Grand Saline City Council
December 19, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes
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 Kathy Smith, Councilmember Aaron Miller, Councilmember Brandi Morris and Councilmember Leah Lamb present. Councilmember July Cato was absent.

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

City staff present – Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Logan Craft, Mary Corrales, Brandi Collard, Bert Fite, and Chris King.

Others Present: City Attorney Blake Armstrong, Scott Snodgrass, D'Anne Carson, Juli Neace, Jeff Simmons, Robert Haberle, Cis Baker, Roland Rodgers, and Yvonne Trent.

Approve minutes of previous meetings – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for November 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve financials for September 2023, October 2023 and November 2023 – Councilmember Kathy Smith made motion to approve September, October and November 2023 financials with budget amendments and corrections as needed. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Report: Dana Clair reported that the Athena Club donated $1000.00 to the Pool. Reported the November 30, 2023 Pool meeting took place and now need to set up a workshop to discuss options. Advised Council that the final Public Hearing on the Main Street Sewer Grant will be January 4, 2024 at 5:05 p.m. Beverley Pearson attended the first Grand Saline Library board meeting with the new board. Logan Craft attended TML training on harassment, bullying and disciplinary issues. Advised that she had sent letters to all pastors and had only received 2 response.

Public Participation – None

Discuss the Sale of City Property on Hickory Street - No Action Taken

Open Record Fee for request made via Email – No action taken

Roland Rogers – Split property located at 1711 & 1713 Frank Street and discuss fencing boundaries at 823 N. Green - Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve plats presented by Mr. Rodgers on splitting 1711 & 1713 Frank Street. Councilmember Aaron

seconded the motion. Motion carried with Aaron Miller, Brandi Morris and Leah Erwin for and Councilmember Kathy Smith abstained.

Planning and Zoning Board and their duties – No action taken. Place on City website that the City is taking applications.

Ordinance No. 2023-126 – Amend Ordinance 2023-114 Section D requirement for following the open meetings act - Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-126 amend Ordinance 2023-114 Section D requirement for following the open meetings act. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2023-22 Street Closure for Christmas on Main – Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-22. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2023-24 Appraisal District Board of Director – No Action taken

Resolution No. 2023-25 – Interlocal Cooperation agreement between Grand Saline Independent School District and The City of Grand Saline for School Resource Officers – Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-25 Interlocal Cooperation agreement. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried with Leah Erwin, Brandi Morris and Aaron Miller for and Councilmember Kathy Smith against.

Resolution 2023-26 – Establishing and implementing a program to charge mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency and non emergency services by the Fire Department for services provided/rendered by/for the Grand Saline Fire Department – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-26 Establishing and implementing a program to charge mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency and non emergency services by the Fire Department for services provided/rendered by/for the Grand Saline Fire Department. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-27 – Publication of notice of intention to issue up to $2,500,00 Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation for Utility System Improvements – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-27 Publication of notice of intention to issue up to $2,500,00 Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation for Utility System Improvements. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Open a donation checking account for the City of Grand Saline Public Library – Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to open a donation checking for the City of Grand Saline Library with Ridge Tardy, Dana Clair and Beverley Pearson as signees. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2023-125 - Amending Article 13.04 (solid waste) of The City of Grand Saline Code of Ordinances setting forth regulations concerning the exclusive Solid Waste Franchise Provider; providing a severability clause; providing a repealer clause; and

providing for an effective date – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-125 - Amending Article 13.04 (solid waste) of The City of Grand Saline Code of Ordinances setting forth regulations concerning the exclusive Solid Waste Franchise Provider; providing a severability clause; providing a repealer clause; and providing for an effective date. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hear from Public works director Logan Craft about going out for bids on a Concrete retaining wall on Main Street – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion for Public Works Director Logan Craft to go out for bids for a concrete retaining wall on Main Street. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hear from Public Works director Logan Craft on Solid Waste 95 gallon polycarts and take necessary actions – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to set the rate of $43.74 for third 95 gallon polycart. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hear from Public Works director Logan Craft on Industrial outside City Wastewater rates and take necessary actions – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to instruct Fundview to put the Wastewater rates in the system as a tier which was the original vote. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Juli Neace – Ordinance No. 2015-111 $100.00 Water Account Deposit Policy - Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion that Ordinance No. 2015-111 stands as is and Juli Neace will be refunded $69.46. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried with Leah Erwin, Aaron Miller and Brandi Morris for and Councilmember Kathy Smith abstaining.

Council Room Streaming Camera System – No Action taken

Proclaim January 13, 2024 as Margaret Sorrelles Day. She will be turning 100 – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to proclaim January 13, 2024 as Margaret Sorrelles Day. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council Comment/Future Agenda Items: Councilmember Kathy Smith request that the City org chart be place on the January 2024 agenda. Mayor Ridge Tardy requested a meeting to be set up between Council and The Friends of the Library. Mayor Ridge Tardy advised Council that the December 2023 Water late fees had been waived.

Adjourn: Councilmember Kathy Smith made motion to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED, Ridge Tardy, Mayor

ATTEST: Beverley Pearson, City Secretary

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