Grand Saline City Council
June 13, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes
7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ridge Tardy. The Mayor announced a quorum present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Brandi Morris, Councilmember Leah Lamb, and Councilmember Kathy Smith.

Invocation given by Councilmember Kathy Smith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City staff present – Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Logan Craft, Mary Corrales, Destry Sills, Christian Barajas, Brandi Collier, T.J. Foster, Teri Everitt, Chris King, and Bert Fite.

Others Present: Nick Haley, Nikki Rowan, Paul J. Korkames, Yvonne Trent, Catrennia Williamson, Tammy Chitty, and Scott Gorby.

Approve minutes of previous meetings – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for May 9, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve financials for April 2023 – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to table the financials for April 2023. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Report: Dana reported that the railing did not get installed but that she has been assured it will get done soon. Ditches were cleaned out and culverts were installed on 1803.

Public Participation – None.

2021-2022 Audit was presented by Mike Ward – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve 2021-2022 Audit presented by Mike Ward. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ETCOG GIS mapping presentation – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of the mapping program in the amount of $5500.00 immediately if we could pay for it with the CLERF grant monies. If not the motion is to wait until October 2023 when the new budget is in place. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-13 – Street closure for the Grand Saline Annual Salt Festival - Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-13 Street closure with correction to Main Street from Highway 80 to Pacific hours to be Saturday, September 30, 2023 6:oo a.m. to Sunday, October 1, 2023 12:00 am. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-14 – Amend Resolution No. 2004-13 to add Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson and Ridge Tardy as authorized representatives on the Tex Star Bank account – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-14. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider closing Tex-Star Bank account – Councilmember July Cato made a motion to close the Tex-Star Bank account. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Korkames request to amend Ordinance No. 2022-111 Sec. 3.11.03 Cargo/Storage/Shipping Container – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to change the date to February 27, 2020. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Kathy Smith, Councilmember Brandi Morris and Councilmember July Cato for and Councilmember Leah Erwin against.

City Council Procedures and Decorum Policy Manual – Tabled

Clarification on specific items listed in Nick Haley's appeal to be placed on a future agenda – Died for lack of a motion.

Removal of Jeremy Gunnels from all City of Grand Saline Bank accounts – Councilmember July Cato made a motion to remove Jeremy Gunnels from the bank accounts. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Placement of Ridge Tardy to all City of Grand Saline Bank accounts – Councilmember July Cato made a motion to place Ridge Tardy to all City of Grand Saline bank accounts. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2023-109 Amending the City of Grand Saline regular Council meeting date and time – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to move the City of Grand Saline regular Council meeting to the third Tuesday of the month starting a 6:00 p.m. beginning July 18, 2023. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Seal bid for street projects – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Area wide's bid in the amount of $206163.00 for street projects. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Elect Mayor Por-Tem for a one year term – Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to elect Councilmember Leah Erwin with Councilmember Leah Erwin and Councilmember Brandi Morris for. Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember July Cato against.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to elect Councilmember Kathy Smith with Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember July Cato for. Councilmember Leah Erwin and Councilmember Brandi Morris against. Mayor Ridge Tardy voted for Councilmember Leah Erwin breaking the tie.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Executive Session: None

Open Session:

Council Comment/Future Agenda Items: Library review discussion. Amend 1.06.035. Council vacant seat. In God we trust being placed on the Council room wall.

Adjourn: Councilmember July Cato made motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED, Ridge Tardy, Mayor

ATTEST: Beverley Pearson, City Secretary

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