billy & Bonnie Karger at 127 E Walnut.

Main Street Board met recently to discuss nominations to fill the 2 expired terms on the advisory board.

Chief of Police Update

During the month of December there were several shop lifting cases as well as theft cases.

City Manager Update

EBooks are available for library patrons. Bids are being accepted for the Randolph Recreation Center project and also the water well 8 & 9 project. On the previous Friday city crews repaired several major water leaks.

At 6:39 PM as pursuant to Section 551.072 Real Property council went to closed executive session to discuss and or consider purchase of property.

At 6:43 PM Council went into Open Session. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to authorize City Manager to proceed as discussed in executive session. Motion carried.

At 6:45 a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, 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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – January 23, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, January 23, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Glenda Munsch, Kathy Kay, Bill & Nancy Kilty and Bob Schmidt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Father Joseph Varickamackal gave the invocation.

The first item was a presentation of Relay for Life Event which is scheduled for September 15, 2012. Glenda Munsch and Kathy Kay reviewed the 2011 Relay for Life event. There was over \$90,000 raised at this event last year. This year will be the 10th Relay for Life event in La Grange and their goal is to raise over \$100,000.

The next item was to discuss and or consider preliminary request from Bill & Nancy Kilty to replat property located at the corner of North Washington and West Pearl Street. A request was received from Mr. & Mrs. Kilty to replat the property at the corner into two separate lots. The two tracts will not meet the minimum lot size requirement of 7,000 square feet but will be 6,931 and 6,827 square feet. Staff is presenting this item for preliminary consideration. Council would like to have the surrounding neighbors notified of this request so they are kept abreast of what is being considered at this location. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to table this item at this time. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider award of bid for the installation of Water Well number 8 and 9. Staff is requesting council approval of the low bidder Kutscher Drilling, Ltd of San Marcos in the amount of \$567,575 to drill two wells on property owned by the city east of town. O'Malley Engineers, L.L.P. reviewed the bids and based on references, they are recommending awarding the bid to Kutscher Drilling, Ltd. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Calvin Kuehn to approve staff's recommendation. Motion Carried.

The next item was a presentation of Racial Profiling data by the La Grange Department as required by Article 2.132 Texas Code of Criminal Procedures. Chief Jackie Skelton reviewed this information with the council. There is not a problem regarding racial profiling within the LGPD as illustrated in Tier 1 Data. **Attachment #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider appointment to the Library Board. Board member Beverley Blakleye has resigned from the Library board. It is their recommendation that Jeff Kelly be appointed to replace Ms. Blakleye.

MOTION Councilman John Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve the board's recommendation. Motion carried.

The next item was to review the active project report for January 2012. City Manager Raborn reviewed the report. He noted that notification was received from Texas Parks & Wildlife that the plans for the Randolph Recreation Center project have been approved. There was a pre-bid meeting at the Randolph Recreation Center earlier today. Equipment has been received for the disk golf course. City Manager Raborn also reviewed the sales tax report. It was noted that sales tax was up 22% over this same time period last year.

Chief of Police Update

Thefts at Wal-Mart, Guadalajara Restaurant, as well as two other locations were being investigated. Arrests have been made in reference to the Wal-Mart theft.

Council then adjourned to go to the La Grange Volunteer Fire Department for the next item which was a demonstration of the new Rescue Vehicle. Fire Chief Frank Menefee, Jr. gave a presentation to council on this vehicle.

At 6:50 a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, 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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – February 13, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, February 13, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police Jackie Skelton, and police officer Bryan Corb. Visitors: Rev. Walter Lee, Mr. Bill Kilty, and Aileen Loehr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Rev. Walter Lee gave the invocation.

The first item was a report on the AMEN Program. Rev. Walter Lee updated the council on activities of AMEN. The community garden which was started last year was not as successful as hoped. They will not have this program this year. Rev. Lee thanked the city for providing water for this location last year. AMEN is now a Client Choice Model food pantry. Individuals choose the food items they would like to use instead of being given a predetermined allotment of food. AMEN no longer assists directly with rent or utility subsidies. Individuals are referred to Combined Community Action for these services. Representatives of AMEN visited with representatives of Second Chance Emporium advising them

of this decision and encouraged Second Chance to split the funding which had previously been provided to AMEN between the two organizations. The Capital Area Food Bank has also begun direct food deliveries to the area on the 3rd Saturday of the month. There is a larger variety of items available for individuals including fresh produce as well as frozen items. This has been well received by individuals. Rev. Lee thanked the city for the partnership it has with AMEN which allows them to provide services to those in need. Mayor Moerbe on behalf of the city thanked AMEN for all the services they provide within Fayette County.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a preliminary request from Mr. Bill and Nancy Kilty to replat property located at the corner of North Washington and West Pearl Street. This request if bring brought back for council consideration. The two tracts will not meet the minimum lot size requirement of 7,000 square feet wit will be 6,931 and 6,827 square feet. As requested by council City Manager Raborn contacted the citizen that had attended the November 18th City council meeting and informed them of the new proposal developed by Mr. & Mrs. Kilty. This item is being presented for preliminary consideration. Mr. Kilty attended the meeting to answer any questions regarding this request. There being no one present with concerns regarding this request, **MOTION** Councilman Arnold Romberg, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel to approve this preliminary replat request from Mr. Bill Kilty. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider an Order Calling for Election of City Officers. Discutir y/o considerer la autorizacion para La Orden de Eleccion de Representantes del Consejo Municipal. **MOTION** Councilman John Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve the Order Calling for Election of City Officers. Motion carried. **ATTACHMENT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the La Grange Independent School District to conduct a joint election for the May 12, 2012 elections for both authorities. Staff is requesting council approval to enter into an agreement with the La Grange ISD to hold a joint election on May 12, 2012. As outlined in the agreement, each entity will administer their respective elections and bear their respective costs. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel to approve staff's request. Motion carried. **ATTACHMENT #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider an agreement with Texas Rapid Response K9 for contraband inspection services utilizing canines. The agreement is for a period of six months during which time staff will evaluate and determine the effectiveness of the service provided by Texas Rapid Response. The agreement would be for 6 months and would cost \$240 per 8 hour shift. There would be 12 shifts during the 6 month period which may be increased by request of the city. This agreement still needs final review by the City Attorney. In the event that major changes are identified the agreement would be brought back to council for reconsideration. **MOTION** Councilman Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to staff's request. Motion carried. **ATTACHMENT #3**

The next item was a report on the 2012 Street Paving Program. This item is being presented for discussion purposes only and will be presented to council at a future meeting for approval. The total investment this year in street repair and maintenance is estimated to be approximately \$300,000. The rebuilding of the 200 block of River Street will begin this week. Work began last week on a number of reclaim projects around town. The funding for these projects were included in the FY 2011-12 Capital Improvement Fund Budget. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel, **SECOND** Councilman Romberg to approve the presented street paving program. **ATTACHMENT #4**

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of the Comprehensive Fund Balance Policy. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 54. The primary purpose of this new standard is to enhance the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications that can be more consistently applied and by clarifying the existing governmental fund type definitions. The new classifications comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhazel to approve the Comprehensive Fund Balance Policy. Motion carried. **ATTACHMENT #5**

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for January 2012. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Library Board met recently and it was noted that once again the circulation for January was the highest January circulation ever.

The Beautification committee awarded Yard Of The Month to Cliff and Susan Gage at 650 S College.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Thefts continue to increase.

Chief Skelton announced that he has begun a recognition program for his department. For the year 2011, three officers were recognized. Officer of the Year was Justin Koehne, Joseph Gates received the Chief of Police Commendation Award, and the Meritorious Service Award was presented to Bryan Corb.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Water usage is above average while electrical usage is flat.

Sales Tax continues to increase and is above average.

Bids for the Randolph Recreation Center will be opened on Tuesday.

At 6:50 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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – February 27, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, February 27, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhazel. Councilmember Violet Zbranek was absent. Staff present: City

Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police Jackie Skelton, Finance Director Brett Wolff, Recreation Center Director Janet Rangel, and Utility Office Manager Glenda Munsch. Visitors: Greg Trlicek, Johanna Prihoda, Monica Carrdillo, Kathy Kay and Aileen Loehr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Rev. Sid Roden gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider a request from Relay for Life planning committee to block off the square on September 15th for the 2012 Relay for Life event. A request was received from the Relay for Life Planning Committee to block off the square for the September 15th 2012 Relay for Life event. The square would be partially blocked off beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening but will leave access to the businesses. They are requesting that the entire square be closed beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Glenda Munsch, Kathy Kay, and Monica Carrdillo addressed the council. It is their intention to not close off any of the square until Saturday afternoon if possible. This year they are planning to use barricades instead of fencing for blocking off the event. This will hopefully address some of the concerns from last year. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to have the presentation of the City of La Grange Annual Audit Report. Mr. Greg Trlicek, auditor for the City of La Grange presented the results of the 2010-2011 annual audit report. Mr. Trlicek reported that the city is in good financial standing. He also thanked the city staff for their assistance while the auditors were gathering information for the audit.

The next item was to discuss and or consider acceptance of the City of La Grange Audit Report. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to accept the City of La Grange Audit Report. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider the sale of the 1995 Chevrolet Rescue truck to the Oakridge Volunteer Fire Department. Staff is requesting the sale of the old rescue truck that was recently replaced to the Oakridge Volunteer Fire Department. Oakridge Fire Department is a newly formed department in Colorado County that relies solely on donations and fundraisers. Oakridge receives little financial support from Colorado County. They are offering \$4,500 for this vehicle. The old rescue truck is a 1995 Chevrolet Cheyenne 3500 Diesel 4X4 Standard Cab. The truck has 14,662 miles with a Blue Book value of approximately \$3,900 to \$5,000 depending on the condition of the truck. **MOTION** Councilman Calvin Kuehn, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider awarding of bid for the renovations of the Randolph Recreation Center to Gaeke Construction. Staff is requesting council approval of the low bidder Gaeke Construction of Giddings in the amount of \$1,488,600 to renovate the Randolph Recreation Center. This project will be paid with TPWD grant funds and bond proceeds. The TPWD grant in the amount of \$750,000 is a matching grant. Johanna Prihoda of Cutright and Allen addressed the council regarding this project. She expressed her thanks to Janet Rangel for making arrangements for them in to view the facility as necessary. She also noted that the city crew doing the demolition work did an outstand job and by doing the demo work this helped with the total cost of the project. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The removal of bats from the Library is near completion. The Library will also be changing their software services to Atrium. Road work on River Street should resume this week. Installation of the Disc Golf Course at the Fair Grounds has begun.

At 6:20 a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Kuehn, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Weishuhn that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – March 12, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, March 12, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn. Visitors: Aileen Loehr, Ed & Virginia Leech.

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

The first item was to discuss and or consider approval of Certificate of Unopposed Candidates. Discutir y/o considerer la aprobacion del Certificado de Candidatos Sin Oposicion. **MOTION** Councilman Calvin Kuehn, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to approve the Certificate of Unopposed Candidates. Motion carried. **Attachment #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider order canceling the May 12, 2012 City Officers Election. Discutir y/o considerer Orden Cancelando Election del 12 de mayo de 2012 Para Oficiales Municipales. **MOTION** Councilman Kuehn, **SECOND** Councilman Eilert to cancel the May 12, 2012 City Officers Election. Motion carried. **Attachment #2**

The next item was to discuss annexation of one tract adjacent to the City of La Grange. Staff is requesting council authorization to begin the annexation of one vacant parcel adjacent to the City of La Grange. The property in question is adjacent to the city limits on West State Highway 71 Business. The owner has requested that the tract be brought into the city limits. We will already have sewer and fire protection service in this area. City Manager Raborn updated council on this request.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a resolution directing the City Manager to undertake the steps necessary to annex the area, which resolution shall include the dates for publication of notice, hearings and such other requirements mandated by the Local Government Code and the Charter. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel to approve this resolution. Motion carried. **Attachment #3**

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for February 2012. **MOTION** Councilman Kuehn, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve February 2012 minutes. Motion carried.

Tourism Committee

Councilman Bush reported that the tourism committee met earlier and reviewed the following requests:

La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce – Koozies/advertising	\$2,500
La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce- Old Jail Brochures	\$1,500
La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce-HOT administration training	\$ 173
La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce- Tourism Advertising	\$ 400
La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce- Docent staffing	\$3,120
Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center-Slavnost Advertising	\$1,700
Fayette County Fair Association-Advertising	\$15,000
Fayette County Country Music Club – Advertising & motel rooms	\$7,000
Backstage Inc.-Heart of the Tin Trunk 2012-production expenses	\$15,000
City of La Grange-Sporting Events	\$3,500

City of La Grange-KEYE Promotion	\$3,950
Faison Preservation Society-Historic Preservation	\$10,000
It is the recommendation of the committee that the requests be funded as follows:	
La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce – Koozies/advertising	Tabled
La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce- Old Jail Brochures	\$1,500
La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce-HOT administration training	Denied
La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce- Tourism Advertising	\$ 400
La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce-Docent staffing	\$3,120
Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center-Slavnost Advertising	\$1,700
Fayette County Fair Association-Advertising	\$12,500
Fayette County Country Music Club – Advertising & motel rooms	\$7,000
Backstage Inc.-Heart of the Tin Trunk 2012-production expenses	\$12,500
City of La Grange-Sporting Events	\$3,500
City of La Grange-KEYE Promotion	Tabled
Faison Preservation Society-Historic Preservation	\$10,000

MOTION Councilman Busch, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve funding as recommended by the committee. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Library Committee met last week. They changed their by-laws and will now meet 5 times a year.

The Beautification Committee met and awarded Yard of the Month to Glenn & Jane Schneider at 820 N Jackson.

Main Street is making preparations for the Merchants’ Meeting.

CITY MANAGER

There are in excess of 40 letters being sent out to property owners to have their grass mowed as a result of the rain.

Spring Cleanup is the week of March 19-24.

There is computer training every Tuesday at the Library. The first 2 classes are full.

Sales Tax continues to increase.

Water & Electric Sales are down.

At 6:30 a **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel 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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – March 26, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, March 26, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and

Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel. Mayor Moerbe was absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn. Visitors: Aileen Loehr and Rev. Daryl Hay.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Rev. Hay gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider approval of a plat of one tract at the intersection of Highway 77 South and Spur 92. A request was received from Mr. Robert Hill to replat the property at the corner of Highway 77 South and Spur 92 which is located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of La Grange. The ETJ for the City of La Grange is a half a mile from the city limits. The one acre tract that is under consideration for replat is located within the ETJ while the remaining of the 8.014 acre tract lies outside the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the city. The lot as proposed is one acre and therefore does meet the minimum lot size of seven thousand square feet. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Calvin Kuehn to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing staff to partner with La Grange ISD on repairs to the community tennis courts. The tennis courts at La Grange High School are in need of repairs and we have been approached by La Grange ISD to partner with them on the repairs. The courts not only serve the students of La Grange ISD but also serve as public courts for the community. Staff is requesting council authorization to participate in the repairs in an amount not to exceed \$3,500. The repairs are estimated to cost \$16,000. The school is asking to split the cost with the city paying for 10%. Funding for the project will come from the Parks Capital Improvement Fund account. **MOTION** Councilman Kuehn, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was a review of the Active Project Report. City Manager Raborn reviewed the active project report with council. It was noted that the preconstruction conference was held on March 8th on the water well project and construction is anticipated to begin by the first week in April. The drilling of both wells should be completed by early August. Work continues on the fairground paving project. If this area is not paved in early summer, it will be done after the fair. The parking lot would be oiled to reduce the dust during the fair. The new light poles have been delivered for the softball field renovation project at the fairgrounds. Weather permitting; this project should be completed within three weeks. There was a preconstruction meeting held on March 20th regarding the Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant-Randolph Recreation Center Project. Bid was awarded to Gaeke Construction in the amount of \$1,488,600. It is anticipated that the contractor will begin no later than May 1st with completion by mid November with the new facility to be fully operational by January 2013.

City Manager Report

There will be an organization meeting on Wednesday regarding the Farmers' Market. It is anticipated that the market will begin on either Saturday April 28th, or May 5th.

City wide clean up was held last week. There were 161 piles of brush picked up as well as 4 roll-off containers filled with other hard to dispose of items.

Tourism Committee

Councilman Bush reported that the Tourism Committee met earlier and reviewed one request from the La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2,500 for 4,000 koozies. These koozies would be imprinted with the chamber of commerce logo as well as historical sites in the area. The committee is recommending council approval to fund this request. **MOTION** Councilman

Busch, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the committee's recommendation. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Main Street will host the annual Merchants' Dinner on Thursday, April 26th.

At 6:18 PM as pursuant to Section 551.072 Real Property council went to closed executive session to discuss and or consider purchase of property.

At 6:40 PM Council went into Open Session. No action is required at this time.

At 6:41 a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Zbranek that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

James V Zimmerhanel, Mayor Pro tem

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – April 9, 2012

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

The first item was a public hearing on the annexation of the Riverside 2012 Addition. This was the first of two public hearings. The public hearing was opened at 6:02 PM. Mr. Jimmy Rausl addressed the council. He was informed that this property is being considered for annexation at the request of the property owner. The public hearing was closed at 6:10.

The next item was to discuss and or consider final plat of property located at the corner of North Washington and West Pearl Street. In March, the council gave preliminary approval to proceed with the replat of the property at the corner of North Washington. Staff is presenting for final approval the replat of the property at the corner of North Washington and West Pearl into two separate lots. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel to approve this replat. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request from the Gardenia E Janssen Animal Shelter to increase financial support. A request was received from the Gardenia E Janssen Animal Shelter requesting that the city increase our monthly contribution from \$1,250 per month to \$1,500 per month. Contribution to the facility was increased in 2011 by \$125 per month which was less than the organization had requested. The utilization of the facility by the citizens of La Grange accounted for 30% of the animals handled by the facility last year. The Animal Shelter provides a very valuable service to the community that would be hard to provide on our own. Staff recommends the requested increase in funding. Mr. Herb Janssen, and Mrs. Niki Powell were available for any questions from the council. The shelter does also receive funding from the cities of Schulenburg and Flatonia as well as the county itself. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing the City Attorney to file suit in District Court against the Uhde estate and known and unknown heirs for the nonpayment of utility services provided at 428 West La Fayette Street (La Fayette Apartments). Staff is requesting council authorization to file suit against the Uhde estate for the payment of outstanding utility services. The Uhde estate is the owner of the La Fayette Apartments which are located at 428 W La Fayette Street. The apartment complex has a master water meter account which is paid for by the owner. In October of last year the owner failed to pay the bill for the water service and we began the process to notify the renters that they would have to vacate the property due to the non-payment of the utility account by the owner. All of the renters vacated the property in February and service was then disconnected. The current amount due by the Uhde estate is \$4,099.67. We are requesting council authorization to file suit in District Court due to a number of legal issues related to the property. We are also in the process of condemning the complex. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 Article 4.03 Oil And Gas Wells, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS By Amending Section 4.03.003 Providing For A Change In The Spacing Requirements And The Minimum Area And Distances Of An Oil Or Gas Well And Providing For An Effective Date. Staff is presenting for council consideration a modification to the current spacing requirements of oil and gas wells from a city street. The current ordinance requires that an oil and gas well be located more than 50 feet from any public street or right of way. Staff is proposing to increase the spacing requirements to 400 feet which is consistent with the spacing required from residential units. The wells that have been drilled in the City of La Grange would have conformed to this new spacing requirement. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman John Cernosek to approve this ordinance of first reading. . A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch in favor; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg absent; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing staff to auction items that are obsolete and are no longer being used. Duncan Auctioneers will be holding an area-wide auction on April 28, 2012 and they have invited the City of La Grange to participate again this year. We have had good luck in the past with getting top dollar for our used and obsolete equipment by selling them through Duncan and staff recommends that we do so again this year. We would like to sell the following items at the auction: 1 Water Department, 1993 Ford F350 1 ton

truck with service with 79,857 miles; 1 Water Department, 2002 F-150 ½ ton regular cab pick-up truck with 72,030 miles; 1 Parks Department, 1996 Dodge 1500 ½ ton extended cab pick-up with 119,064 miles, light from the girls' softball field at the fair grounds; as well as several pieces of miscellaneous equipment and riding mowers. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a rate request proposed by CenterPoint Energy Entex. The City of La Grange has received a request from CenterPoint Energy Entex to increase the current base residential rate. Entex is proposing to increase the base residential gas rate by \$1.33 per month effective May 29, 2012. 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 \$13.95 to \$15.28. Mr. Karl Burris with CenterPoint Energy Entex was at the meeting to answer any questions council might have. He commended City Manager Raborn for his explanation of this matter. This item was for information only tonight. It will be brought back to council for action at a later date.

The next item was to discuss and or consider the lease of building at the Optimist Park to the Optimist Club. The following item was to discuss and or consider the lease of the Optimist Park baseball field to the Friends of Baseball organization. Staff is presenting for council consideration leases with the Optimist Club and the Friends of Baseball for use of the buildings and baseball field at the Fairgrounds. Historically the leases were for one year at a time but due to the long term relationships with both organizations staff is recommending that the term be increased to five years. The lease is unique in that the organizations share the meeting room and concession stand but both organizations are committed to working together for the betterment of the community and the youth they serve. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve these two leases. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing staff to relocate the storage building adjacent to the Randolph Recreation Center to the County owned lot to the North. Staff is requesting authorization to relocate the existing storage building adjacent to the Randolph Recreation Center to the county owned lot to the north. The existing 2,800 square foot building is being replaced as part of the renovation of the Recreation Center. Staff had anticipated that the building could be sold for scrap or taken down for possible reuse. It was recently determined that the city could move the building and continue to utilize it for storage for the recreation program and the Boy Scouts. The bid to move the building is \$8,000 and it is anticipated that an additional \$7,000-\$10,000 would be invested to paint and repair the building. The cost to install a new building similar to the current one is estimated to cost between \$28,000 and \$35,000. We are still evaluating options for the ultimate disposal of the building but would like input from council on this project. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Calvin Kuehn to move this building should they so desire. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for March 2012. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman John Cernosek to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Library board will have their next meeting in May.

Main Street will hold their annual Merchants Dinner on April 26th. Farmers Market is set to begin on April 28th.

The General Services committee met earlier and received information on a possible project on S Main Street.

The Beautification committee awarded Yard of the Month to Douglas & Polly Supak at 779 E Eblin.

CHIEF OF POLICE UPDATE

Several vehicles were burglarized recently, this has been solved and the items were returned to the owners. There is a person of interest in the Hampton Inn burglaries.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

The MS 150 Bike-a-thon will be April 21-22.

The new card system at the Library is up and running.

Applications are being accepted for the director's position at the Library.

Karen Schubert, Chief Appraiser at the Appraisal District has resigned.

At 6:40 a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Zbranek, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Weishuhn that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – April 23, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, April 23, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Aileen Loehr and Jimmy Rausl.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn gave the invocation.

The first item was a public hearing on the annexation of the Riverside 2012 Addition. This was the second of two public hearings. The public hearing was opened at 6:02 PM. Mr. Jimmy Rausl addressed the council as to why this was being considered for annexation. He was informed it was at the request of the property owner. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:05 PM.

The next item was to discuss and or consider rescheduling the second city Council meeting in May to May 29th. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve this request and reschedule the meeting to May 29th. Motion carried. **Attachment #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval to replat property located at 947 North Franklin. In September, the council gave preliminary approval to the families of Edmund and Ruben Kappler to replat the property at 947 N Franklin into three separate lots. The three tracts will meet the minimum lot size requirement but one lot will be less than 70 feet across the front. Staff is presenting for final approval the replat of the property at 947 N Franklin into three separate lots. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to approve this replat. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider amending the FY 2011-12 Budget to recognize revenue and expenses associated with the purchase of the new Fire Truck. Staff is requesting council approval to amend the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$159,700 to recognize the income and expenses for the fire truck that was recently purchased and was included in the FY 2011-12 Budget. The balance in the Fire Department Reserve account is currently \$71,632. **MOTION** Councilman Arnold Romberg, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss the 2012-2013 Budget Schedule. This item was for discussion purposed only. The City Council Budget Workshop is tentatively scheduled for June 18th.

Tourism Committee

Councilman Busch reported that the tourism committee met earlier and discussed engaging the services of Watershed 5 to assist in the development of a community brand and marketing plan. They also discussed and considered post event tourism forms. The committee is recommending that council engages the services of Watershed 5 to assist the in the development of a community brand and marketing plan. **MOTION** Councilman Busch, **SECOND** Councilman Eilert to approve the tourism committee's request. Motion carried.

City Manager

There are new requirements that all pools be ADA compatible. The City will be purchasing a portable lift which will meet these requirements.

There are several dead trees in the old city cemetery, these trees will be removed and new ones planted in the cemetery possible along the fence line.

Sales Tax was up 43% this past month.

At 6:15 a **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel, with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Weishuhn that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – May 14, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, May 14, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel. Councilman Arnold Romberg was absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Asst. City Manager Frank Menefee, Jr., and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Aileen Loehr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider an Ordinance Annexing The Territory Described Herein, Riverside Addition 2012 To The City Of La Grange, Fayette County, Texas, Extending The Boundary Limits Of Said City To Include The Territory Described Herein Within The City Limits Of Said City And Granting To All Inhabitants Of The Territory Described Herein All Of The Rights And Privileges Of Citizens Of The City Of La Grange While Binding Them By All The Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions And Regulation Of The City Of La Grange. Staff is presenting for your consideration the annexation to one tract of property known as the Riverside Addition 2012. As part of the annexation process we have held two public hearings to allow for the public to express their opinion on the annexation plan. This is the first of two required readings of the annexation ordinance. **MOTION** Councilman Calvin Kuehn, **SECOND** Mayor Pro-tem Zimmerhanel to approve this ordinance on first reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch in favor; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg absent; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Pastor Marcia Kifer then gave an invocation. She thanked council for this opportunity.

The next item was to discuss and or consider on second reading An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 Article 4.03 Oil And Gas Wells, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS By Amending Section 4.03.003 Providing For A Change In The Spacing Requirements And The Minimum Area And Distances Of An Oil Or Gas Well And Providing For An Effective Date. The current ordinance requires that an oil and gas well be located more than 50 feet from any public street or right of way. Staff is proposing to increase the spacing requirement to 400 feet which is consistent with the spacing requirement from residential units. The wells that have been drilled in the City of La Grange would have conformed to this new spacing requirement. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve this ordinance on second and final reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch in favor; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg absent; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider a rate request proposed by CenterPoint Energy Entex. As was discussed in April, CenterPoint Energy Entex is proposing to increase the current base residential gas rate by \$1.33 per month

effective May 29, 2012. 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 \$13.95 to \$15.28. Staff is recommending that council suspend the rate for 45 days in accordance with the rules governing rate adjustments. If approved the new rate will go in effect on July 13, 2012.

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. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve staffs recommendation and approve this resolution. Motion Carried. **INSERT #2.**

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval to replat one tract at the intersection of South Main and Cedar Streets. A request was received from Mr. Charlo Whorton to replat the property at the corner of S Main and Cedar Streets. The proposed lot is one acre and therefore meets the minimum lot size of seen thousand square feet. Mr. Whorton has indicated he is planning to construct a new home on the property. **MOTION** Mayor Pro-tem Zimmerhanzel, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve this replat request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and consider the establishment of a policy regarding the naming of city facilities, public park lands and city streets. There has been some discussion regarding the naming of city facilities. Before the issue moves forward staff would like to get direction from council regarding the establishment of a policy regarding the naming of city related facilities. Council will review this item at a later date.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for April 2012. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Library Board met on May 1st. Kathy Carter is retiring and her last day will be on Friday, May 18th, there will be a social for her retirement on Friday, May 18th, from 2-5 at the library. Sherie Knape will begin as the Interim Director on Saturday, May 19th.

The Beautification Committee awarded the Yard of the Month to Gene & Doris Citzler at 913 N Eckel.

Main Street is making preparations for the Flag Day Celebration which will be on June 14th.

The General Services Committee met earlier and heard from Dr. Royce & Dr. Elva Keilers on the proposed Darilek Garden Development Project. This would be a development for active senior citizens. It would be a gated community. Council is requesting that all property owners within 200' of the proposed development be notified of this project and invited to attend the council meeting on June 11th to discuss this project.

CHIEF OF POLICE

The shooting which occurred a couple of weeks ago has been solved. The car jacking which occurred shortly after this has also been solved. The CPAAA will have their graduation on Tuesday night council is invited to attend.

At 6:30 PM as pursuant to Section 551.087 deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations council went into closed executive session to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seek to have locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1) in accordance with V.T.C.A. Government Code 551.087. Commercial Development – Business State Highway 71 West Area.

At 7:02 PM Council went into Open Session. No action is required at this time.

At 7:05 a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **SECOND** by Councilman John Cernosek that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – May 29, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Special Session on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel. Councilmember Violet Zbranek and Councilman Arnold Romberg were absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Aileen Loehr, Kathy & Mark Carter, Kristie, Wayne & Audrey Jackson, Carol Jenkins, Sherie Knape, Donna Green, and Sandra Briones.

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

The first item was to recognize Kathy Carter for her 30 years of service with the City of La Grange. Mayor Moerbe presented Mrs. Carter with a plaque in honor of her recent retirement and expressed thanks to her for all that she has done during her years of service at the City of La Grange Library/Museum. This facility would not be what it is today without her service and dedication. Mrs. Carter expressed her thanks to the staff at the Library for all that they do which allows the Library/Museum to have the great reputation it has.

The next item was to administer the Oath of Office to the Council Members which were unopposed and elected on March 12, 2012. The oath was administered to Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Ward 1; Harvey E Busch, Councilmember Ward 3, and Councilmember John Eilert, Councilmember Ward 4. Violet Zbranek, Councilmember Ward 2 was unable to attend and will have the oath of office administered at a later date.

The next item was to discuss and or consider selection of Mayor Pro tem. **MOTION** Councilman Calvin Kuehn, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert that James Zimmerhanel be appointed Mayor Pro tem. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider an agreement with La Grange ISD for Transportation related services for the Summer Recreation Program. Staff is requesting council authorization to enter into an agreement with La Grange ISD for transportation services. The agreement is the same agreement we operated under last year with very positive results. The agreement will allow the city to contract again this summer with La Grange ISD to provide bus service for our summer recreation program. The agreement would continue thru December 31, 2013. La Grange ISD will review the agreement at their next meeting. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider on second reading An Ordinance Annexing The Territory Described Herein, Riverside Addition 2012 To The City Of La Grange, Fayette County, Texas, Extending The Boundary Limits Of Said City To Include The Territory Described Herein Within The City Limits Of Said City And Granting To All Inhabitants Of The Territory Described Herein All Of The Rights And Privileges Of Citizens Of The City Of La Grange While Binding Them By All The Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions And Regulations Of The City Of La Grange. Staff is presenting for your consideration the annexation to one tract of property known as the Riverside Addition 2012. As part of the annexation process we have held two public hearings to allow for the public to express their opinion on the annexation plan. This is the second of two required reading of the annexation ordinances. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Eilert to approve this ordinance on second and final reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch in favor; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg absent; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek absent; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss the annexation of one tract of land adjacent to the City of La Grange. The following item was to discuss and or consider a resolution directing the City Manager to undertake the steps necessary to annex the area, which resolution shall include the dates for publication of notice, hearings and such other requirements mandated by the Local Government Code and the Charter. Staff is requesting council authorization to begin the annexation of one vacant parcel adjacent to the city of La Grange. The property in question is adjacent to the city limits on Reynolds Street. City staff is requesting that the tract be brought into the city limits. The property is owned by the La Grange Economic Development Corporation. We will already have sewer and fire protection service in this area. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilman Calvin Kuehn to approve staff's request and to approve a resolution directing the City Manager to undertake annexation action regarding this parcel of land. Motion carried. **INSERT #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider a resolution changing signatures on the City of La Grange Fayette Heritage bank account. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel to approve a resolution authorizing Shawn Raborn, Sherie Knape, and Lisa Oltmann to be signatories of the City of La Grange Fayette Heritage Account. Motion carried.
INSERT #3

The next item was a report on the County Tourism Initiative. Mayor Moerbe reported on this initiative. She noted some concerns had been expressed regarding this initiative. Those concerns are being addressed. There continues to be enthusiasm regarding the project. Meetings are continuing with various groups and organizations. At this time they are taking nominations for the board of directors for the county tourism initiative.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Main Street will host the Flag Day Celebration on June 14th.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The budget process for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 is in progress.
The paving of River Street began today.

At 6:20 PM as pursuant to Section 551.087 deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations council went into closed executive session to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seek to have locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1) in accordance with V.T.C.A. Government Code 551.087. Commercial Development – Business State Highway 71 West Area.

At 6:33PM Council went into Open Session. No action is required at this time.

At 6:35 a **MOTION** was made by Councilman John Cernosek, with a **SECOND** by Councilman Calvin Kuehn that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – June 11, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, June 11, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Violet

Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Aileen Loehr, and a large number of guests in reference to the proposed Darilek Garden Development.

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

The first item was a public hearing on the Darilek Garden Development. Eleven individuals spoke in regards to this project. Two were in favor of the development and nine were opposed to it. **Insert #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider resolutions approving the Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation II Gas Supply Revenue Bonds, Series 2012C and other matters in connection therewith. The TexGas II Board is requesting council approval to issue bonds to support the municipal gas acquisition program. The bond proceeds will be used to exchange the 2007 series bonds with 2012 series bonds. The refinancing will achieve debt services savings for the program. TexGas II is a public facility corporation formed under the Public Facility Corporation Act, Chapter 303, Texas Local Government Code, as amended, to finance, refinance, or provide the costs of City public facilities, including interests in natural gas. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider rezoning of 1 tract from residential to commercial. The City of La Grange received a request from Fayette Real Estate Ltd, and Clear Lake Pines Investments to have the zoning changed on the property located adjacent to the Southwest corner of business St Hwy 71 and FM 609 from residential to commercial which was recently annexed as the Riverside Addition 2012. The Zoning Board notified all property owners within 200 feet of the property and held a public hearing to allow for public input on the issue. The Zoning Board received one letter back for the impacted property owners and they were in favor of the rezoning request and no one attended the public meeting. All of the properties adjacent to the tract under consideration for rezoning are currently zoned commercial. Staff is recommending that the property be rezoned from residential to commercial. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider cancelling the July 23rd City Council Meeting. **MOTION** Councilman John Cernosek, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel to approve the resolution cancelling the July 23rd meeting. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request from the Juneteenth Parade Committee to close Pearl Street to traffic for the annual Juneteenth Parade. A request was received from the La Grange Juneteenth Committee to block off Pearl Street from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 16th. Staff recommends approval of this request. **MOTION** Councilman Arnold Romberg, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request from the La Grange Evening Lions Club to utilize the Buffalo Trail Park for the Kanoe Klasika "Best Little River Race in Texas." A request was received from the La Grange Evening Lions Club to utilize Buffalo Trail Park (Boat Ramp) on Saturday, August 18th. Staff recommends approval of this request. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem

Zimmerhanel, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss the development of La Grange Historic District Design Guidelines. Staff is presenting for your review the La Grange Historic District Design Guidelines. These guidelines were developed out of concern for the public appearance of the community, and in order to preserve the heritage of the city, protect property values and investments, promote a sense of identity for the historic district and encourage civic pride. The guidelines are not to dictate solutions, but rather offer general information to direct owners in making decisions on project renovations within the historic district. They provide owners and contractors with appropriate choices to a variety of specific design issues. The Main Street Board's Design Committee along with the Main Street Board have approved these guidelines and are seeking City Council approval and/or authorization to move forward with the implementation of these guidelines into the City of La Grange's process for obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness. This item will be brought back at the next council meeting for consideration.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for May 2012. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Calvin Kuehn to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Main Street will host the Flag Day Celebration on Thursday.

The Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the month to Charles Krnavek at 556 S Meyer.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The Rec Center project continues.

Sales tax is up 6%.

Water & Electric usage was down.

Repair work at the pool is taking longer than anticipated.

At 7:20 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

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – June 18, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Special Session on Monday, June 18, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Library Meeting Room at 855 S Jefferson with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, and Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn. Councilmember Violet Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel were absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton.

The first item was a review of FY 2012-2013 Annual Budget. City Manager Raborn explained that this is to review budget priorities and plans for the upcoming fiscal year. Both the General Fund and the Enterprise Fund objectives and issues were reviewed. A description of each department's goals and objectives, that are being proposed to accomplish in the next fiscal year, were discussed.

At 7:35 the meeting adjourned.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – June 25, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, June 25, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Aileen Loehr, and Margo Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Rev. Jonathan Smith gave the invocation.

The first item was a Public Hearing on the annexation of Reynolds Addition 2012. Mayor Moerbe opened the Public Hearing at 6:01. There being no one present regarding this item, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:02.

The next item was to discuss and or consider the La Grange Historic Design Guidelines. Stacey Norris, Assistant Main Street Manager reviewed the guidelines with council. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel to approve the La Grange Historic District Design Guidelines. Motion Carried. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the La Grange Independent School District to conduct joint elections for both authorities. Staff is requesting council approval to enter into an agreement with the La Grange ISD to hold joint elections. In the past, we have entered into this agreement annually and now we are recommending that the agreement remain in place unless terminated by either party giving 120 days written notice. Each entity will administer their respective elections and bear their respective costs. **MOTION** Councilman Calvin Kuehn, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to approve staff's request. Motion carried. **INSERT #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider a resolution authorizing the submission of a Community Development Program Application. The City of La

Grange is currently in the process of developing a grant application to submit to the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs for funds under the Texas Community Development Program. Staff is proposing to resubmit a grant application to install a water line along Franklin Street from Lower Line to Eblin Street. This project was submitted in 2010 and finished just outside the funding range. This project will assist in improving water service and fire protection to this area of town. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$316,250, with \$275,000 being provided by grant funds and a local match of \$41,250. The local match funds are proposed to be provided by \$41,250 included in the FY 2012-2013 capital improvement fund budget. If we are successful in receiving the grant the local funds will not need to be available until the fall of 2013. Notification of funding should be received by the early part of next year. **MOTION** Councilman John Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve this resolution. Motion carried. **INSERT #3**

Tourism Committee

Councilman Bush reported that the tourism committee met earlier and reviewed the following requests:

La Grange Roadrunners Square Dancers-Advertising	\$1,000
Fayette County Sheriff’s Posse-Advertising	\$15,000
Friends of Monument Hill/Kreische Brewery	\$5,000
TX Czech Heritage and Cultural Center-Exhibit	\$900
Polka Lovers Club of America-Building Addition	\$20,000
La Grange Evening Lions’ Club-Kanoe Klasika	\$8,500
LG Area Chamber of Commerce-Advertising	\$595
LG Area Chamber of Commerce-Website Hosting	\$2,135
LG Area Chamber of Commerce-Tote Bags	\$600
LG Area Chamber of Commerce-Advertising	\$1,000
Faison Home-Renovations Handicap Access	\$6,500

It is the recommendation of the committee that the requests be funded as follows:

La Grange Roadrunners Square Dancers-Advertising	\$1,000
Fayette County Sheriff’s Posse-Advertising	\$8,500
Friends of Monument Hill/Kreische Brewery	\$3,500
TX Czech Heritage and Cultural Center-Exhibit	\$900
Polka Lovers Club of America-Building Addition	deny
La Grange Evening Lions’ Club-Kanoe Klasika	\$750
LG Area Chamber of Commerce-Advertising	\$deny
LG Area Chamber of Commerce-Website Hosting	\$1,200
LG Area Chamber of Commerce-Tote Bags	\$600
LG Area Chamber of Commerce-Advertising	deny
Faison Home-Renovations Handicap Access	\$6,500

MOTION Councilman Busch, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve these requests as presented. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Flag Day Celebration was a success.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The Summer Reading Program events are being well attended. Work continues on the pool. Hopefully open next weekend.

At 6:17 a **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel, 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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – July 9, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, July 9, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel. Staff present: Asst. City Manager Frank Menefee, Jr, and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Aileen Loehr, Randy Albers, Gary Drab, A Neale Rabensburg and Norma Webb.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Rev. Sid Roden gave the invocation.

The first item was a presentation on the proposed Middle School Addition at the La Grange High School Campus. Dr. Randy Albers, LGISD Superintendent gave a presentation to council on the proposed Middle School. This will be for the 7th and 8th grades and will be located on the high school campus. The architect for this project is Pfluger & Associates. The school hopes to bid the project in October. There are still some details which need to be worked out with the city regarding items such as location of the drive way for the middle school. At this time the Vocational/Career Tech Facility is not included. The middle school and high school will have a shared library and cafeteria at this time.

The next item was to discuss and or consider allocation of funding to social service agencies. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to approve funding. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider An Ordinance Annexing The Territory Described Herein, Reynolds Addition 2012 To The City of La Grange, Fayette County, Texas, Extending the boundary limits of said city to include the territory described herein within the city limits of said city and granting to all inhabitants of the territory described herein all of the rights and privileges of citizens of the City of La Grange while binding them by all the acts, ordinances, resolutions and regulations of the City of La Grange. Staff is presenting for your consideration the annexation of one tract of property known as the Reynolds Addition 2012. This is the first of two required readings of the annexation ordinance. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel to approve this ordinance on first reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch in favor; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for June 2012. **MOTION** Councilman Calvin Kuehn, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the Month to Craig & Sheila Pope at 542 E Pecan.

Main Street is discussing wayfinding for the downtown La Grange Area. At this time this topic is in committee. Wayfinding is a way of having attractive signage prepared and placed to draw people to the downtown area.

The General Services Committee met recently and reviewed the proposed Darilek Garden Development Project. At this time Dr. Keilers is having a drawing prepared which would better show this project to the neighborhood. There will be another meeting once this is drawing is brought back.

UTILITY MANAGER REPORT

The active project report was reviewed. Work continues on the Water Well project. At this time we are requesting additional information. Water Well Station E is currently down as the pump and motor are pulled for repairs. Work at the Randolph Recreation Center is on schedule.

At 6:35 a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn, with a **SECOND** by Councilman Kuehn that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – August 13, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, August 13, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Aileen Loehr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider directing staff to proceed with the creation of a development agreement regarding the Darilek Garden Development Project. The General Services Committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss the Darilek Garden Development Project. Staff will have a meeting with residents within 200' of the proposed project location and discuss what can and can not be built under the current ordinance. It is the recommendation of the General Services Committee that staff set up a meeting with Dr. Keilers and residents of the neighborhood to see if a compromise/agreement can be worked out and brought back to council for vote.

MOTION Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve the recommendation of the committee. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider waiving permit fees associated with the new La Grange Middle School and Vocational Building. A request was received from La Grange ISD requesting that we waive the permit fees associated with the construction of the new Middle School and Vocational Building. The building permit fee associated with the improvements is \$5,200 based on a construction budget of seven million. The mechanical, electrical and plumbing permits are estimated to total \$2,500. The fee waive request is estimated to total \$7,700. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next request was to discuss and or consider on Second Reading an Ordinance Annexing The Territory Described Herein, Reynolds Addition 2012 to The City of La Grange, Fayette County, Texas, Extending the boundary limits of said City to include the territory described herein within the City limits of said city and granting to all inhabitants of the territory described herein all of the rights and privileges of citizens of the City of La Grange while binding them by all the acts, ordinances, resolutions and regulations of the City of La Grange. Staff is presenting for your consideration the annexation of one tract of property known as the Reynolds Addition 2012. This is the second of two required readings of the annexation ordinance. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve this ordinance on second reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch in favor; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0. **Attachment #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider replat of property located at 1847 West State Highway 71 Business. The owners of the property are requesting council approval to re-plat the property into four separate tracts for future commercial development. Staff recommends approval of the plat. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried. **Attachment #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider renewal of agreement with La Grange ISD regarding the School Resource Officer. Staff is presenting for council consideration the renewal of the agreement between La Grange ISD and the City of La Grange regarding the school resource officer position. The city and La Grange ISD have been partners in the program since 2007 and we are very pleased with the role that the school resource officer plays in our community. Mr. David Gilbreath is the current school resource officer and he provides a vital service to the department and La Grange ISD. Staff recommends approval of the agreement with La Grange ISD to continue the school resource officer program. The term of the agreement would be from August 1, 2012 till July 31, 2017. The costs are allocated 75% school-25% city. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to approve this agreement. Motion carried. **Attachment #3**

The next item was to discuss and or consider reappointment of members to the La Grange Housing Authority Board. The terms for La Grange Housing Authority board members Beverley Blakley and Nicole Michalsky expired in July 2012. It is the recommendation of the Housing Authority that these two individuals be reappointed for an additional two year term. **MOTION**

Councilmember Zbranek, **SDCOND** Councilman John Cernosek to approve the recommendation of the Housing Authority. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for July 2012. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the minutes for July 2012. Motion carried.

At 6:28 PM as pursuant to Section 551.087 deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations council went into closed executive session to discuss an Infrastructure Construction Agreement with Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust, regarding the development of approximately 20.57 acres located at 1847 West State Highway 71 Business.

At 6:48PM Council went into Open Session. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Arnold Romberg to authorize staff to proceed with the infrastructure construction agreement with Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust as discussed. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the Month to Sandra Bendinghause at 528 S Main St. Main Street had a meet and greet this month to ask for volunteers for their different events. The event was very successful.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The summer reading program is over at the library. The last week of camp with the Recreation Department was last week. A grant has been submitted to Union Pacific for equipment for the Recreation Center. City Manager Raborn then reviewed the 2012-2013 FY Budget with City Council.

At 7:25 a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Zbranek with a **SECOND** by Councilman Kuehn that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – August 27, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, August 27, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Aileen Loehr, and members of the Relay For Life Committee.

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

Mayor Moerbe presented a proclamation to the Relay for Life committee of La Grange in recognition of the organization raising over \$1,000,000.00 for the American Cancer Society since the first Relay For Life event in 2003. Mayor Moerbe on behalf of the council expressed her thanks to the committee and to the citizens on reaching this milestone.

The next item was to discuss and or consider charge off of delinquent utility accounts. The charge off dollar amount for the period ending July 31, 2012 is \$16,931.97 and the number of uncollectible accounts has decreased from the prior period. Office staff collected \$8,434,179 out of a total sale of \$8,451,111 which is a collection rate of 99.8%. A total of 36,602 bills were prepared and mailed for the period and 36,548 of these were collected and paid in full. Out of an average of 3,050 bills per month, there is an average of 357 which remain unpaid after the 15th of the month. On the 26th day of the month the Utilities office staff prepares a list of accounts which remain unpaid. Averages of 55 accounts are left unpaid and are dispatched to be disconnected. The office staff works diligently to collect all unpaid bills. They maintained an excellent and outstanding record by collecting 99.8% of all bills mailed for the twelve month period covered in this report. This has been made possible by their adhering to our established disconnect policy. Enforcement of this policy is not always a pleasant job and therefore the office staff and disconnect servicemen are to be highly commended for their hard work and dedication. Mayor Moerbe and City Manager Raborn expressed their thanks to the utilities department for the outstanding job they do in order to have such a low charge off amount. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve the charge off of delinquent utility accounts. Motion carried. **Attachment #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider an agreement with O'Malley Engineering to design a water line loop feed for the Riverside Addition. Staff is requesting council approval to enter into a professional services agreement with O'Malley Engineering to provide engineering services to design the Riverside loop feed water improvements. Staff recommends approval of the professional services agreement with O'Malley Engineering. The agreement has been reviewed by legal staff. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried. **Attachment #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider First Reading of an Ordinance granting the right, privilege and franchise to Fayette Electric Cooperative, Inc., grantee and its successors and assigns, to construct, erect, build, equip, own and maintain and operate in, along, under, over and across the streets, avenues, alleys, bridges, viaducts and public grounds of the City of La Grange, Texas, such posts, poles, wires, cables, conduits and other appliances, structures and fixtures necessary or convenient for electrical distribution service; providing for consideration; for period of grant; for assignment; for-method of acceptance; for repeal of conflicting ordinances and for partial invalidity. The current franchise ordinance with Fayette Electric Cooperative is set to expire. The franchise that is being presented is the same as the previous franchise agreement. **MOTION** Councilman Calvin Kuehn, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel to approve this ordinance on first reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch in favor; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request to block off streets in conjunction with the Fayette County Fair Parade. A request was received from the Fayette Count Fair to once again block off the outside realm of the parade route on Saturday morning. Registration for the parade will begin at 7:00 AM, judging will follow at 9:00 AM and the parade will begin at 10:30 AM.

MOTION Councilman John Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilman Weishuhn to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was a review of the proposed 2012-13 Annual Budget. The proposed total budget is \$11,298,438. The proposed tax rate is at .2147 which is the effective rate plus 3 percent.

The next item was to discuss and or consider First Reading of an Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of La Grange for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013; appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the City's indebtedness; and adopting the annual budget of the City of La Grange for the 2012-2013 fiscal year which includes the General Fund, the Utility Enterprise Fund and the La Grange Economic Development Corporation Budget. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel to approve this ordinance on first reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch in favor; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

The next item was to discuss and or consider First Reading of an Ordinance levying Ad Valorem taxes for use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of La Grange, Texas for the 2012-2013 Fiscal year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid; providing for the levy and collection of occupation taxes. **MOTION** Councilman Eilert, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve this ordinance on first reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch in favor; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

The next item was to Discuss and or Consider First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 13, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS, as Recodified by amending Article 13.02 Section 13.02.031 Subsection (1)(A) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fees For Water Service Furnished To Residential Locations Within The City Based On Water Usage And/Or Conservation And Subsection (2)(A) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fees For Water Service Furnished To Commercial Locations Within The City Based On Water Usage And/Or Conservation Authorizing The City To Collect Same And Providing For An Effective Date. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Romberg to approve this ordinance on first reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch in favor; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

The next item was to Discuss and or Consider First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 13, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS, as Recodified on January 8, 2007, by amending Article 13.03 Section 13.03.001 Subsection (a) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fee For The Sewer Service Furnished To Certain Residential Locations; By Amending Chapter 13, Article 13.03., Section 13.03.001 (a)(1)(B) By Amending The Rate For The Use Of Standard Fixtures In A Single Dwelling; And By Amending Chapter 13, Article 13.03, Section 13.03.001 (a)(3)(B), By Amending The Rate For The Use Of Water In Excess Of 3,000 Gallons To Commercial Locations And Authorizing The City To Collect Same And Providing For An Effective Date. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Romberg to approve this ordinance on first reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch in favor; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

The next item was to Discuss and or Consider First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS, As Recodified on January 8, 2007, By Amending Article 13.04 Section 13.04.031, Subsection (1)(B) And (2)(B) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fees For Electric Service Furnished To Residential And Master Meter Dwelling Units; By Amending Article 13.04 Section 13.04.031, Subsection 3(C) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fees For Electric Service Furnished To Commercial Locations, Based On Electric Usage; Authorizing The City To Collect Same; And Providing For An Effective Date. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve this ordinance on first reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch in favor; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

City Council Committee Reports

Main Street continues to recruit volunteers to assist with various projects. Also, please keep the family of Beverley Blakley in your thought and prayers. Ms. Blakley, a past chair of the Main Street Board recently passed away.

Chief of Police

Today was the first day of school for LGISD, the police department had 10 individuals out to help with traffic control. This included member of the Citizens on Patrol, Reserve Officers, and members of the Police Department. Brasher-Gunn had tires stolen off of vehicles on the N Jefferson lot. Wal-Mart also experienced a tire theft in their parking lot along with a burglary of a vehicle.

City Manager

There has been one confirmed case of West Nile Virus within the city limits of La Grange. Mosquito spraying took place last week Thursday and Friday nights. City staff will spray again this week Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

At 6:30 PM as pursuant to Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney about pending or potential litigation and claims, settlement offers, or attorney-client privileged matters, including the following matters:

1. Willie B Grimes and Pearline Parks claims
2. Northpointe Condemnation

At 7:04 PM Council went into Open Session. There is no action required at this time.

Council then recessed at 7:05 and reconvened at 7:10 at the Randolph Recreation Center at 653 E Pearl St. Brad Cutright, Joanna Prihoda, Dean Allen with Cutright and Allen, and Janet Rangel giving a tour of the facility.

At 7:45 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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – September 10, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, September 10, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel. Councilman Harvey Busch was absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Aileen Loehr, Larry Jackson, Dr. Royce & Dr. Elva Keilers, as well as 15-20 individuals regarding the Darilek Garden Project.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn gave the invocation.

Under Public Petitions, Charlie Ripper spoke regarding the volume of the music at the Fayette County Fair. He expressed concern that the music was too loud and asked if the city could look into the matter. Mr. Ripper noted that the carnival surface was very nice. Councilman Romberg arrived at 6:08 PM.

The Public Hearing on the Texas Capital Fund Sidewalk Grant Application was opened at 6:10 PM. There being no one present to comment on the application the Public Hearing was closed at 6:12 PM.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a resolution approving an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture Main Street Program. Staff is requesting council authorization to submit an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture under the Texas Capital Fund Main Street Improvements Program for downtown sidewalk improvements. The project would replace the sidewalks in the 200 block of North Main – E Side, 300 block of West Colorado – North Side, 100 block of East Colorado – North Side and the 100 block of North Water – East Side. The applications are due October 4th. The total amount of the grant award will be \$150,000 and will require a local match of \$45,000 which will be included in the FY 2012-13 Capital Improvement Fund budget or a request can be made to the Economic Development Corporation. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel to approve staff's request. Motion carried. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider directing staff to proceed with the creation of a development agreement regarding the Darlick Garden Development Project. The General Services Committee met today at 5:15 PM to discuss this project. This item is being brought back for your consideration. There were no changes made since the last meeting. The developer, Dr. Royce & Dr. Elva Keilers, and the concerned citizens group did not meet to discuss the project and see if an agreement could be reached. The General Services Committee came out of their meeting with no recommendation. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek that we direct the owner not to proceed and that we work with him to present a development that fits in the current regulations of the city. Councilman Romberg expressed concern that this motion would not allow the developer to bring variance requests to the Board of Adjustment. Councilmember Weishuhn amended the **MOTION** as follows: We direct the owner not to proceed and to work on a development that either meets current regulations or is acceptable to the Board of Adjustments. The motion was **SECOND** by Councilmember Zbranek. Motion carried 7-0.

The Budget Public Hearing was opened at 6:20 PM. There being no one present to comment on the budget, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:21 PM.

The next item was to Discuss and or consider Second Reading of an Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of La Grange for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013; appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the City's indebtedness; and adopting the annual budget of the City of La Grange for the 2012-2013 fiscal year which includes the General Fund, the Utility Enterprise Fund and the La Grange Economic Development Corporation Budget. **MOTION** Councilman Eilert, **SECOND** Councilman Romberg to approve this ordinance on second and final reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch absent; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0. **INSERT #2**

The next item was Discuss and or Consider Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 13, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS, as Recodified on January 8, 2007, by amending Article 13.02 Section 13.02.031, Subsection (1)(A) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fees For Water Service Furnished To Residential Locations Within The City Limits Based On Water Usage And/Or Conservation; By Amending Article 13.02 Section 13.02.031, Subsection (2)(A) and 2(B) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fees For Water Service Furnished To Commercial Locations For Single Businesses and Multi-Business Buildings, Respectively, Within The City Limits Based On Water Usage And/Or Conservation; Authorizing The City To Collect Same; And Providing For An Effective Date. **INSERT #3**

The next item was to Discuss and or Consider Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 13, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS, as Recodified on January 8, 2007, by amending Article 13.03 Section 13.03.001 Subsection (a) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fee For The Sewer Service Furnished To Certain Residential Locations; By Amending Chapter 13, Article 13.03., Section 13.03.001 (a)(1)(B) By Amending The Rate For The Use Of Standard Fixtures In A Single Dwelling Within The City Limits; By Amending Chapter 13, Article 13.03, Section 13.03.001 (a)(2)(B), By Amending The Rate For The Use Of Standard Fixtures In A single Dwelling

Outside The City Limits; And By Amending Chapter 13, Article 13.03, Section 13.03.001 (a)(3)(B), By Amending The Rate For The Use Of Water In Excess Of 3,000 Gallons To Commercial Locations And Authorizing The City To Collect Same And Providing For An Effective Date. **INSERT #4**

The next item was to Discuss and or Consider Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS, As Recodified on January 8, 2007, By Amending Article 13.04 Section 13.04.031, Subsection (1)(B) And (2)(B) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fees For Electric Service Furnished To Residential And Master Meter Dwelling Units; By Amending Article 13.04 Section 13.04.031, Subsection 3(C) Establishing And Fixing The Charges And Fees For Electric Service Furnished To Commercial Locations, Based On Electric Usage; Authorizing The City To Collect Same; And Providing For An Effective Date. **INSERT #5**

MOTION Councilman Romberg, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn to approve the three above mentioned ordinances on second and final reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch absent; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The next item was Discuss and or Consider Second Reading of an Ordinance Granting the right, privilege and franchise to Fayette Electric Cooperative Inc., grantee and its successors and assigns, to construct, erect, build, equip, own, and maintain and operate in, along, under, over and across the streets, avenues, alleys, bridges, viaducts, and public grounds of the City of La Grange, Texas, such posts, poles, wires, cables, conduits and other appliances, structures and fixtures necessary or convenient for electrical distribution service; providing for consideration; for period of grant; for assignment; for-method of acceptance; for repeal of conflicting ordinances and for partial invalidity. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel to approve this ordinance on second and final reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch absent; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0. **INSERT #6**

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for August 2012. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn; **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

City Council Committee Reports

The Library Board met on Tuesday, September 4, 2012. Please remember the family of former board member Beverley Blakley who had recently passed way. Main Street met earlier today and they continue to work on Schmeckenfest. Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the Month to Kent & Kathy Babcock at 353 N Washington.

Chief of Police

National Night Out will be on Tuesday, October 2nd.

The Public Hearing on the Tax Rate was opened at 6:36 PM. There being no one present to comment. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:37 PM.

The next item was to discuss and or consider Second Reading of an Ordinance levying Ad Valorem taxes for use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of La Grange, Texas for the 2012-2013 Fiscal year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid; providing for the levy and collection of occupation taxes. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel to approve this ordinance on second and final reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch absent; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0. **INSERT #7**

City Manager

Relay For Life will be this weekend and will be held around the courthouse square.

The quilt museum is a finalist in the Texas Downtown Association - Best Rehab Project.

We will not spray for mosquitoes this week. We will continue to treat individual areas as needed.

At 6:40 a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Kuehn with a **SECOND** by Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – September 24, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, September 24, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel. Mayor Janet Moerbe was absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, and Chief of Police Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Jeff Wick.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Pastor Marcia Kifer gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider allocation of Tourism Grant Funds. Councilman Harvey Busch reported that the Tourism Grant Committee met earlier and reviewed the following 10 requests.

La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce-Website Design	\$1,198
Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center-Advertising	\$ 800

The Best Little Cowboy Gathering in Texas	\$15,000
The Best Little Cowboy Gathering in Texas-New Year's Dance	\$1,500
Polka Lovers Club of America-Advertising & Bldg. Imp.	\$4,015
Texas Quilt Museum	\$15,850
TCHCC & Monument Hill State Park	\$ 3,500
Reguladores LEMC –Iron Cuff Motorcycle Rally-Advertising	\$7,500
Colorado Valley Quilt Guild's 16 th Annual Best Little Quilt Show	\$3,500
City of La Grange-Countywide Tourism Program Development	\$9,000

After discussion, the committee recommends that the request be funded as follows in order to appropriately disburse funds:

La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce-Website Design	\$1,198
Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center-Advertising	\$ 350
The Best Little Cowboy Gathering in Texas	\$10,000
The Best Little Cowboy Gathering in Texas-New Year's Dance	\$ -0-
Polka Lovers Club of America-Advertising & Bldg. Imp.	\$1,000
Texas Quilt Museum	\$7,250
TCHCC & Monument Hill State Park	\$1,750
Reguladores LEMC –Iron Cuff Motorcycle Rally-Advertising	\$2,000
Colorado Valley Quilt Guild's 16 th Annual Best Little Quilt Show	\$3,000
City of La Grange-Countywide Tourism Program Development	\$9,000

MOTION Councilman Busch, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve the committee's recommendation. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss the Active Project Report. City Manager Raborn reviewed the report it was noted that the water quality report just came in regarding the new water well project. The Feeder 4 line upgrade has been completed within the electric department. The next project will be working on the Bluff Reconstruction Project within the electric department. This project will include the replacement of 20 poles and conductor line that goes up the bluff. Bid documents are currently being prepared. TXDOT has issued a new call for Transportation Enhancement projects. Staff is looking into this to determine if an application could be made for the restoration of the Casino Hall. More information will be brought to council regarding this. Staff is nearing completion of updated traffic counts and working on a meeting with all of the interested parties to begin the process to establish a Railroad Quiet Zone.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The Sales Tax report was reviewed. Sales Tax is up once again. The Relay for Life event was held downtown on Sept 15-16 the event went well.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

There were 2 ATVs (Mules) stolen from the LGISD football field the weekend of Sept 14th.

Two other vehicles had miscellaneous items stolen from them recently.

There are 3 block parties booked for National Night Out.

At 6:16 PM as pursuant to Section 551.072 Real Property, Council went into closed executive session to discuss and or consider acquisition of real property.

At 6:22PM Council went into Open Session. No action is required at this time.

At 6:23 a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Zbranek with a **SECOND** Councilman Calvin Kuehn that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

James Zimmerhanel, Mayor Pro tem

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – October 8, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, October 8, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief of Police Jackie Skelton, Scott Byler Community and Economic Development Coordinator and Stacey Norris Main Street Manager. Visitors: Aileen Loehr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Rev. Ellis McKinzie gave the invocation.

The Public Hearing on rezoning 1 tract of land located at 831 Reynolds Street from residential to industrial was opened at 6:01. The La Grange Economic Development Corporation is the owner of this property and has requested the zoning be changed. There being no one present to comment, the public hearing was closed at 6:02.

The next item was to discuss and or consider rezoning of 1 tract from residential to industrial located at 831 Reynolds Street. The Zoning Board notified all property owners within 200 feet of the property and held a public hearing to allow for public input on the issue. The Zoning board did not receive any letters back from the impacted property owners and no one attended the public hearing which was held on October 3rd. All of the properties adjacent to the tract under consideration for rezoning are currently zoned industrial. Staff is recommending that the property be rezoned from residential to industrial. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request to block off streets in conjunction with Schmeckenfest. Schmeckenfest and the Christmas Celebration will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2012. The program will begin at 5:00 pm. La Grange Main Street is requesting permission for the closing of the following street sections to accommodate the performers and for the safety of the public.

1. A portion of North Washington Street in front of the courthouse.
2. The entry to North Washington Street at Travis at 5:00pm.
3. West Colorado Street at Hwy 77 North to the intersection of North Washington at 5:00 pm.
4. Travis Street on the South Side of the Square at the intersection of Washington & Travis Street and the intersection of Main & Travis at 4:30pm. Traffic will be detoured around through South Washington to West Crockett to S Main.

5. The intersection of West Colorado and North Main at 5:00pm.
6. One half of the 200 block of North Washington to the Prosperity Bank parking lot entrance.

The High School Band will perform a Christmas Concert around the courthouse square; Santa Claus and Speaker will arrive on a fire truck to wish everyone Merry Christmas and light the Christmas tree; Cub Scout Pack 204 will conduct their "Lad and Dad Bake Sale" and will hold an auction for the baked goods. This year the auction will be held on West Colorado near National Bank and Trust. Schmeckenfest-the wassail tasting will begin at 5:30pm and continue until 8:00pm. They are expecting to have carolers, dancers and music throughout the evening. There will be booths selling gifts and food that will be operated by local non-profit organizers and church groups. Santa will visit with the children Thursday night in the Prosperity Bank Gazebo. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was a report on the development of a Wayfinding Program for the community. La Grange Main Street has begun the initial process of exploring a Wayfinding Signage program for the City. Wayfinding design involves using landmarks, signage, pathways, and environmental cues to help first-time visitors navigate and experience a site without confusion. These cues should be well planned, seamlessly connected and esthetically pleasing, creating a positive first impression and a sense of security, comfort, and well-being. Main Street has received 3 proposals in response to the RFQ for Wayfinding Design Services. Members of the Main Street Design Committee have reviewed and scored each of the proposals. Staff is in the process of conducting reference checks and will then bring it to the Main Street Board for a vote pursue City council approval on consultant services. Main Street Manager Stacey Norris explained that at this time they are in the design phase of this program.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request from St. Paul Lutheran Church to block off the 100 block of West Walnut. A request was received from St. Paul Lutheran Church to block off the 100 block off the 100 block of West Walnut Street on Wednesday afternoon from 4:00pm until 5:00pm for the WOW on Wednesday after school program. The number of participants in the after school program has grown and in order to improve the safety of the area they are requesting that the street be closed. The street will only be closed on the Wednesday afternoons when school is in session. Staff has spoken with Chief Skelton and he does not see an issue with closing the street. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve this request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a resolution authorizing and approving creation of Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation III (TEXGASIII) and approving Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws therefor and appointing directors thereof. In an effort to expand the operation of the Texas Municipal Gas Program there is a need to create another public facility corporation. The new corporation will be created in the same manner as Tex Gas I and Tex Gas II. Included for your consideration is the resolution creating the corporation and the bylaws and the articles of incorporation for Tex Gas III. As part of the process to create the new public facility corporation the council will need to appoint the initial four members to the board of directors. Staff recommends that Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Bill Jones, and Cliff Gage be appointed to Tex Gas III. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel to approve the resolution authorizing and approving creation of Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply

Corporation III and approving certificate of formation and By-Laws therefor and appointing directors thereof. Motion carried. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for September 2012. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Library Board meets quarterly. Individuals continue to sign up for the E-Book services as well a library cards.

The Beautification Committee awarded Yard Of The Month to Dana Weidemann at 554 S Madison.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Skelton thanked the council for participating in National Night Out and attending the various block parties.

CITY MANAGER

City wide cleanup will be held the week of October 15th.

The Fire Department will hold their Fish Fry on Sunday, October 21st.

Frank Menefee will hold a meeting on November 1st regarding the quiet zone.

Utility consumption was down last month.

At 6:35 a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Kuehn with a **SECOND** 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 – October 22, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, October 22, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, and Patrolman Bryan Corb. Visitors: Jeff Wick.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Father Joseph Varickamackal gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider approval of medical coverage with Humana. Staff has reviewed the insurance options and is recommending that council renew health coverage with Humana. The plan proposed by staff is Humana plan TX 100/70 National in the amount of \$472.03 for traditional coverage and Humana Health Savings Account TX 100/70 National in the amount of \$344.39 as the high deductible plan. The traditional plan experienced a 4.14 percent increase while the high deductible plan experienced a 2.16 percent

increase. Under the HSA program the city would fund the employee account \$127.64 per month to offset the difference between the traditional plan and the HSA high deductible plan. We will continue to use Fayette Savings as the provider of the Health Savings Accounts. **MOTION** Councilmember Violet Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a request from the Fayette County Fair Association to remove the existing show barn. Staff is requesting council approval to allow the Fayette County Fair Association to proceed with the removal of the existing show barn. The existing show barn is in very poor condition and does not currently meet the needs of the Fair Association or the users of the facility. The Fair Association is currently working on plans for a new facility and will be presenting development options to the council in a couple of months. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider authorizing staff to enter into an agreement with Traffic Payment.com to accept credit card payments for municipal court. Staff is requesting council authorization to enter into an agreement with Traffic Payment.com to allow for customers to pay municipal court fines by credit card. The credit card convenience fee will be paid in addition to the municipal court fine thus resulting in no cost to the city to provide the service. Staff has reviewed the process that will be used and are excited about being able to provide this payment option. Staff has reviewed the service agreement with Ms. Beck and no issues were noticed. The agreement can be terminated upon thirty days written notice. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve staff's request. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider the agreement with Monument Hill Improvement District regarding wastewater treatment services. Staff is presenting for your information an updated agreement with Fayette County Water Control and Improvement District – Monument Hill regarding the treatment of wastewater. The original agreement was entered into in November of 1977 and was for a period of 35 years. Staff is presenting for council review an updated agreement that will allow for the city to continue accepting untreated sewage at the waste water treatment plant from the Improvement District. The agreement requires that the Improvement District install a flow meter and the rate charged shall be double the rate charged customers of La Grange Utilities. This item will be brought back to council for formal consideration at the next meeting.

The next item was to discuss and or consider a resolution to certify funding and support for the statewide Transportation Enhancement Program nomination form 2012 with the Texas Department Of Transportation for the application to receive funding to rehabilitate the Casino Hall Building. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve this resolution. Motion carried. **INSERT #1**

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Main Street will sponsor Trick or Treat on the Square on Wednesday, October 31.

CITY MANAGER

The Downtown Christmas Lighting Project is nearing completion.

Main Street will host summer training next June; they anticipate approximately 65-75 Main Street Managers from all over the state to be in attendance.

The Quilt Museum is a finalist for a Texas Downtown Association Award.

City wide cleanup was held last week. There were approximately 190 piles of brush picked up throughout the town. Several Roll-Off containers were also filled with other bulk trash items.

Sales tax was down for the month.

At 6:20 PM as pursuant to Section 551.072 Real Property, Council went into closed executive session to discuss and or consider acquisition of real property located at 605 E Pearl.

At 6:22 PM Council went into Open Session. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel to proceed with the purchase of property located at 605 E Pearl for \$15,000. Motion carried

At 6:23 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilman John Eilert with a **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – November 12, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, November 12, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel. Councilman Harvey Busch and Councilmember Violet Zbranek were absent. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Aileen Loehr

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Rev. Jonathan Smith gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider the reappointment of Janet Moerbe and Janetta Morris to the Board of Directors MuniGas for a term to expire on June 15, 2017. Staff is requesting council approval of the reappointment of Mayor Janet Moerbe and Ms. Janetta Morris to the MuniGas Board of Directors. The other members of the board are Glen Pape, President and Harvey Busch. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried. **INSERT #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider a resolution approving and authorizing Natural Gas Supply Contracts with Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation And Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation III, The Issuance of Gas Supply Revenue Bonds, SERIES 2012, By Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation III, and other matters in connection therewith. Staff is requesting council approval of a resolution allowing for TexGasIII to issue Gas Supply Revenue Bonds. The structure of the program

is the same as the bond issue we have completed in the past. **MOTION** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Calvin Kuehn to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried. **INSERT #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider request from the Fayette County Fair Association to cost share the removal of the old livestock show barn. Last month council approved the request from the Fayette County Fair Association to proceed with the removal of the existing show barn. The Fayette County Fair Association is now requesting that the council consider splitting the cost of the demolition of the facility. The city portion of the project is estimated to be \$6,000. **MOTION** Councilman John Eilert, **SECOND** Councilman Arnold Romberg to approve this request to cost share the removal of the old livestock show barn not to exceed the amount of \$6,000. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider recommendation to the Board of Adjustment regarding variance request from Habitat For Humanity, the owner of property at 638 E Pearl. Habitat for Humanity is in the process of developing a new home on the lot they currently own at 638 E Pearl. The lot has the required 7,000 square feet but does not have the required 70 feet width. As a property owner within 200 feet of 638 E Pearl the city has the opportunity to express our opinion regarding the request variance to the Board of Adjustment. Staff is requesting council direction as how to vote on this request. **MOTION** Councilman Romberg, **SECOND** Councilmember Weishuhn, that the city as a property owner within 200' of 638 E Pearl vote in favor of granting the variance. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for October 2012. **MOTION** Councilman John Cernosek, **SECOND** Councilman Eilert to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

The Friends of the Library will plant Crepe Myrtle trees in the Library park in memory of Beverley Blakley.

Utility usage was down.

The Recreation Center project continues to move forward. If all goes well we should be able to open in February.

At 6:15 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Kuehn with a **SECOND** by Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – November 26, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, November 26, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief Jackie Skelton. Visitors: Aileen Loehr

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Rev. Sid Roden gave the invocation.

The first item was to discuss and or consider setting 2013 City of La Grange Holiday schedule. **MOTION** Councilman Calvin Kuehn, **SECOND** Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn to approve the 2013 City of La Grange Holiday schedule. Motion carried. **Attachment #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider cancelling the December 24th City Council Meeting. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanzel, **SECOND** Councilmember Violet Zbranek to cancel the December 24th City Council Meeting. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider agreement with Monument Hill Improvement District regarding wastewater treatment services. Staff is presenting again for your consideration an updated agreement with Fayette County Water Control and Improvement District-Monument Hill regarding the treatment of wastewater. The original agreement was entered into in November of 1977 and was for a period of 35 years. Staff is presenting for council review an updated agreement that will allow for the city to continue accepting untreated sewage at the waste water treatment plant from the Improvement District. The agreement requires that the Improvement District install a flow meter and the rate charged shall be double the rate charged customers of La Grange Utilities. The agreement has been submitted to the Fayette County Water Control and Improvement District for review and approval. City Manager Raborn reviewed the agreement with council. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Arnold Romberg to approve this agreement. Motion carried. **Attachment #2**

The next item was to discuss and or consider a resolution regarding SB 18 and the City's constitutional and legislative eminent domain authority. Staff is requesting council approval of a resolution that will ensure the authority of the City of La Grange to utilize our eminent domain authority. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel, **SECOND** Councilman John Eilert to approve staff's request. Motion carried. **Attachment #3**

Chief of Police Update

Chief Skelton gave a brief police department update.

City Manager Update

The CDBG water line improvement and TxDOT Enhancement grant to renovate the Casino hall have been submitted. We don't anticipate hearing about either grant until next May or June.

At 6:12 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Zbranek with a **SECOND** by Councilmember Weishuhn that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lisa Oltmann, City Secretary

These Minutes Approved by City Council on:

Janet Moerbe, Mayor

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – December 10, 2012

The City Council of the City of La Grange met in Regular Session on Monday, December 10, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Janet Moerbe, Councilman Harvey Busch, Councilman John Cernosek, Councilman John Eilert, Councilman Calvin Kuehn, Councilman Arnold Romberg, Councilmember Kathy Weishuhn, Councilmember Violet Zbranek, and Mayor Pro tem James Zimmerhanel. Staff present: City Manager Shawn Raborn, Chief Jackie Skelton, City Secretary Lisa Oltmann, and Recreation Center Director Janet Rangel. Visitors: Aileen Loehr and Randy Boyd.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Rev. Jerry Hurst gave the invocation.

The first item was a report on the Austin Airways Project. Mr. Jim Ellinger with Austin Airwaves was unable to attend the meeting and in his absence, City Manager Raborn reviewed this project with council. Austin Airways has applied for a license for a public radio station however, as of this date, they have not heard back from the FCC.

The next item was a staff report on the Randolph Recreation Center Development and Operational Procedures. Janet Rangel, the Recreation Center Director gave an overview of the procedures that will be used to operate the new Randolph Recreation/Community Center. The procedures of other community centers similar in size and design to the one we will operate were reviewed in order that ours would be comparable. It was also noted that the project is approximately 70%-75% complete. Councilmember Violet Zbranek thanked Mrs. Rangel for the great job that she does at the Rec Center. Mayor Moerbe also thanked Mrs. Rangel for all that she does for the department.

The next item was to discuss and or consider appointments to the Library Board. The 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 Suzy Romberg, Milton Schmidt and Ann Rogers, whose terms expire on December 31, 2012, be reappointed for a three year term. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the Library Board's recommendation. Motion carried. **Attachment #1**

The next item was to discuss and or consider appointment to the Main Street Board. The Main Street Board is requesting that Mr. Donald Roensch be appointed to fill the place held by Mr. Randy Boyd whose term will expire this month. Mr. Roensch is a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilmember

Zbranek to approve the Main Street Board's recommendation. Motion carried.

Attachment #2

The next item was to discuss and or consider appointment to the La Grange Housing Authority Board. The La Grange Housing Authority Board of Commissioners' wish to recommend the appoint of Mrs. Brenda Gilmore to fill the unexpired term of Beverley Blakley as a Commissioner of said Authority. Mrs. Gilmore and her husband are residents of La Grange and own and operate Brendan Manor in La Grange. **MOTION** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanel, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the recommendation. Motion carried. **Attachment #3**

The next item was to discuss and or consider Railroad Implementation Project. Asst. City Manager Frank Menefee has been working for the past several months on the issue of implementing a railroad quiet zone. As identified in this process, the city does have one crossing that would require the installation of a constant warning system with an estimated cost of \$290,000. It was also noted that due to the location of La Fayette Street to the tracks the train engineer can and most likely will blow their horns regardless of the implementation of the quiet zone if they perceive a possible safety issue. At this time, staff is requesting council direction as how to proceed with this project. After discuss, it was noted that council would like to have a public hearing next year to see what the interest is from the residents of La Grange on this matter. City Manager Raborn will also inquire on additional information for this project.

The next item was to discuss and or consider amendments to the 2012-2013 Capital Improvement Fund Budget. The following item was to discuss and or consider accelerating debt payment schedule for the 2003 Library CO and the 2007 Fire Truck loan. Staff is requesting council approval to amend the Capital Improvement Budget in the amount of \$1,395,655 to recognize the income from the recent TexGas III bond sale and \$300,000 in additional program income. In addition, staff is requesting to amend the debt payment budget by \$125,000 to cover part of the payoff of existing debt obligations. Staff has also been reviewing our current debt obligations and is recommending to council that we go ahead and payoff the current Library CO and the loan on the fire truck. The total payment will be \$231,761 and will be paid from a portion of the fund balance in the debt service account and from the Capital Improvement Fund. The net savings to the city is \$23,255. **MOTION** Councilmember Zbranek, **SECOND** Councilman Romberg to approve these two recommendations from staff. Motion carried.

The next item was to discuss and or consider on First Reading An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, Garbage And Trash, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LA GRANGE, TEXAS, As Recodified on January 8, 2007 By Amending Chapter 13, Section 13.05.014, By Increasing The Rates For Residences Utilizing Garbage Containers Of A Capacity Of 96 Gallons As Set Forth In Subsection (1) Of Section 13.05.014 And Establishing In Said Subsection (1) A Reduced Rate For Residences Utilizing Garbage Containers Of A Capacity Of 96 Gallons And Occupied By At Least One (1) Person Sixty-Five (65) Years Of Age Or Older And An Application Procedure For Qualifying For Such Rate; By Amending Chapter 13, Section 13.05.014, By Increasing The Rates For Premises Other Than Residences Utilizing Containers Of A Capacity Of 96 Gallons As Set Forth In Subsection (2); By Amending Section 13.05.014 By Increasing The Rates For Residences And Premises Other Than Residences For The Collection, Pick Up And Hauling Of Tree Limbs, Brush and Cuttings As Set Forth In Subsection (5) of Section 13.05.014; And By Amending Chapter 13, Sections 13.05.015, 13.05.016 and 13.05.017 By Repealing Same; And Providing For An Effective Date. Staff is presenting for council consideration a solid waste utility rate change that will go into effect with the February 1st bill. The rate change is in accordance with our Allied Waste contract that we entered into in 2007. The base rate for residential and commercial service will increase from \$20.79 per month to \$21.21 per month. The senior rate will increase from \$18.79 to \$19.21 per month. The additional cart charge will be increasing 11 cents per month from \$5.62 to \$5.73 per month. We are entering year six of the seven year agreement. The rate includes solid waste connection once a week, curbside

recycling once a week, two free brush collections a year and three cleanup opportunities a year. In addition after a holiday three extra bags, boxes or bundles that are outside the cart are collected at no additional charge. Holidays include New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. **MOTION** Councilman Eilert, **SECOND** Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel to approve this ordinance on first reading. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Busch in favor; Councilman Cernosek in favor; Councilman Eilert in favor; Councilman Kuehn in favor; Councilman Romberg in favor; Councilmember Weishuhn in favor; Councilmember Zbranek in favor; and Mayor Pro tem Zimmerhanzel in favor. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

The next item was to discuss and or consider approval of minutes for November 2012. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Romberg to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Tourism Committee

Councilman Busch reported on the tourism committee meeting which was held earlier. The committee reviewed the following 6 requests:

La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce-Docent Program	\$2,080
La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce-Domain Uncorked	\$ 315
La Grange Main Street & Chamber-La Grange Uncorked	\$5,000
Bugle Boy Foundation	\$10,000
City of La Grange-Branding For City of La Grange	\$7,000
La Grange Main Street-Wayfinding	\$40,000

After discussion the committee recommends for council approval funding the requests as follows:

La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce-Docent Program	\$2,080
La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce-Domain Uncorked	\$ 315
La Grange Main Street & Chamber-La Grange Uncorked	\$5,000
Bugle Boy Foundation	\$10,000
City of La Grange-Branding For City of La Grange	\$7,000
La Grange Main Street-Wayfinding	Tabled

MOTION Councilman Busch, **SECOND** Councilmember Zbranek to approve the Tourism Committee's recommendation. Motion carried. City Manager Raborn then presented the proposed agreement with the La Grange Chamber of Commerce. This agreement would remain in effect till September 30, 2013. It would include payment of \$2,000 per month for tourism services which is the same as the current agreement. **MOTION** Councilmember Weishuhn, **SECOND** Councilman Busch to approve the agreement. Motion carried. **Attachment #4** The wayfinding project was reviewed. This item will be brought back to council at a later date for formal consideration.

City Council Committee Reports

The Library Board met on the first Tuesday of the month. Their open house will be on Dec. 19th from 10-3.

Main Street recently held Schmeckenfest, a wassail tasting event, and the event went well.

Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the Month to Orvel & Joann Hill at 761 E Milam.

At 6:45 PM a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Weishuhn 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

