Grand Saline City Council
Regular Meeting
201 N. E Pacific Street
August 20, 2024 6:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ridge Tardy. The Mayor announced a quorum present with the following: Councilmember Leah Erwin, Councilmember Scott Gorby, Councilmember Brandi Morris, and Councilmember Scott Snodgrass, and Councilmember Tara McBeath.

Invocation given by Mayor Ridge Tardy followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City staff present: Blake Armstrong, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Brandi Collard, Mary Corrales, Joel McCraw, Teri Everitt, and Christian Barajas.

Others Present: Yvonne Trent, Logan Craft, Joseph Townson, Kathy Smith, David Cox, Kenneth & Melisa Stamper, Peter C. Urias, Bert Fite, Tammy Chitty, Valerie Navarro, John McElfish, Slade Thompson, Jim Jackson, Derek Carley, Danny Melton, Jason Taylor, Timothy Davis, Carolyn Griggs and Jeremy Gunnels.

Approved minutes of July 10, 2024 Budget Workshop, July 16, 2024 regular meeting & July 23, 2024 High Street Bid Opening: Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve the July 10, 2024 Budget Workshop, July 16, 2024 regular meeting & July 23, 2024 High Street Bid Opening. Councilmember Scott Gorby seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved Financials for July 2024: Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve the Financials for July 2024. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Secretary Report: Beverley Pearson reported: The carpet has been completed in the library and it looks nice. Warner Service will be coming to check all the a/c units on City buildings to let us know what condition they are in. Advised Council of quotes on the sheetrock repairs at the EMS building to be $750.00 and the Chamber sheetrock to be $1982.00. Also advised them of the quote from Cynergy to replace City Hall and Police department servers to be $37,987.71.

Public Participation: Kathy Smith expressed her concerns on Ordinance 2024-114 Eliminating the Position of City Administrator and the City's organizational chart.

John McElfish – GrantWorks 2025/2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program: Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve John McElfish of GrantWorks to move forward with the Procurement polices and procedures process of the 2025/2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Councilmember Brandi Morris second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hbk Engineering, LLC – Lead Service Line Inventory and Replacement Planning Services: Tabled

Open and award bid for upgrades to the City of Grand Saline Pool: Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to award bid to Aqua Architects in the amount of $65,500.00 providing they furnish an itemized invoice, a contract, and a 10 year warranty. Councilmember Scott Gorby second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-114 Eliminating the Position of City Administrator and amending the City's organizational chart accordingly: Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve

Ordinance 2024-114 - Eliminating the Position of City Administrator and amending the City's organizational chart accordingly. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilmembers Brandi Morris, Leah Erwin, Scott Gorby and Tara McBeath for and Councilmember Scott Snodgrass against.

Resolution 2024-05 City Secretary $25,000.00 maximum approval limit: Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-05 City Secretary $25,000.00 maximum approval limit. Councilmember Scott Gorby second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-116 Approve and adopt the City of Grand Saline's 2024-2025 budget: Tabled

Ordinance 2024-115 Approve and adopt 2024-2025 tax rate of $0.82000/100: Tabled

Amend and approve City of Grand Saline employee job description: Councilmember made Leah Erwin made a motion to approve City of Grand Saline employee job description with the correction of removing City administrator and placing City Secretary. Councilmember Scott Gorby second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Amend and Approve City of Grand Salines Organizational Chart: Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve City of Grand Saline organizational chart. Councilmember Leah Erwin second the motion. Motion carried with Councilmembers Brandi Morris, Leah Erwin, Scott Gorby and Tara McBeath for and Councilmember Scott Snodgrass against.

Letter of Agreement for use of Municipal Ball Playing Fields at City Park amount and term between City and Youth Foundation: Tabled

Discuss Live Streaming City Council Meetings: Council gave direction to the Strategic committee to get pricing and come back to Council on September 2024.

Award or Decline High Street bids: Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve the JDR contract with a written one (1) year contract. Councilmember Brandi Morris second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting date and time for strategic committee: Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion for the committee to meet the Friday immediately after the monthly Council meeting at 9:00 a.m. Councilmember Scott Gorby second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Center Point Energy compliance tariffs: Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve Center Point Energy compliance tariffs. Councilmember Brandi Morris second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Open and award bids for Hydro-vac: Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to accept the hydro-vac bid with Vemeir for $5,5900.00. Councilmember Scott Gorby second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Council will convene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074 (employee/municipal) to discuss the duties of Council members: Council chose to stay in open session. Attorney Blake Armstrong addressed the Councilmember and explained their duties to them.

Departmental Reports: Reports were given by department heads..

Council Comments/Future Agenda Items: Mayor Ridge Tardy resigned as Mayor effective immediately. Attorney Blake Armstrong advised Council that the resignation would not take place for eight days which will be Wednesday, August 28, 2024. Place Mayor position on September 17, 2024 agenda.

Adjourn: Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Councilmember Scott Gorby econd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Leah Erwin

APPROVED, ~~Ridge Tardy, Mayor~~ Leah Erwin Mayor Pro tem

Beverley Pearson

ATTEST: Beverley Pearson, City Secretary

CITY OF GRAND SALINE TEXAS